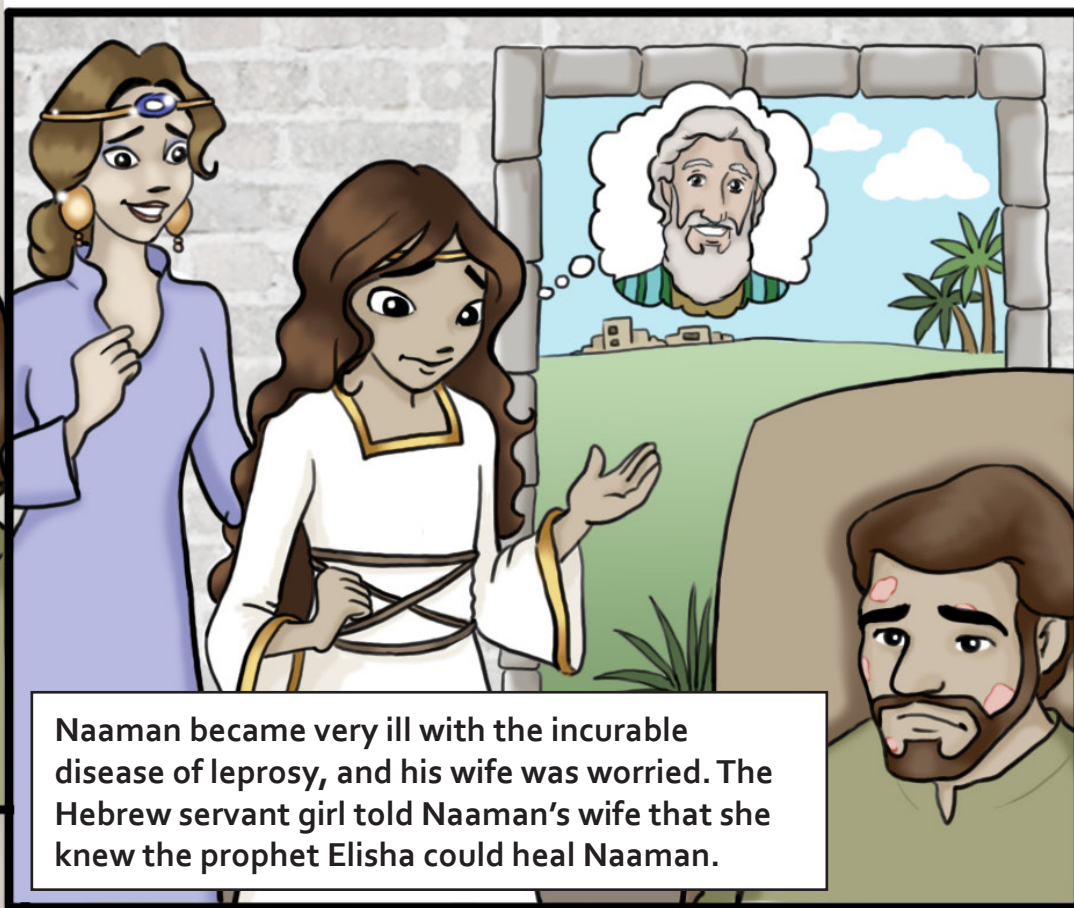
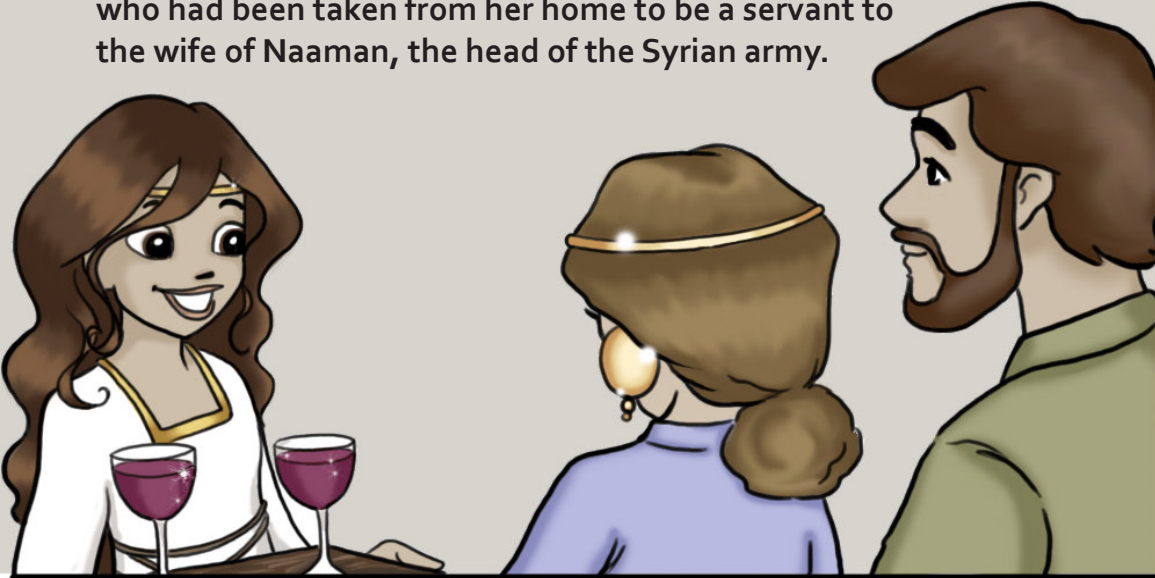
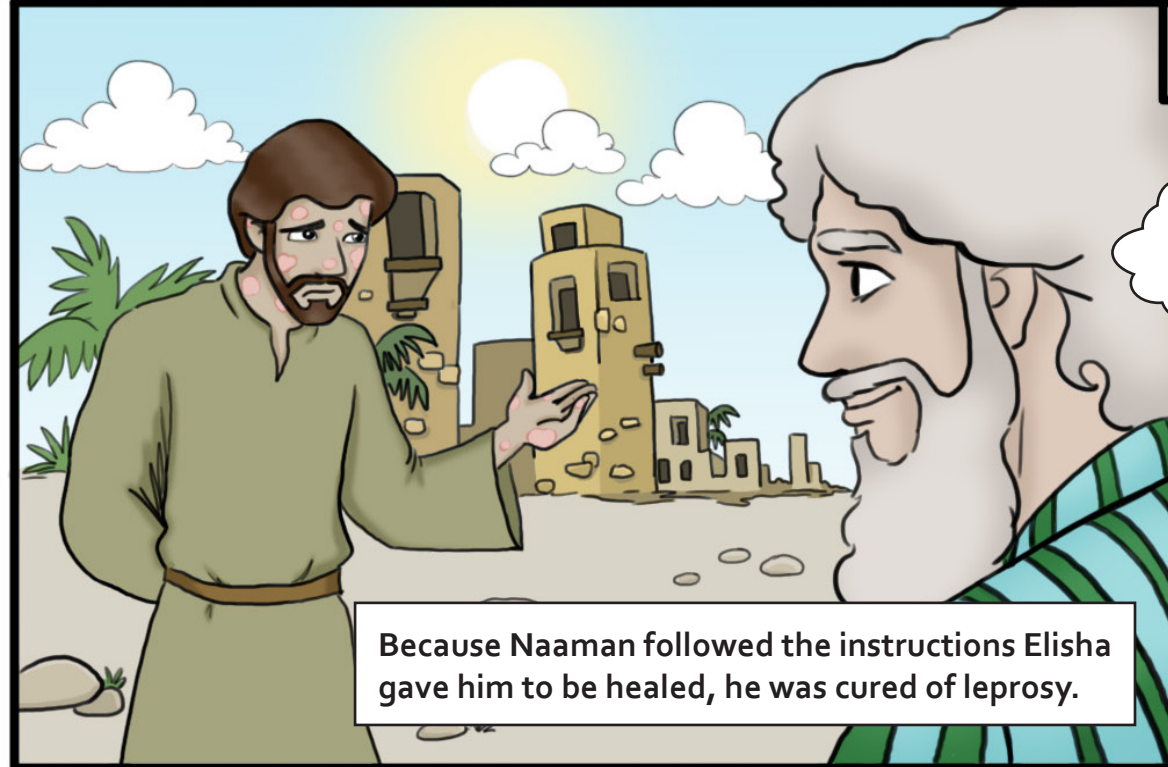


A CARING SERVANT

An interesting story is told in 2 Kings 5:1–15 about a Hebrew girl who had been taken from her home to be a servant to the wife of Naaman, the head of the Syrian army.



Naaman became very ill with the incurable disease of leprosy, and his wife was worried. The Hebrew servant girl told Naaman's wife that she knew the prophet Elisha could heal Naaman.

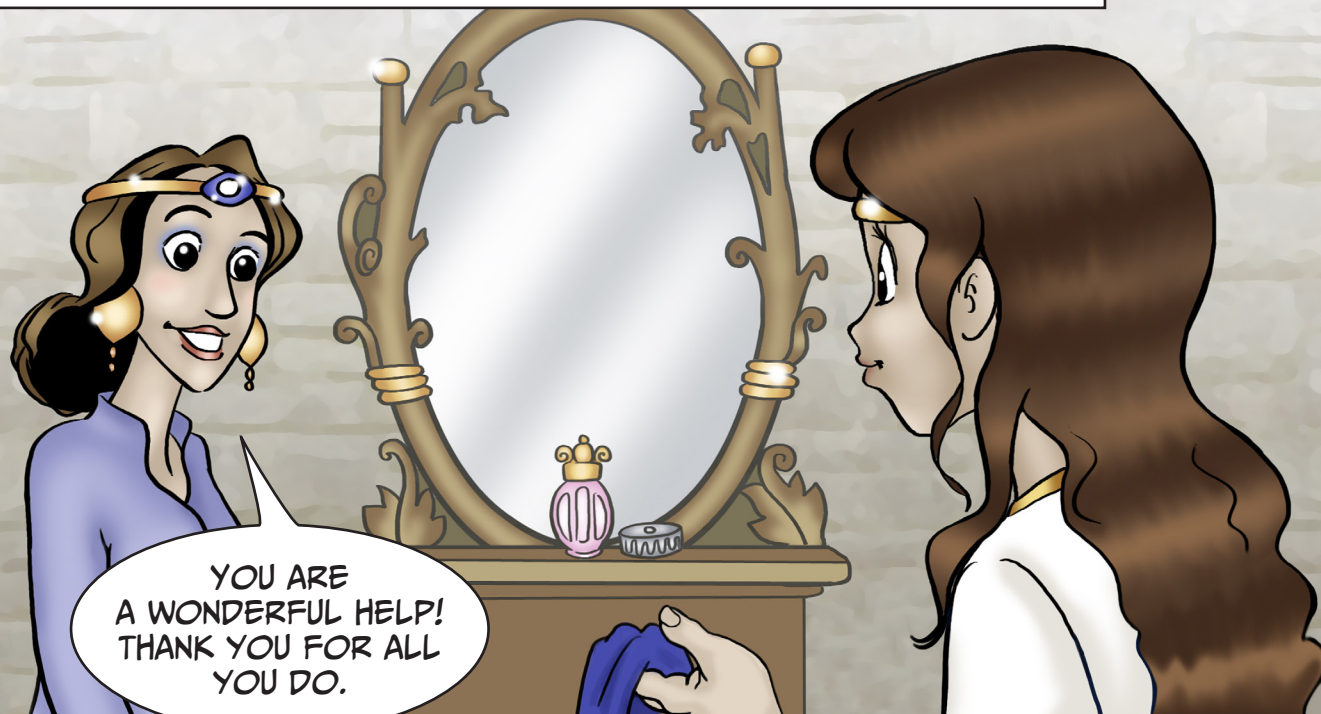


Because Naaman followed the instructions Elisha gave him to be healed, he was cured of leprosy.



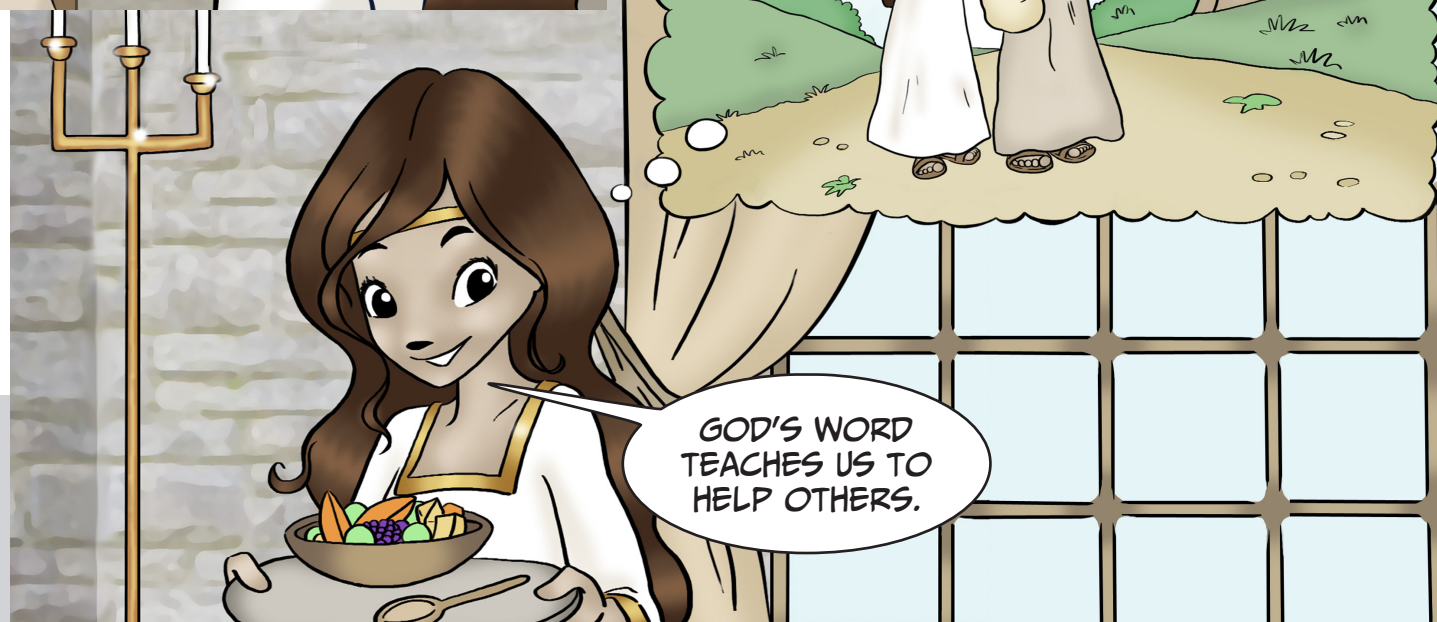
The following explores what could have been one of the reasons Naaman and his wife were willing to follow the suggestion from a Hebrew girl, who wasn't of the same religion as they were.

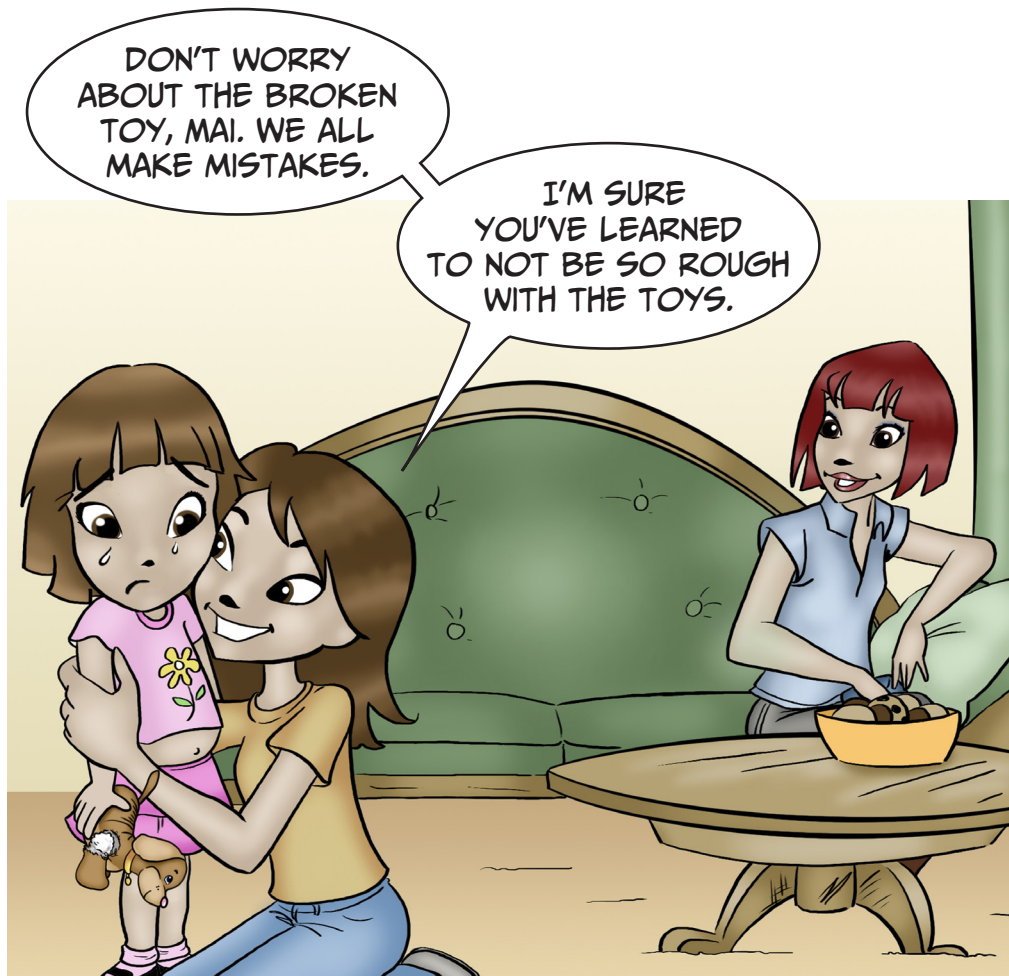
To make for easier reading, we'll refer to Naaman's wife as "Mrs. Naaman."



These strengths of character are likely what made it possible for her to share her faith with Mrs. Naaman.

Perhaps the servant girl was kind, helpful, and obedient, qualities that helped her find favor with Mrs. Naaman.





When people see you putting love into action in the way you respond to your family and classmates, they are seeing a reflection of Jesus in you.

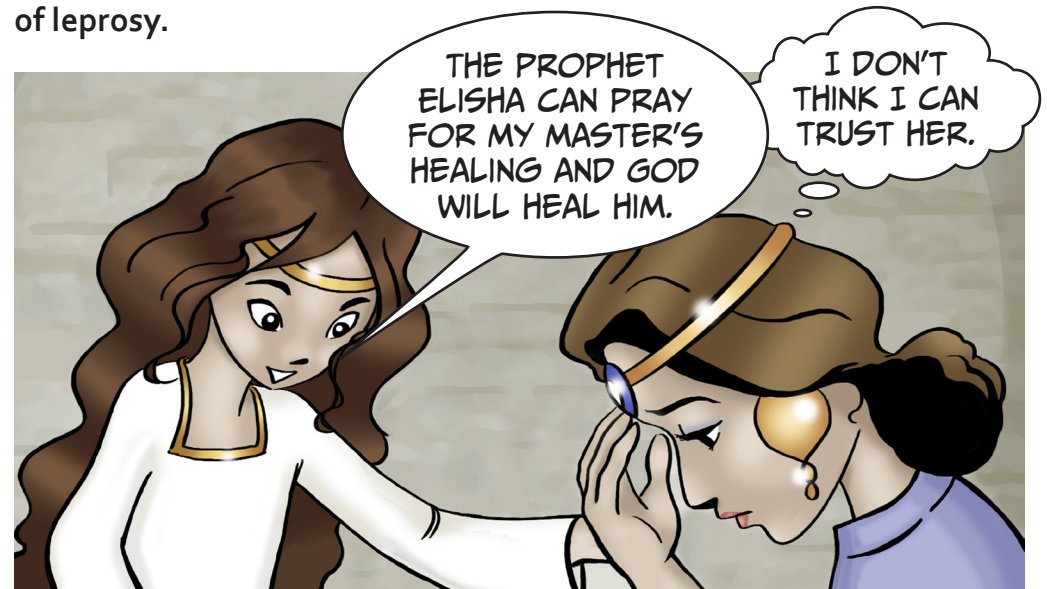
They see in you an example of how Jesus can make them happy and caring.

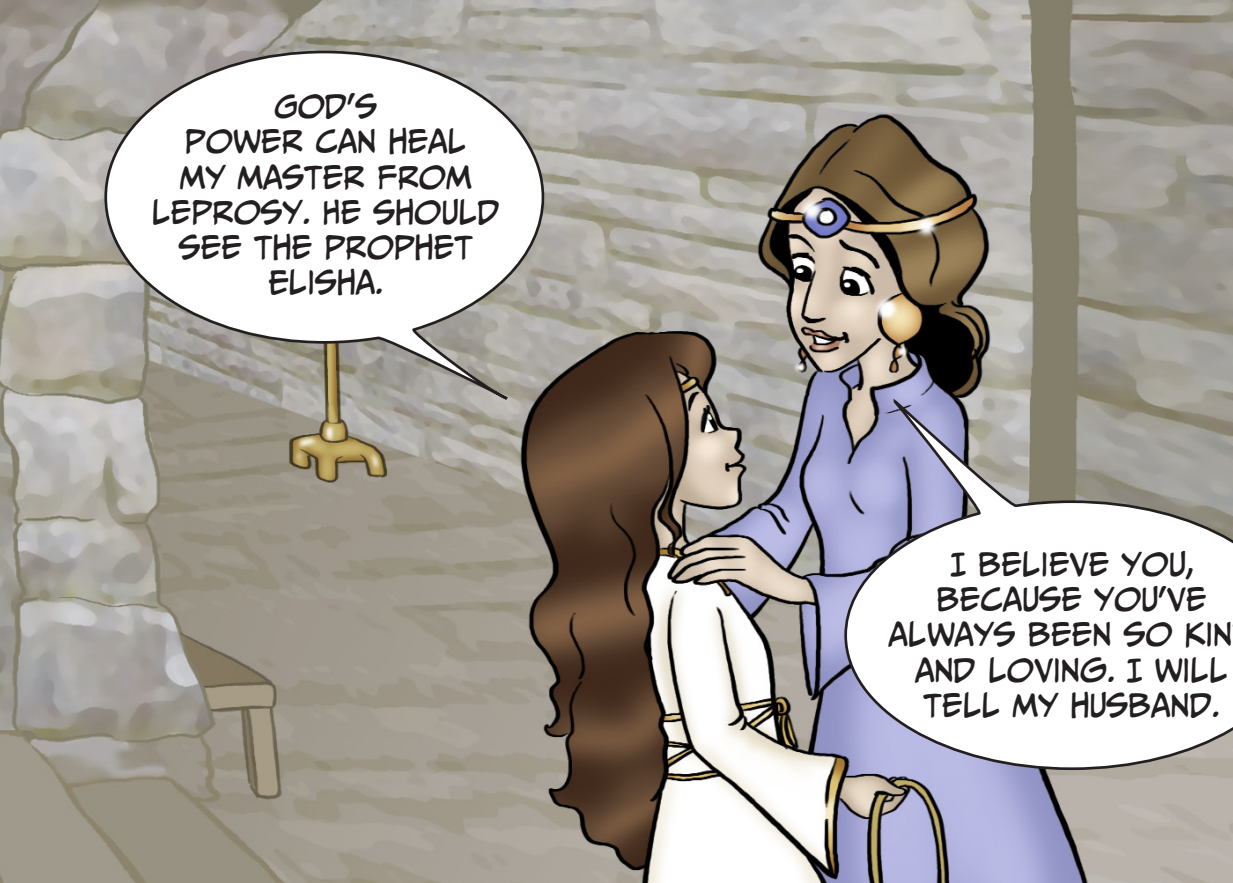
People who watch you want to know how they can have the same goodness manifested in their lives.

If the servant girl hadn't been an obedient, kind, and giving girl, it's doubtful that Mrs. Naaman would have trusted her like she did.

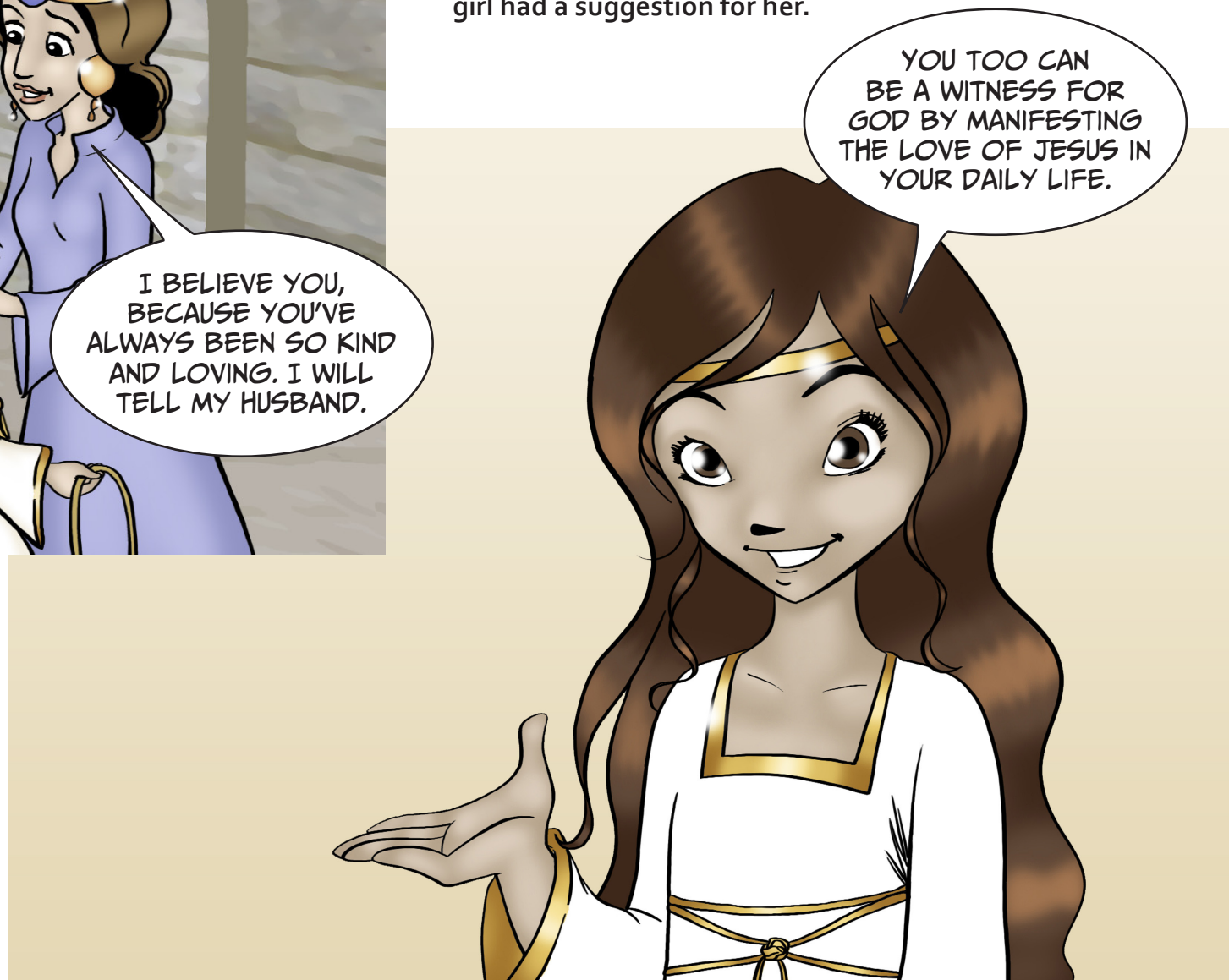


And then Mrs. Naaman probably wouldn't have listened to the servant girl when she talked to her about God's healing power and how she knew God could heal her husband from the painful disease of leprosy.





But because the Hebrew servant girl had been a good example to Mrs. Naaman of God's love and faithfulness, Mrs. Naaman readily listened when the girl had a suggestion for her.



Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16 NLT).