

# 2 Kings 5.19b-27

## repentance

# advertisements



People spend a lot of time looking at advertisements!

Draw an advertisement for something you'd really like to have, then colour in the rest of the picture.

## QUIZ!

How many hours a year, on average, do people in Britain spend watching adverts?

- a. 1
- b. 13
- c. 25
- d. 37

Answers on the back of the worksheet!

How much was spent in the United Kingdom in 2021 on advertising?

- a. £19,7000
- b. £20,810,000
- c. £31,920,000,000
- d. £42,012,000,000,000

Firms spend a lot of money on adverts because they know that when you see something, you can easily be persuaded that you need it – and will then buy it!



In the story which we started looking at last week, Gehazi showed how sin works – We **see** something which isn't ours: we **want** it: we **take** it: and then we **hide** it.

Read

## 2 Kings 5. 19-24

After Naaman had travelled some distance, <sup>20</sup>Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, 'My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him.'

<sup>21</sup>So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running towards him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. 'Is everything all right?' he asked.

<sup>22</sup>'Everything is all right,' Gehazi answered. 'My master sent me to say, "Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'"

<sup>23</sup>'By all means, take two talents,' said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. <sup>24</sup>When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.



# Gehazi

## gets it wrong

Have a read of the first part of the passage again.

It's very easy to get things wrong!

Sometimes we don't even realise that what we're doing is wrong – we persuade ourselves that it's surely OK!

Maybe Gehazi was a bit like that.



### SPOTTING THINGS THAT ARE WRONG

How good are you at spotting things that are wrong?

Try this little puzzle!

Can you find the  
the **mistake**?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

*Answer on the back page of the worksheet!*

Here's a reminder of what Gehazi got wrong.

- 1) He didn't accept his master's teaching
- 2) He made an 'idol' out of money
- 3) He disobeyed God's laws.

Can you see from the passage how he got things wrong in these different ways?

# REPENT



God  
commands  
all people  
everywhere  
to repent ..

Acts 17.30

It's not just Gehazi who got things wrong – we **all** get things wrong!

And when we do get things wrong God tells us in the Bible that we need to 'repent'.

Which is precisely what Gehazi failed and in fact refused to do!

But what does it mean to 'repent'?



The basic idea behind 'repenting' is this:

We turn **away** from what we've been doing and turn instead **towards** God.

Elisha asked his question to give Gehazi the chance to 'come clean' and to admit what he'd done wrong.

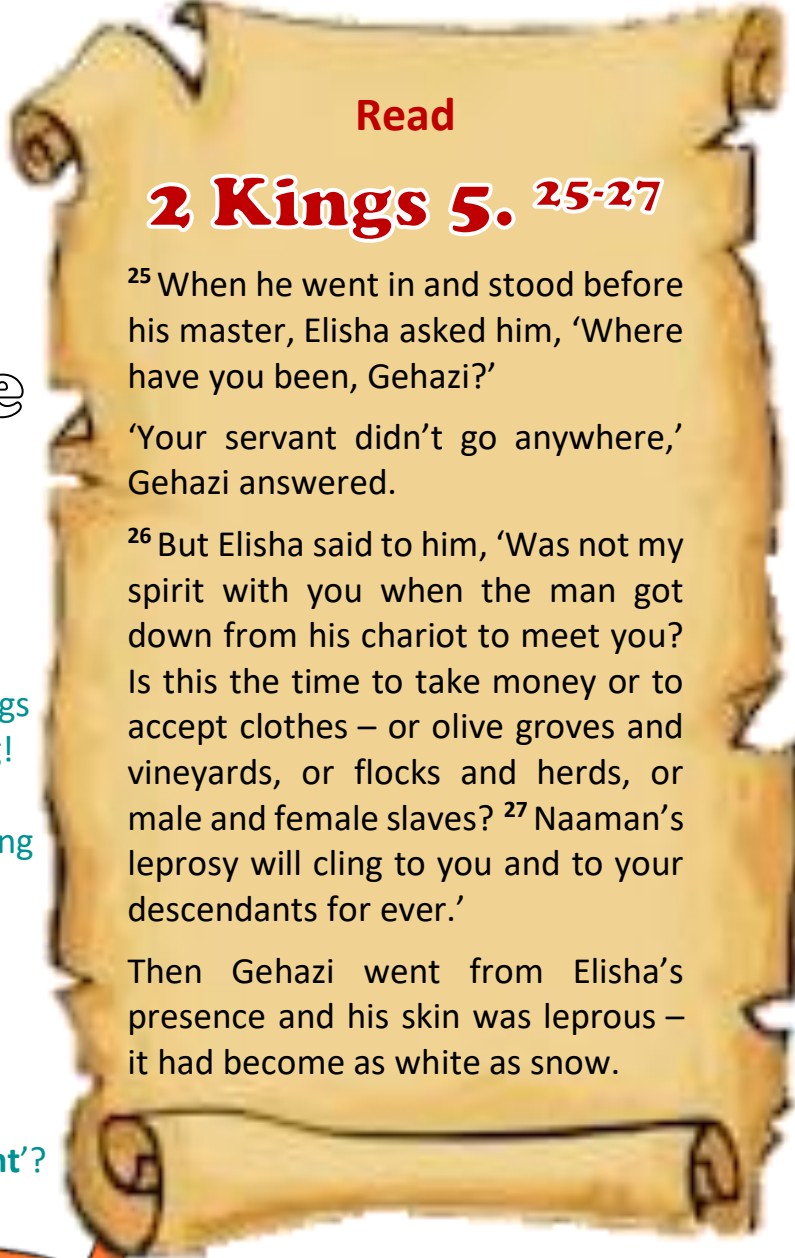
'Confessing' that we've done wrong is so important!

Fill in the blanks to write out the question Elisha asked

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**A** \_ \_ \_  
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\_ \_ \_ \_ ?

There is a **way** to put things right when we've got things wrong.

- **t**ell God you've sinned (without making excuses!)
- **t**urn away from the wrong things you've been doing
- **t**rust in Jesus, who died that we might be forgiven



Read

## 2 Kings 5. 25-27

<sup>25</sup> When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, 'Where have you been, Gehazi?'

'Your servant didn't go anywhere,' Gehazi answered.

<sup>26</sup> But Elisha said to him, 'Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes – or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? <sup>27</sup> Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants for ever.'

Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and his skin was leprous – it had become as white as snow.

.. for He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed.

The reason why it's always so important for us to 'repent' and trust in Jesus is because there's a day coming when we all must face the judgment of the holy and righteous God.

**God sees everything!**  
*(That's what Elisha was on about in verse 26)*

None of us measure up.

We've all got things hopelessly wrong.

**So we all need forgiveness:**  
and that forgiveness is only found in Jesus.

Acts 17.31



## Don't be like Gehazi!

He dug his heels in.  
He had the chance to repent.  
But he stubbornly refused to do so.

And so he faced the terrible judgment of God.



.. for everything that was written in the past was written to teach us ..

**(Rom.15.4)**

## A lesson for us all ...

The story of Gehazi reminds us of just how important it is to 'repent' and turn to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness.

Otherwise, you're left standing before the righteous God entirely on your own, and you miss out on being with God .. for ever 😞





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

Lord Jesus, what happened to Gehazi is sad – and pretty scary too!

But thank You that his story is in the Bible so that You can warn us of the danger of thinking that somehow it'll all be all right in the end.

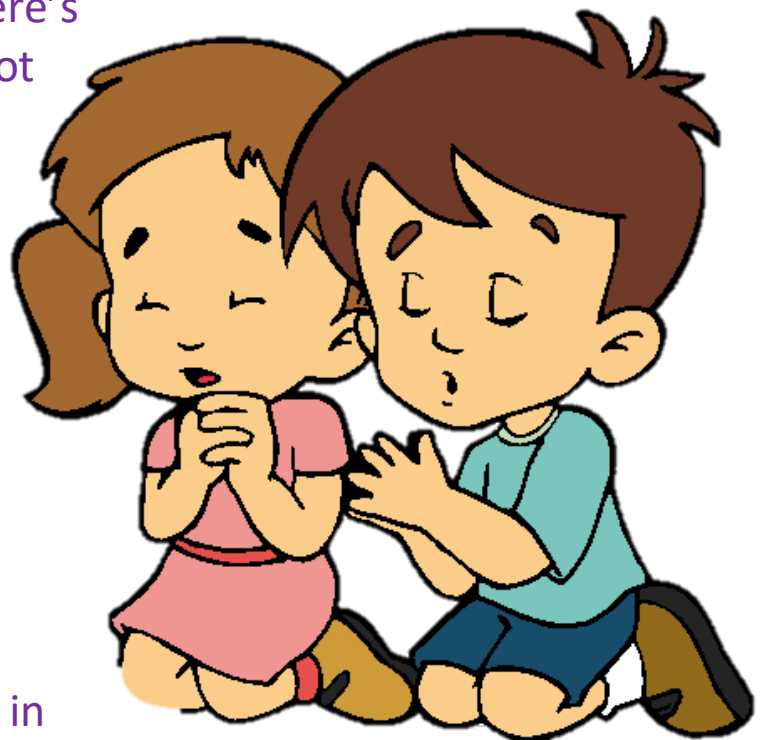
I get a lot of things wrong in my life! Every day!

I don't want to try and pretend that I'm better than I really am and that I've not got things wrong. Because there's a lot in my life that's wrong and not the way You've called us to live.

I'm sorry for all of the wrong things in my life.

I don't want to live that way.

So I'm looking to You and trusting in You for forgiveness – and to help me get things right!



# Today's verse for you to try and remember!

“God .. commands all  
people everywhere  
to repent”

Acts 17.30



# A WORDSEARCH..

Here's a Wordsearch about repentance and forgiveness

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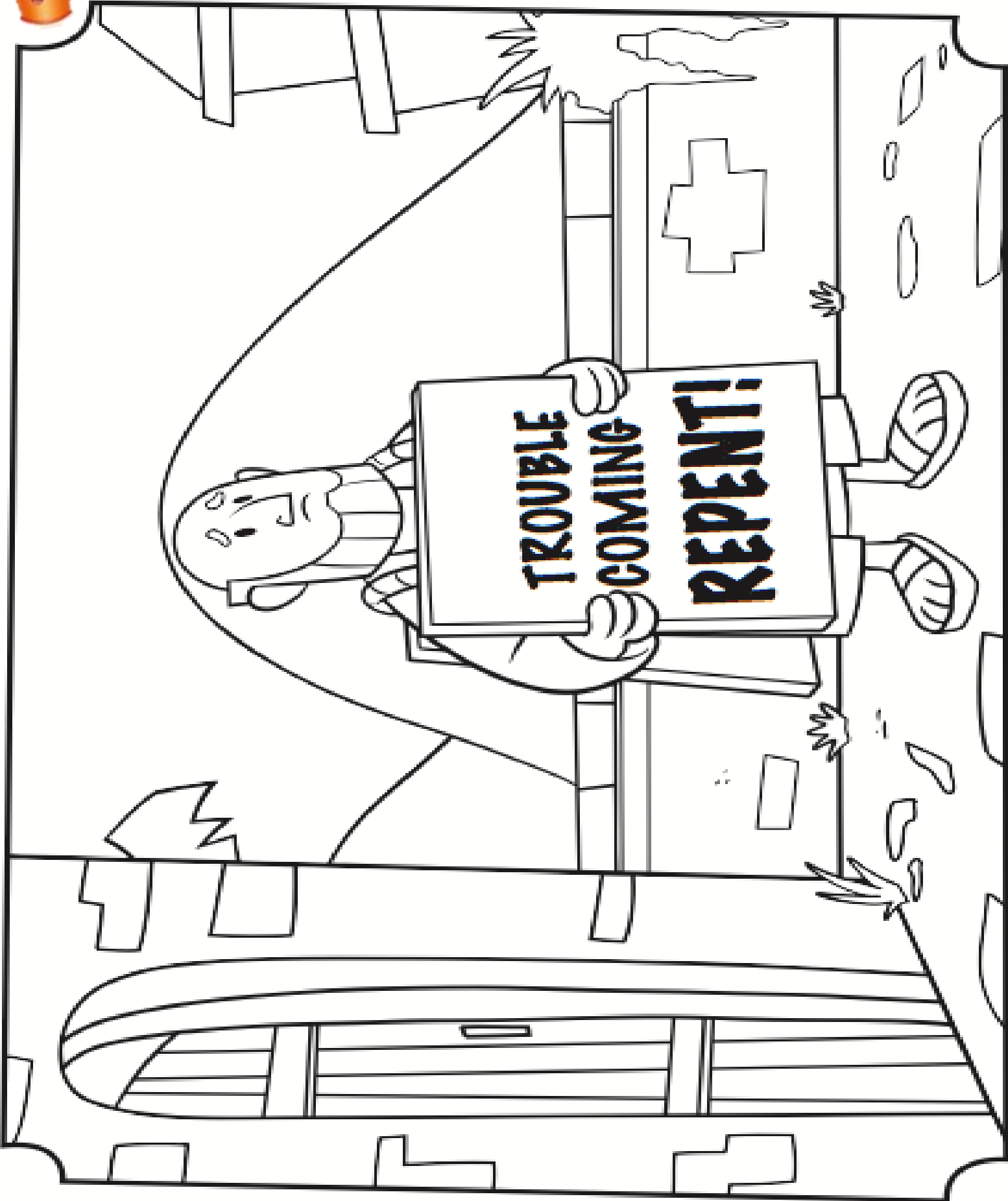
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# For you to COLOUR IN



## ANSWERS!

### Page 1

How many hours ...?

(d) 37

How much was spent ...?

(c) £31,920,000,000

### Page 2

The mistake has nothing to do with the numbers!

The word 'the' is used twice instead of once.