



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus**  
**Unit 2, Lesson 6**

## Healing the Centurion's Servant

**Lesson Aim: To study Jesus' relationship with Gentiles and Jews as revealed in the story of the centurion's servant.**

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET: If you were the leader of your country, what is the first thing you would do?**

**GAME:** Who is the Real Centurion?

### **THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE GOD OF HEALING**

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 103:2-5.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD JESUS HEALED THE CENTURION'S SERVANT**

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus fed five thousand with five loaves and two fish.

**Today, we will hear about a miracle in Capernaum, near the Sea of Galilee.** Point to Capernaum. **The Roman government ruled over Israel. Romans did not worship God. There was a centurion** (Roman officer.) **who loved the Jews. His servant became paralyzed. This Bible story is found in Luke and Matthew. Listen for the differences in the reports.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 7:2-8; Matthew 8:10-13. Find Luke 7:2-8 First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 7:7. Pray. Read.

### **THE WAY WE CAN HAVE FAITH LIKE THE CENTURION**

**What did the centurion believe about Jesus? Because of his faith, what did Jesus do?** (Heal the servant.) **If we have this kind of faith, are we guaranteed to receive the healing or miracle we desire? Did the centurion's faith heal the servant?** (No.) **No amount of faith, good behavior, or secret wording can control which miracles Jesus will perform. That's because Jesus is truly in control of everything.**

**Name some differences between Matthew's and Luke's reports.** (Matthew included Jesus' words about the feast. Luke noted the centurion's

relationship with the Jews.) **The Jews believed the Savior would save only the faithful Jews. In both reports, how did Jesus say the centurion's faith compared to the Jews' faith?** (His faith was greater.)

**In Matthew's report, who did Jesus say would come to the feast in the kingdom of heaven?** (Many from the east and west, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.) **How did this show the Jews that Jesus had come for Gentiles as well as Jews? Jesus' words about the feast show there is no religion, family history, or good behavior we can use to control our future or to guarantee us a place in the kingdom of heaven.**

**What did Jesus say about the centurion's faith?** ("I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.") **Everyone would have been surprised to hear Jesus say this about a Gentile. The Jews thought the Savior was coming to save only the Jewish people. Did Jesus come for only one nation or type of people?** (No. In John 3:16, Jesus says, "...whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.")

**When has Jesus answered your prayer in an unexpected way or at an unexpected time? Why is it important to look for what Jesus is doing instead of waiting to see what we want or expect Him to do? Do you have faith that Jesus can heal? Do you know someone who is sick? How can you talk to Jesus about that person?** (Pray.)

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Someone in authority has the power to give orders. What kind of authority was Jesus given? God gave Daniel the answer to this question in a dream hundreds of years before Jesus came to earth. Reveal Daniel 7:13-14. Find It First. Highlight. Read. How long will Jesus' authority last?** (Forever.)

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Psalm 103:2-5 Bible Memory Verse bookmark
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #6
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus speaking the words to heal the servant
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Centurion's Soldiers

**GAME:** Puzzle Race

**CRAFT:** Centurion's Feathered Helmet

**DISCUSSION:** The Feast in Heaven

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Bible Memory Verse Brainstorm, Hot Potato Scramble

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**