



Healing the Officer's Servant

Lesson Aim: To see Jesus is in charge of everything, including healing; if He says we will be healed, then we will be healed.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: Jesus as the God of Healing

THE WORD

Bible Story: Matthew 8:5-10, 13

What He has done: Jesus healed the servant with words alone.

CRAFT: OFFICER'S SERVANT PUPPET

Purpose: To remind the children of the story of Jesus healing the officer's servant.

Supplies: Craft template, sturdy white paper, small paper bag, yarn, glue or glue sticks, crayons or markers

Prepare: For each child, use the template to print and cut out both halves of the servant's head and the label on sturdy paper. Cut 3-inch lengths of yarn for hair.

Directions:

1. Lay the paper bag with the opening at the bottom and the bottom of the bag facing up.
2. Glue the top of the servant's head onto the bottom of the bag.
3. Glue the bottom of the servant's head onto the bag so it matches with the top of the head.
4. Color the servant's head.
5. Attach yarn for hair.
6. If children have time, they may color the bag as the servant's robe.

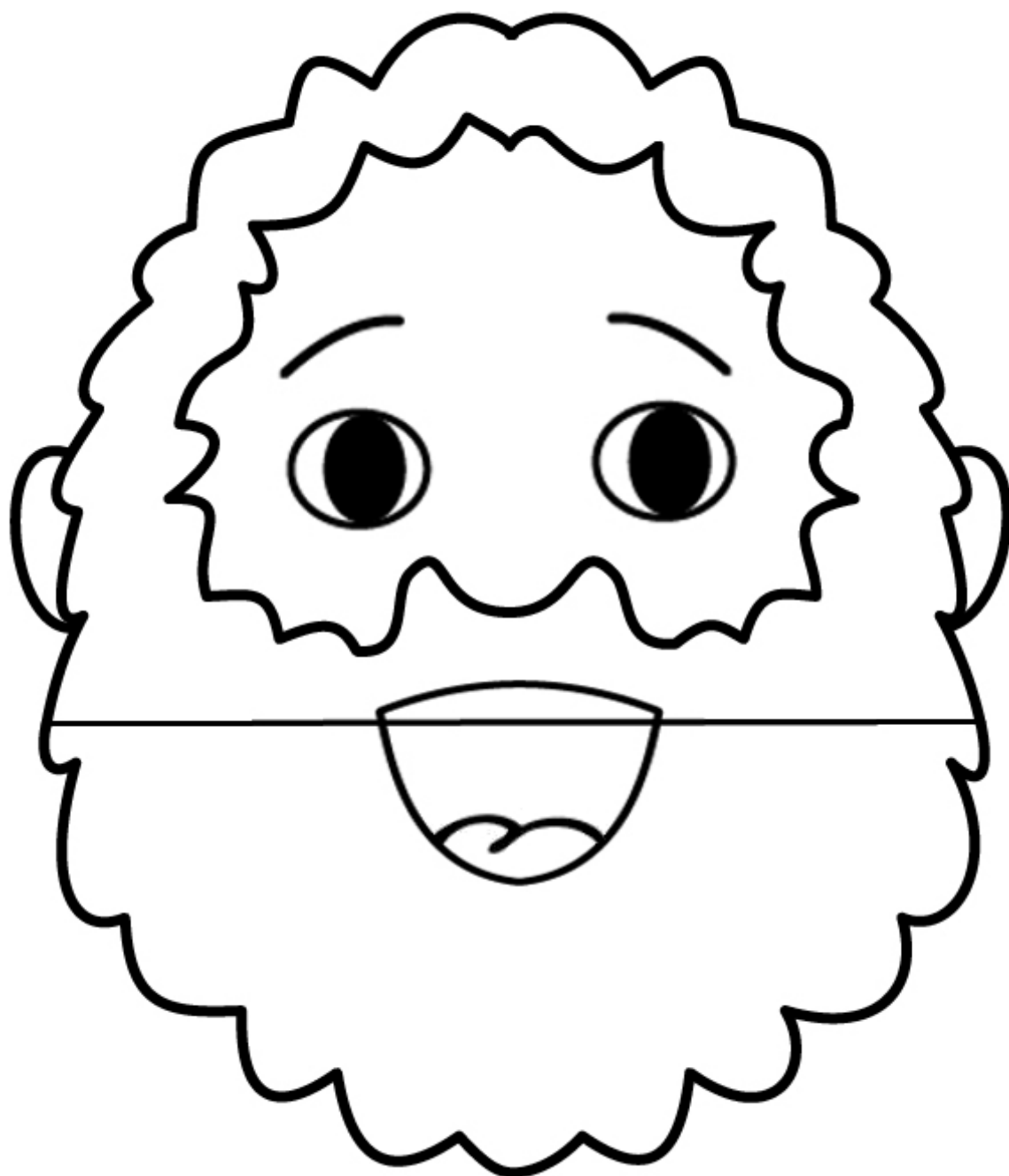
Ages 2-3 Craft Discussion:

- **What happens when an officer tells his soldiers to do something?** (They obey.)
- **What happened when Jesus said the servant would be healed?** (Jesus healed him.)
- **Let's use our puppets to tell the story. Put your hand into your puppet.**
- **Make your puppet lie down. Pretend he is so sick that he cannot move. When I say, Jesus heals you", the servant will be healed. Move your hand up and down to help the servant dance for joy!**

Ages 4-5 Craft Discussion:

- **What happens when an officer tells his soldiers to do something?** (They obey.)
- **What happened when Jesus said the servant would be healed?** (Jesus healed him.)
- **That's like our Whisper Verse! Let's say it with our motions right now!** Say the Whisper Verse together with the hand motions.
- **Let's use our puppets to tell the story. Put your hand into your puppet.**
- **Make your puppet lie down. Pretend he is so sick that he cannot move.**
- **Say our Whisper Verse.** Children repeat together, "Jesus heals you."
- **Move your hand up and down to help the servant dance for joy!**

Measure the width of the paper bag you'll be using. Adjust the size of the servant's head to be just slightly larger than the width of the bag.



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CRAFT SAMPLE

