



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 6

Healing the Centurion's Servant

Lesson Aim: To see Jesus can heal with His words alone and to have faith He is in charge of everything, including healing.

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, a town near the Sea of Galilee. Point to Capernaum.

In those days, the Roman government ruled over Israel. A centurion was a Roman officer given control over 100 soldiers. One day the centurion's servant became so ill he was paralyzed—he could not move his own arms, legs or body. Reveal Bible Story
Scripture Reference: Matthew 8:5-10, 13. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WE CAN HAVE FAITH LIKE THE CENTURION

What was wrong with the centurion's servant? (He was suffering terribly and could not move his arms, legs, or body.) **What did the centurion ask Jesus?** (To heal his servant.)

The centurion was a Roman officer in charge of 100 soldiers. He understood that people obey words and commands from the one in

charge. He had faith that Jesus was in charge of everything, including healing.

When an officer like the centurion gives his soldiers an order, what happens? (The soldiers obey.) **How did the centurion know Jesus could heal his servant without touching him?** (He knew if Jesus gave the order for the servant to be healed, it would happen just as Jesus said.)

The centurion had faith that all he needed was a word from Jesus, and his servant would be healed. Jesus was amazed to see his faith. What did Jesus say about the centurion's faith? ("I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.") **Everyone would have been surprised to hear Jesus say a Gentile like the centurion had more faith than any Jew in Israel. The Jews thought the Savior was coming to save only the Jewish people. Did Jesus come for only one nation or one type of people?** (No. In John 3:16, Jesus says, "...whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.")

Do you have faith, as the centurion did, that Jesus can heal anyone? Do you know someone who is very sick? How can you talk to Jesus about that person? (Pray.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Five hundred years before Jesus healed the servant, the Jewish people—who had been captive in Babylon—praised God for hearing their cries. Reveal and read Psalm 107:19-22.

In the Bible it says, "He sent forth His word." That means God commanded from Heaven that they be healed. How is this healing similar to the way Jesus healed the centurion's servant? (Jesus commanded the servant be healed and the servant was healed.)

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Psalm 103:2-5 Bible Memory Verse bookmark
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus speaking the words to heal the servant
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Centurion's Soldiers

GAMES: Puzzle Race, Centurion Says

CRAFT: Centurion's Feathered Helmet

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW