



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 6

Healing the Centurion's Servant

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus is in control over everything. He determines when and how someone is healed.

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. 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—he could not move his arms, legs, or body.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 7:1-10. Find It 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? (Jesus could say the word and his servant would be healed.) **Do you believe Jesus can heal in any way He chooses, even just by saying, "It will be done"?**

Because of the centurion's faith, what did Jesus choose to do? (Heal the servant.) **Does this mean if we have this kind of faith, we are guaranteed to receive the healing or other miracle we desire? Did the centurion's faith heal the servant?** (No.) **There is no amount of**

faith, no good behavior, and no secret wording we can use to control which miracles Jesus will perform.

In those days, most Jews disliked the Roman centurions. Why did the Jews beg Jesus to help the centurion? (He loved the Jewish people and had built their synagogue.) **What did Jesus say about his faith?** ("I tell you, I have not found such great faith, even in Israel.") **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 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.")

Jesus is in control of everything, including how and when we are healed. He chooses the perfect timing. 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 choosing to do instead of waiting to see what we want or expect Him to do?

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:

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. Let's check it out. Reveal Daniel 7:13-14. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

The Son of Man is another name for Jesus. 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
- 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