



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus  
Unit 4, Lesson 17

## Saving the Official's Son

Lesson Aim: To understand the difference between trusting Jesus to perform miracles and trusting Jesus as your Savior.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** Who is your most trusted friend?

**GAME:** Partner Trust

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS SAVIOR

Read Worship Scripture: John 14:6.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

### THE WORD JESUS HEALED THE OFFICIAL'S SON

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

Review: Jesus blessed the disciples and ascended into heaven.

**Today, we will look back at a story from Jesus' life on earth that shows us how He did a miracle to make a way for the royal official to believe in Him. The official's son was very sick, so he went to Cana to ask Jesus for a miracle.** Point to Capernaum and Cana. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 4:46-54. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 4:53. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY BELIEVING IN THE SAVIOR

**What is the difference between trusting Jesus will do miracles and trusting Him to be the Savior who forgives your sins and gives you eternal life?**

**At first, the royal official just trusted Jesus could do miracles. He traveled to Cana to ask Him if He would come heal his son. How did the man expect Jesus to heal his son?** (He expected Jesus to come with him and heal the boy in person.) **Did Jesus go with Him?** (No.) **What did Jesus do instead?** (He said, "You may go. Your son will live.") **Jesus didn't answer the man the way he expected. Has Jesus ever answered one of your prayers in a way you did not expect?**

**What did the man do next? The man took Jesus at His word; he trusted Jesus would keep His promise. What good news did the servants bring to the man?** (His son was healed.) **What time was it when the son got better?** (The seventh hour.) **What was so important about that?** (It was the exact time Jesus said, "Your son will live.") **What did the man and everyone in his house do?** (Believed in Jesus.)

**The man and everyone in his house believed in Jesus not only as a miracle worker, but also as their Savior and Lord. We often need to see Jesus' power and goodness in our lives before we trust Him as our Savior. When we know Jesus is good, we can trust Him as Savior and Lord over our whole life. When has Jesus done something good in your life that helped you trust in Him?**

**Some people do not understand their need for a savior.** Read Galatians 3:22. **Why do we need a savior?** (To rescue us from the prison of sin.) **To understand the promise given to those who believe in Jesus, let's read 1 John 2:25.** Read.

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Believing in Jesus as your Savior is the only way to be given eternal life. One thousand years before God made the way to eternal life known to the official, God made the way known to King David. As we read the verses, listen carefully to the way David describes life close with God.** Reveal Psalm 16:9-11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**David understood that the coming Savior would give us life even if our bodies die. Who is that Savior?** (Jesus.) **How does the path of life David describes remind you of Jesus' description of Himself as the way, truth and life (John 14:6) in our Bible Memory Verse?**

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

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse Bookmark
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #17
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus telling the official his son would live
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Grapes from Cana

**GAME:** Trust Me

**CRAFT:** Promise Magnet

**THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY**

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** The Wave, Walking on the Word

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**