



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 17

Saving the Official's Son

Lesson Aim: To understand Jesus performs miracles to build our trust so we will believe in Him and be saved.

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 MIRACLES HELP US BELIEVE IN JESUS

The Bible says Jesus' healing of the man's son was the second miracle He had performed in Cana of Galilee. What was the first miracle? (Turning water into wine at the wedding feast.)

How did the man expect Jesus to heal his son? (He expected Jesus to heal the boy in person.) **Did Jesus go with Him?** (No.) **What did Jesus do and say instead?** (He said, "You may go. Your son will live.") **What did the man do next? The man took Jesus at His word. That means he trusted Jesus would keep His promise that the boy would 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?

Who met the man on his way home from seeing Jesus? (His servants.) **What good news did the servants bring?** (The son was healed.) **What time was it when the son got better?** (The seventh hour.) **What was so important about that time?** (It was the exact time Jesus said, "Your son will live.") **What did the man and everyone in his house do then?** (Believed in Jesus.)

What did Jesus say people needed in order to believe in Him? (To "see miraculous signs and wonders.") **Signs and wonders are events that can only be explained as miracles from God. Do you think this miracle helped the officer and everyone in his house believe?**

When we hear about a miracle in the Bible or see one in our lives, it shows us that God is real and He cares about us. Seeing this miracle helped the man and everyone in his home believe in Jesus. Is there a miracle you have seen in the Bible or in your life that has helped you believe in Jesus?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Because of this miracle healing, the royal official, his family, and servants believed in Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Believing in Jesus is the only way to be given eternal life (life forever close with God). One thousand years before God made the way to eternal life known to the official, He made the way known to King David. Listen carefully to the way David describes life close with God. Reveal Psalm 16:11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

When David is in God's presence, with what is David filled? (Joy.) **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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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