

Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter



“Go let it be done for you according to your faith.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

Read: Matthew 8: 5-10, 13

Activities and Background:

A centurion is a Roman officer with 100 men under him. As a Roman, he was a Gentile (not a Jew). By culture of that day, the centurion had no moral or legal reason to care about his servant’s health. Jewish law deemed Gentile homes unclean and therefore, Jesus would not be permitted in the centurion’s home. The centurion’s actions go contrary to custom. Here a man of authority, has enough compassion for his servant that he goes out of his way to seek Jesus for healing. When the centurion tells Jesus that Jesus through Jewish law would not be allowed in the centurion’s house, Jesus says there will be one day when east and west (Gentile and Jew) will sit down at the same table.

1. Define centurion. Count to 100. Do you know any other words which are similar to “centurion”? Can you image having leadership over 100 people. That centurion must have had a lot of power but he was powerless to heal his servant and turns to Jesus.
I wonder have you ever felt powerless.
I wonder what you did when you felt this way.
I wonder if Jesus wants us to turn to him when we feel powerless.
2. Has anyone you liked or loved ever been sick? How did you feel? What did you do to help? How can we ask Jesus to heal since he is not in an earthly body anymore? We can pray. Pray for someone who is sick. There are many ways to pray: silently or out-loud, heads bowed or heads raised, kneeling or sitting, hands folded or arms raised, reciting a prayer written by someone else or making up your own prayer.
I wonder how you will pray to Jesus.
I wonder if the person knows you are praying for them.
3. Share another story of someone who was healed - another Bible Story or someone you know. Say a prayer of Thanksgiving for that healing and that faith.
4. Older children might like looking up other stories in the Bible where other centurions are mentioned. Check out -- Matthew 27:54; Acts 10:22; 26; 23:17; 23:23; 24:23; 27:43. What do you notice?
I wonder how each demonstrated faith.
5. Read the story again from a different Bible. Draw a picture to remind you of the story.
6. Say a prayer together praying for someone to be healed.