LESSON 5: THE CENTURION'S SERVANT

AIM: To show that Jesus’ power is not limited by time or distance. He can heal without even being present.

MEMORY VERSE: “Just speak the word and my servant boy will be healed.” (Luke 7:7)

Suggested presentation: Children to write the verse in the speech bubble

STORY: Matthew 8:5-13

One day Jesus traveled into the town of Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee. He was met by a centurion who was concerned for one of his servants.

Now, the Centurion was a soldier in the Roman army and he had 100 men under his command. Although this man was not a Jew, he must have loved God because he had built a synagogue with his own money for the Jews in Capernaum.

In those days, servants were often treated very cruelly, but this centurion cared a great deal for his servant boy who was seriously ill. The centurion begged Jesus to heal the boy who was lying paralyzed and in great pain.
Jesus agreed to go to the servant and restore him back to health, but the centurion felt that he was not good enough for Jesus to come into his house. So he asked Jesus to just say the word of healing right where he was and that would be enough to heal the boy.

The centurion had great faith in Jesus and believed in his heart that just as he told his soldiers what to do and they obeyed, likewise all that Jesus had to do was say the words and the servant boy’s sickness would leave him and he would be well.

Jesus was pleased with the centurion’s faith and told him to return to the servant and his request would be answered. When the centurion returned home, he found the boy completely healed, just as Jesus had said.

PERSONAL APPLICATION:
Discuss with the children what this story teaches us about healing. Include these points:
- That we should care about others who are sick
- That we should pray to Jesus for those who are sick
- That faith is a vital ingredient in receiving healing for ourselves and others.

Have a time of prayer for the sick using a Prayer and Praise board.

PRAYER AND PRAISE BOARD
Make a board from strong cardboard and cover it with colourful paper or decorate attractively. Attach a small cardboard open top box to the bottom of the board and put prayer slips inside. Stand the board on an easel in a prominent position each week.

Give opportunity for children to write their prayer requests and pin them on the board each week. Make sure that PTL (Praise The Lord) is marked clearly on answered requests.
One day Jesus traveled into the town of Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee. He was met by a centurion, a senior officer in the Roman Army. Although he was not a Jew like Jesus, he must have loved God and believed in His healing power for him to approach Jesus in this way. The centurion had a servant boy who was seriously ill. He begged Jesus to heal the boy who was paralyzed and in great pain. In those days, servants were often cruelly treated by their masters, but this great deal for his sick servant boy.

Jesus agreed to go to the servant and restore him back to health, but the centurion felt that he was not good enough for Jesus to come into his house. So he asked Jesus to just say the words of healing right where he was; he believed that would be enough to heal the boy.

The centurion had great faith in Jesus and believed in his heart that just as his soldiers obeyed when he told them what to do, so Jesus only had to say the words and the servant boy’s sickness would leave him and he would be well again.

Jesus was pleased with the centurion’s faith and told him to return to the servant and his request would be answered. When the centurion returned home, he found the boy completely healed, just as Jesus had said.

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