

## NH Kids | Wow! Week 1 | 02.02.2025

Big Idea: Jesus has the power to heal.

Story: The Faith of the Centurion  
Luke 7:1-10; Mark 1:29-39

### The Tie-In:

Example: The curriculum here provides the of a chemist/ inventor who has seen feats of incredible power, from chemical explosions to powerful machines. Everything he has ever seen, though, pales in comparison to what we know the power of Jesus to be. Even while He was here on Earth, he proved it through His miracles which we'll be talking about over the next month.

### Points to Hit:

A telling of the story found in Luke 7:1-10.

Jesus is preeminent over all things, He is ultimate and supreme in importance and power, and God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him. (1 Colossians 1:15-20)

We know this not just intellectually, but Jesus demonstrated His power over the body in the story of the Centurion, and He even demonstrates His power over life and death in the story immediately following. (Luke 7:1-17)

So then what does this mean for us today? It means we can trust Jesus has the power to heal, and we should approach Jesus with the faith that the Centurion had. The Centurion believed that Jesus had absolute authority over all things, comparing Jesus' ability to that of a commander: what He says WILL happen. (Luke 7:1-10)

We can also know that God has our best in mind, and God can even use what it is we are going through for His glory. So we can always ask Him for help/ healing knowing He is able, and we can take whatever answer He gives, be it yes or no, knowing He is doing so out of love for us. (2 Corinthians 12:8-9)

### How the curriculum phrases some of the points:

One day, around 2,000 years ago, Jesus displayed this power and changed someone's life forever. Wow! Are you ready to explore this power? Let's read Luke 7:1-10 together.

Wow! Am I right? The centurion was a member of the Roman army and wasn't Jewish, so he wasn't someone who'd normally be caught talking to a Jewish

person like Jesus. For him to even be in that crowd, around Jesus, would have been shocking at the time.

Even so, the centurion had huge faith in Jesus' power to heal. He said that Jesus didn't even have to come to his house for a miracle to happen. He believed that a miracle would happen just because Jesus said so. Wow! Now, that's faith!

In the world of science, a catalyst is something that causes a chemical reaction to speed up. Want to see how it works?

(Add the baking soda to the vinegar or show the video.)

Wow! It's amazing how something so simple can cause such a big reaction. The centurion's faith acted like a catalyst, too. Instead of having Jesus come all the way to his house to heal his servant, his faith led him to believe that Jesus could just say a word and the healing would happen . . . and that's exactly what happened, right then and there! Jesus saw the centurion's big faith and activated God's big power! Wow!

## **Post-Story Activities**

### **Game: Contagion Chase**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Play a game of "Tag" where whenever someone gets tagged, they now have to tag others along with anyone else who is already "It." Keep playing until the last person gets tagged. You can level this up by making whoever is "It" move differently: they can walk in slow motion, hop, cover their mouth with their elbow, or move only sideways.

#### **TIE-IN:**

Have you ever been sick?

Sometimes, we get sick when we catch some kind of bug that spreads around like a cold or the flu. This game showed how these contagious bugs spread so quickly! Can you think of something simple we can do to help stop these bugs from spreading?

Hand washing!

When we do get sick, we might take some medicine, drink lots of fluids, and get plenty of rest to help us get better. Sometimes, though, a sickness can be serious and we might have to go to the hospital.

In today's Bible story, people would come looking for Jesus when they or someone they knew was sick. They knew that only Jesus could heal them and make them healthy again – or sometimes, even healthier than before!

## POLL: When I'm Sick

For each of the following statements, have the kids stand up if the answer is “yes” and sit if the answer is “no.”

What describes you when you are sick?

I like wearing Band-Aids.

I like to stay in bed all day when I don't feel well.

I have had to sleep over at the hospital before.

I like to drink warm tea when my throat is scratchy.

My favorite medicine flavor is grape.

Snuggling with my favorite stuffed toy helps me feel better.

I can't remember the last time I felt sick.

Getting sick feels scary.

When I am sick, it's okay, because I know I will feel better soon.

Today's Bible story is going to show us that no matter what kind of healing is needed, Jesus is up to the task!

## Activity: Care Cards

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Print out the printable on cardstock and give one to each kid to fold in half and fill out.

Medicines are made using a branch of science called chemistry. Chemistry deals with how substances interact, combine, change, and cause reactions.

But in addition to medicine and treatments, there are other things that could help someone feel better – care and prayer! When you or someone you know is feeling sick or feeling sad, you can pray and ask Jesus to heal their body and encourage their heart. When we pray these things, we can also have faith to know that Jesus has the power to make them happen!

Let's share this truth with someone we know needs healing or just a little cheering up. Jesus has the power to heal.

## Discussion

### SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

Why did the centurion seek out Jesus?

His servant was sick and about to die.

Why did the centurion tell Jesus not to come to his house to see the servant?

He felt he didn't deserve Jesus making the trip to his house. He believed Jesus could say the word and his servant would be healed.

How did Jesus respond to this?

He was amazed at the centurion's faith. The servant was healed right away.

Read Mark 1:38. Why does Jesus say he came to earth? What does that have to do with healing?

He said to preach about God. Jesus can heal more than just physical illnesses.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Tell about a time that you or someone you know was healed. How do you know that was Jesus?

Who are some people in your life that may need healing that you can pray for?

How can we hold onto our faith even when healing doesn't happen?