

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program C-2

A Soldier's Faith

Matthew 8:5-13

Life of Jesus 3 Series: Lesson #5

Bible Verse: Everything is possible for him who believes. Mark 9:23

Past verses: Hear the word of God and obey. Luke 11:28

Ask and it will be given to you. Matthew 7:7

For God so loved the world that He gave his only son. John 3:16

Worship the Lord your God only. Matthew 4:10

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Importance of faith

Prop ideas: Picture of Roman Soldier

Cell Phone – (Use as a prop to give orders/instruction to someone – Jesus did not have a cell phone, he just spoke and it happened)

SAMPLE STORY

There was a man who was a leader in the Roman army. He was a centurion... that meant he was in charge of one hundred men. The Jewish people in Israel did not like the Roman army and leaders. This centurion was different. He was kind to the Jewish people. He even helped them build a synagogue in their area. (That was similar to a church today).

One day this centurion's servant became sick; he was so sick that he was close to dying. The centurion loved this servant and wanted to help him. Nothing he did made the man any better. He then remembered hearing about Jesus. He had heard that Jesus was a man of God and could heal people and make them better.

The centurion went to Jesus and told him about his sick servant. Jesus said, "I will go and heal him." The centurion responded, "You do not have to go to my house. I know that if you just say the word, he will be healed. I myself am a man in charge of others. I tell someone under me to do something and it is done. You can do the same thing. Just command that my servant be healed."

Jesus was amazed when he heard the man. He told those with him, "I have never seen such faith in all of Israel. Go home. Your servant has

Cut apart the Bible verses. Spread out at one end of the hopscotch pattern.

Let children take turns tossing the bean bag on the hopscotch; hop to the end; pick up a Bible verse; hop back.

Read the Bible verse to them and let the next child have a turn.

Talk About: Connect past stories to the Bible verses.

Everything is possible for him who believes. Mark 9:23
(The faith of the centurion)

Hear the word of God and obey. Luke 11:28
(Wish and Foolish Builders)

Ask and it will be given to you. Matthew 7:7
(Ask, seek and knock – persist in prayer)

For God so loved the world that He gave his only son. John 3:16
(Nicodemus visited Jesus in the night)

Worship the Lord your God only. Matthew 4:10
(Jesus resists temptation)

PLAY W/DOCTOR KIT

Materials: Toy Doctor Kit
or
Doctor Kit Items (Small flashlight, bandages, Q-tips, tongue depressors, cotton balls, tape, gauze roll, ace bandage, etc.)

Do: Help the children ‘*Doctor*’ each other, dolls or you.

Talk about: When we are sick, we can go see a doctor to try to help us get well. Doctors may use medicine or bandages or even surgery to help us. But, Jesus only had to speak or touch or give instructions (go wash in a pool of water) to heal someone.