

In our story this week we learned about a Roman army officer (a centurion) who had a problem. He knew exactly who to go to for help with his problem. This centurion knew that Jesus could help him with his problem!!

What was the centurion's problem that he needed help with? He had a servant that he cared a lot about, and this servant was very sick and about to die. The centurion recognized that he was not worthy to come to Jesus to ask for help, so he sent some of the religious leaders to ask Jesus to heal his servant.

Jesus agreed the centurion's request and was on his way to the centurion's house to heal the servant when the centurion sent messengers to Jesus. In the message, the centurion said that he trusted that all Jesus had to do was "say the word, and the servant will be healed". The centurion knew that Jesus had GREAT power and that Jesus did not need to be with the servant to heal him, but that Jesus could heal him from anywhere simply by saying the word. The centurion had great faith in Jesus! In fact, Jesus said to the crowd, "I tell you, I have not found anyone among the people of Israel with a faith as great as this man's!" Then Jesus did as the centurion had asked, he healed his servant.

Application: Wow, what a great gift the centurion's faith was to him! He trusted that Jesus could heal his servant, he asked Jesus to heal his servant and Jesus did. **We also have the gift of faith to trust in Jesus! We have the opportunity to ask Jesus for help with all of our problems by praying to him for help. There is no problem Jesus can't help us with!!**

Memory Treasure: Proverbs 3:5a Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Art Activity: Memory treasure valentine - Materials included in packet: red construction heart template, white paper lace doilie. Step 1: Cut out the heart. Step 2: Write the memory treasure on the heart: **Trust in the Lord with all your heart!** Step 3: Glue the heart to the center of the white lace doilie. (If you don't pick up supplies from church, this is still something you can do from home if you have construction paper, make your own valentine heart, decorate it as you like – but most importantly right the memory treasure on it to remind you to always trust that Jesus can help you with your problems!)

Worksheet: Included in the packet or attached to the church website is a worksheet called "Trust Jesus and His Word". After viewing the class or reading the story, do the worksheet. The answer key will be provided below.

Answer Key: Part One: 1. Capernaum, 2. servant, 3. leaders, 4. worthy, 5. word, 6. faith, 7. Healed

Part Two: A: Numbers 1, 3, 5 and 7 should be marked. B: Numbers 1, 2, and 5 should be marked.

God bless you this week!!

Want to share your artwork with us?

Email a picture of your Sunday School craft to office@gsholmen.org

*We will be showing pictures sent to us on the Church Screens during announcements