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LESSON

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Healed from a Distance

Jesus went to Capernaum [cap-er-nom], where a centurion (army officer) had a sick servant. When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders (leaders) to see Jesus. The officer wanted Jesus to heal his servant. The elders went to Jesus and told him that the officer was worthy of His help. They told Jesus of the officer's love for the Jewish people.

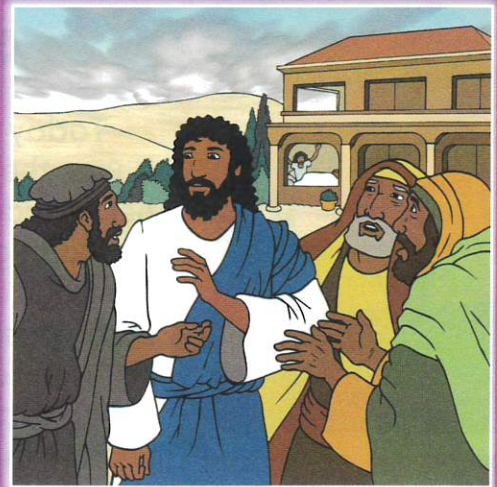
Jesus traveled with the men to the officer's home. But, before Jesus arrived, the officer sent friends to tell Jesus not to come to his house. The officer felt that he was not good enough to have Jesus enter his home.

The officer's message to Jesus was, "But say the word, and my servant will be healed."

The officer understood the levels of authority. When he commanded his soldiers to go or come, they obeyed his commands.

Jesus was amazed. He told the crowd that the officer had the greatest *faith* (belief and trust in Jesus) that he had seen in Israel.

The servant was healed when the officer's friends returned to the officer's house.

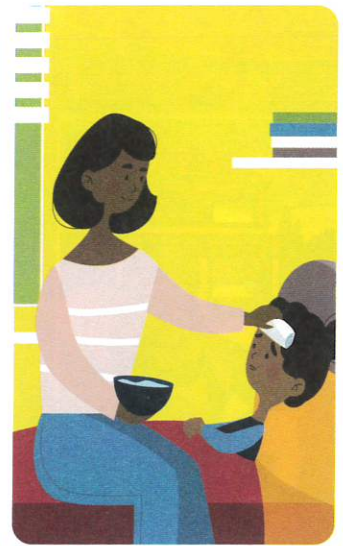


Lesson Scripture:
Luke 7:1-10

Key Verse

[Jesus] said [to the crowd], "I tell you; I have not found such great faith [as the centurion] even in Israel." (Luke 7:9)





Anything Can Happen!

Today was the worst day that Morgan had ever had. It was the worst because she got a cold three days before her birthday! She would have to cancel her party, and she wouldn't get to see any of her friends. She snuggled under her bed covers and tried not to cry. It would only make her stuffy nose worse.

"Morgan, honey, how are you feeling?" Morgan's mom asked, sitting on the side of Morgan's bed.

"My throat is still scratchy," Morgan groaned, frowning as her throat ached. This was terrible.

"I've got something warm for you to drink and some medicine to help you feel better," her mom said. Morgan took a big gulp of the warm tea. It helped her throat some.

"Will I have to cancel my party?" Morgan whispered.

"Let's play it by ear," her mom replied. "You may feel better by Saturday!"

"I don't think I will," Morgan said, her eyes filling with tears.

"Anything can happen between now and then, Morgan," her mom replied, wiping her face. "Have some faith."

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab

Jesus helps
me to have
strong faith!



Hello, everyone! This is Ruby. What does it mean to have faith? I can tell you that having faith helps us when we are facing impossible situations. Say, for instance, your experiment goes wrong. Having the necessary skills is great, but faith gives you the courage and strength to face the situation.

In today's lesson, the centurion faced a challenge. But his faith in Jesus helped him have a favorable outcome. Even Jesus was amazed by his faith! Let's try to have faith like the centurion in today's story.

