

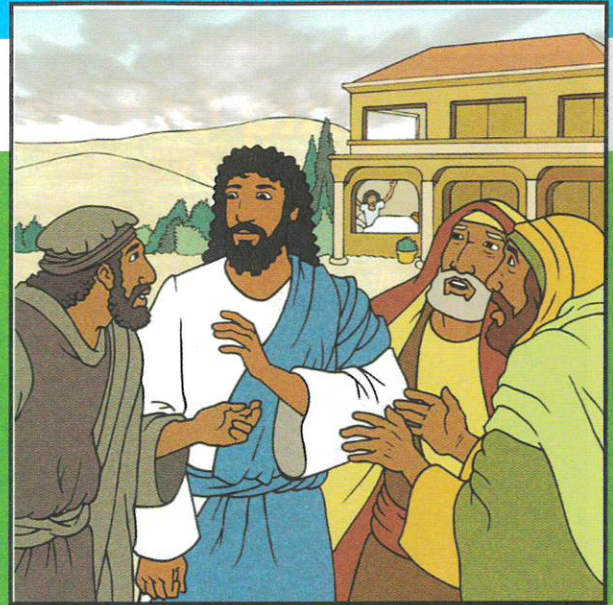
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BIBLE LESSON

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**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)

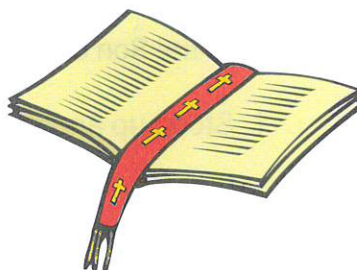


# Healed from a Distance

Lesson Scripture: **Luke 7:1-10**

## God's Word

**1** When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. **2** There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. **3** The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. **4** When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, **5** because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." **6** So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. **7** That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. **8** For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." **9** When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." **10** Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.





# Bible Story

## Healed from a Distance

Luke 7:1-10

After teaching many people, Jesus went to Capernaum, on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee. A servant of a centurion was very sick. The *centurion*, an officer or leader in the Roman army, cared for his servant very much and believed or had faith that Jesus could heal him. When the centurion heard that Jesus was coming, he sent the elders of the Jews to ask Jesus to come and heal his servant. When the elders went to Jesus, they pleaded with Jesus to come. They told Jesus that the centurion was a good man who deserved his servant's healing. They told Jesus that the centurion loved their people and built them a synagogue.

Jesus agreed to go with the elders. As Jesus and the elders traveled, friends of the centurion met them. Jesus was not far from the centurion's home. The friends told Jesus that the centurion did not want Jesus to come to his home. The centurion believed that Jesus could say the words and his servant would be healed. Seeing as though the centurion commanded armies, he understood authority because his soldiers did what he asked. The centurion believed that Jesus had spiritual authority or power to say the word and his servant would be healed. When Jesus heard this, He was amazed at the centurion's great faith and healed his servant from a distance.

## Having Faith

(Part 1)

When Jessica's parents came home, Jessica asked, "How is Grandma doing? Is she better?"

Jessica's dad said, "The doctors are doing everything they can. So, what we must do now is have faith."

Jessica said, "We've been praying for Grandma. Why isn't she better?"

Jessica's mom replied, "That is what faith is. We pray and believe that God hears and helps us. God is helping her right now."

Jessica's brother, Elton, asked, "Doesn't having faith mean trusting God and not worrying while we wait?"

Their dad said, "Yes!"

As tears ran down her cheek, Jessica said, "I guess I don't have faith because I'm worried. She needs a miracle."

## Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello, everyone! Nicholas and Cornelius here! Did you know that Capernaum was a central location for Jesus' ministry? It was an important town in northern Galilee where the city grew because of fishing, farming, and caring for animals. It was a place where people came to trade. At the synagogue in Capernaum, Jesus amazed the crowds with His teaching and miracles. Your teacher will show you a map. On the map of Galilee, locate Capernaum and circle it.

