

Faith at Home – Sunday School Lesson 3/29

Bible Lesson – John 4:43-54

- Bible point: Jesus is amazing...
- Application: ...so we believe in Him.

Introduction: Today, we're learning that Jesus is amazing, so we believe in Him. Some things are hard to believe. Before we begin our Bible story for today, let's read through some statements – some are true, and some are false.

(You can have your children “vote” on each statement in a variety of ways: raising hands, thumbs up if you think its TRUE, thumbs down if you think its FALSE, or have children stand on one side of the room if they believe the statement is “true” and stand on the other side of the room if they believe the statement is “false.”)

- You can hear a lion roar from 5 miles away (**True**).
- Pizza was invented by accident when a chef spilled a jar of tomato sauce and a bowl of cheese and they landed on a piece of flatbread (**False**).
- The first hot air balloon passengers were a sheep, a duck, and a rooster (**True**).

Bible Lesson:

Before we begin our Bible story today, *what is a miracle?* **A miracle is something that only God can do. A miracle shows God's power. Can you think of any miracles that you have read about in the Bible?**

- Jesus changed Water into Wine at the wedding in Cana.
- Jesus healed the blind.
- Jesus fed 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fish.

In Capernaum there was a man who was an official, someone who worked for the king. When this official heard that Jesus was in Cana he left as quickly as he could. This man needed Jesus' help. His son had gotten sick and no one was able to help him get better. Actually, instead of getting better he was getting worse. He was so sick he was going to die. The official needed a miracle if his son was going to live!

When the official arrives in Cana, he finds Jesus and says, “Please come home with me and heal my son, he is dying.” Jesus looks at the man and says, “Unless people see signs and wonders they will not believe.” Jesus wanted to help people, but He knew there was a bigger purpose to why He had come to this earth. He had come to this earth to offer eternal life to all who believe that He is Messiah.

The official was desperate and said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

Let's read what Jesus says in John 4:50: Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. (ESV) The NIV translation says, "The man took Jesus at His Word and departed."

This man believed. He took Jesus at His Word. What did he believe? His son would live. This man had faith that Jesus would do what He said He would do. What Jesus did was a miracle! He spoke the word and the son began to get better at that very moment.

One idea to get your kiddos moving is acting out the story. Begin by reading through the story and act out what happens!

Ask:

What happened when Jesus performed miracles?

(Jesus' miracles help people believe He is the Messiah who offers eternal life).

Why is it important to believe in Jesus?

(Without faith in Jesus we are dead in our sins, separated from God. Faith in Jesus as the Savior of the World gives us eternal life).

Wrap Up:

Jesus is amazing! He could heal a boy who was so sick that he was about to die. And he healed the boy without even meeting him. Jesus won't do everything we ask . . . *but he could!* Jesus has the power to do anything.

Closing Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for today. Thank you for sending Your Son Jesus to live among us, to heal the sick, to feed the hungry, and demonstrate your love to each of us. May we always remember, you have the power to do anything. It's in Jesus name we pray, amen.

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Supplies Needed:

1. Construction Paper
2. Crayons
3. Glue
4. Band-Aids (at least 2 per child)

Project Notes:

Age Groups: All Ages
Time: 20 minutes

Instructions:

In today's Bible lesson, we learn how Jesus performs many miracles, including healing the official's son. The craft for this morning is a visual representation for your child/children that Jesus is our healer. Cut construction paper into hearts, one large and one smaller for each child. Have children write "Jesus Heals" on the smaller heart. Guide children in creating a cross on the heart with the band-aids. Next, have the children mount the smaller heart onto the larger heart. Brainstorm with children ideas to jot down or draw pictures of things they believe Jesus can heal (see image below for examples).



Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be our healer. Lord, we ask that you heal those that are sick. We also ask that you continue to keep us safe and healthy. May we be reminded of those that Jesus healed in the Bible. Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross for all of our sins, so we may live with you in heaven forever. It's in Jesus name we pray, amen.

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Please email Allyssa with photos of your family completing the craft for the week!

