

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#15 - The Centurion and the Widow Luke 7:1-17

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

15-1 The Centurion and Jesus

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** What makes a person wise?
A wise man listens to Jesus and puts his teaching into practice.

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** What are the Beatitudes?

B—B

Sign of B

Build

Pound one fist on top of other and then reverse

Your house
upon a rock

Point hands up like a roof and walls

B—B—Build

Same as above

On Christ

Sign of Jesus

the solid block

Same as rock



- **Introduction:** (picture 15-1) What is this a picture of?

Judah, the land where Jesus lived, was controlled by the Roman Empire. The Romans in Judah were soldiers and government officials who told the Jews what to do. Some Jews worked with the Romans but most of the Jews hated the Romans and wouldn't have anything to do with them if they could help it.

A centurion who was the leader of 100 soldiers, wanted Jesus to heal his sick servant. He was a good man and the Jews who knew him really liked him. The centurion sent for Jesus because his servant was sick and he believed Jesus could heal him if Jesus were willing.

When Jesus was on the way to the centurion's house the centurion sent his friends to tell Jesus just to speak the word to heal his servant. He thought he wasn't good enough to have Jesus come into his home.

Jesus was amazed at the centurion's faith, because he believed that Jesus could speak the word and his servant would be healed.

Actions, the things we do, show if we have faith. The centurion shows us how we should come to Jesus. We need to see that Jesus is good and we aren't. We need to believe that Jesus is able and willing to do good things for us. We need to ask Jesus to help us.

The big question for this week is: What is faith?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: What is faith?

Page 1 - John 12:44-45

(Picture of Jesus with people)

When we have faith in Jesus,
we believe he is God's Son.
And through his Spirit in us,
God's work on earth is done.
Our faith enables us to see
what Jesus came to do.
It opens up our heart and eyes
so we can see what's true.

Page 2 - John 14:1

(Picture of Jesus watching over earth)

By faith we know in Jesus
we can always trust.
By faith we know that on this earth
he watches over us.
In Jesus we can live in peace,
we have all we need.
And the faith that lives within us
is like a growing seed.

Page 3 - Acts 3:19

(Picture of Jesus on the cross)
By faith we can give thanks to God
for forgiveness of our sin.
By faith we know that Jesus
will make us clean again.
By faith we know that Jesus died
and rose up from the grave.
He opened up the way of life
and from our sin did save.

Page 5 - John 14:12

(Picture of person praying)
Through our faith in Jesus,
we gain power to do right.
The Holy Spirit lives in us
and leads us in God's light.
In faith with others we can share
the depth of Jesus' love.
In faith we pray to Jesus
that we honor God above.

Page 4 - John 2:8-9, 11

(Picture of Jesus doing a miracle)
Jesus says by faith
we can do the things he did.
He brought healing to the people
and diseases he did rid.
He turned water into wine
and he fed the hungry crowd.
He glorified the Father
and made him very proud.

Page 6 - John 15:7-8

(Picture of the disciples)
The disciples they were able
to follow in Christ's way.
Through faith in who Christ is,
they gained power to obey.
We can have that power
if Christ's Spirit dwells in us.
Our faith we put in Jesus,
in him we fully trust.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: Who do we have faith in? Who is Jesus? What happens when Jesus lives in us?

Page 2: Why should we trust Jesus? What does Jesus do for us?

Page 3: What should we give thanks to God for? How does Jesus make us clean?

Page 4: What are some of the miracles Jesus did? What did the miracles show about Jesus?

Page 5: If we have faith what will we be able to do? What kind of things did Jesus do? What should we show to other people? How can we honor God? How do we show love to others?

Page 6: What does Christ's Spirit give us power to do?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank Jesus for all the things he does for you. Thank him for dying on the cross for your sin. Pray that your faith in him will grow and he will help you do what's right to bring honor to him.
- The Big Question: What is faith?

Faith is believing God.

ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Activity:** Drawing

Instruction: Draw the Centurion's sword.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

F—F	Make sign of F
Faith	Bring open hands from in front of body and close in a grasp (Like holding on to Jesus)
In Jesus	Make sign of Jesus
as God's Son	Put arms together and rock like cradle
F—F—Faith	Same as above
Pray his	Hands together as praying
work be done	Hands cupped downward, Move back and forth in front of body



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- **Discovery Activity:** Act out the lesson story
- **Craft:** Roman Soldier Puppet
Instructions: Color and cut out the Roman soldier and then glue it to a jumbo craft stick to make a puppet.
Materials: cover stock paper, colored pencils, glue stick, jumbo craft stick
Preparation: Run off craft 15 on cover stock paper.
Instructions: Color the Roman soldier. Cut it out and glue it to a jumbo craft stick.
- **Song:** I'm in the Lord's Army
I may never march in the infantry,
Ride in the cavalry, Shoot the artillery.
I may never fly o'er the enemy,
But I'm in the Lord's army! Yes Sir!
I'm in the Lord's army! Yes sir!
I'm in the Lord's army! Yes sir!
I may never march in the infantry,
Ride in the cavalry, Shoot the artillery.
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JOURNAL

The journal is included in the class booklet for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.