



## Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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# Healing Official's Son

**The Gospel of John** / John 4:46-54

SO THAT YOU MIGHT

# BELIEVE

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



# Healing Official's Son

*John 4:46-54*



# RUNSHEET

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## SERIES

The Gospel of John

## BIBLE FOCUS

John 4:46-54

## TOPIC

Healing Official's Son

## HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **the Gospel of John**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact

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## TIMING

Welcome and play 15mins

Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood) 15mins

Game (Kindy - Year 6 only) 10mins

Small Groups/Activities 20mins

Worship 10mins

Check-out

## MATERIALS

- Play Medical Sets
- Plastic Tweezers
- Bandaids
- Bandages
- Colouring sheet
- Coloured Pencils/crayons
- Clipboards (if required)
- Printout of jigsaw puzzle (1 copy in black and white' 1 copy in colour, cut up into jigsaw pieces)
- Playdough Mats - Jesus Heals
- Playdough
- A3 Printout Worksheet #5 Sick people
- 2 Boxes of Bandaids
- Blu-tac
- Printouts of images from Worksheet #1
- Scissors
- Printout of Spot the Difference Worksheet (from Sunday School Zone)
- Clipboards
- Pencils
- Bibles or Bible passage typed out
- Set scrabble tiles or printout and cut out of Worksheet #2 Worksheet #3 (questions)

## ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the third in a twelve week series based on the Gospel of John.



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## SESSION OUTLINE

### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus' words are powerful. We can trust Jesus even when we can't see how things will work out.

#### SERIES

The Gospel of John

#### BIBLE FOCUS

John 4:46-54

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### SERIES OVERVIEW

The Gospel of John is unique in the New Testament. Where the Gospel of Mark begins with Jesus' launch into ministry, Luke opens with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth, and Matthew commences with a summary of Jesus' genealogy, John transports us much further back: to the very beginning! In the beginning was the Word!

Right from the opening words of John, he not only shows us the supremacy and glory of Jesus, but he calls us to recognise and respond to Jesus. John's intent is not only to provide a faithful account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, but so that this news would cause a change in us. That we would believe that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God. The purpose of John's Gospel—as Don Carson put it—is to make us believers.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [The Book of John in Song for Kids](#)
2. [God's Story: John](#)

#### SONGS

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Power Shuffle](#)
2. [By Faith](#)
3. [Kids Praise - The Miracles of Jesus](#)

### MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Jesus Healed the Official's Son \(Grace Baptist Church\)](#)

#### SONGS

#### PRIMARY

1. [Power Shuffle](#)
2. [By Faith](#)
3. [I Sing the Mighty Power of God](#)



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## FOCUS

**Jesus' words are powerful. We can trust Jesus even when we can't see how things will work out.**

## WARM-UPS

- Can you remember a time when you were really disappointed because something you were expecting didn't work out?*
- How did you react?*

## TEACHING TIME

**Healing Official's Son**

When Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding in Cana, some people followed him around, wanting to see another miracle. They were asking: is Jesus really God?

After a while, Jesus returned to Cana. One of the king's officials heard that Jesus was there - so he had travelled from his home town of Capernaum (on the Sea of Galilee) through the hills. It probably took a couple of days - but he needed to see Jesus badly. His son was very very sick.

He begged Jesus: *You have to come immediately. If you don't come, my son will die.*

But Jesus stays right where he is! Instead of accompanying the official back home to his son, he simply says to the man: *Go home. Your son will live.*

This was not what the man had asked for! Do you think he was disappointed? Surely Jesus would go to see the boy: to touch him or speak to him.

But the Bible simply says that the man believed Jesus and left on the long trip home.

And on his way, some of his servants from home, come in the opposite direction with the news that his son is completely well.

Imagine the excitement! Jesus could definitely be taken at his word. What he says is true.

No wonder everyone in the family - probably including the servants - believed in Jesus.

He can be trusted. His word is powerful and true.

Jesus doesn't live among us in the same way as he did then. We don't 'see' him in the way that the king's official did. But we can trust his word.

He is God - and he has made promises to care for us, to watch over us and to be with us wherever we are.

*Share your testimony - or invite other leaders to share their testimonies - of how God has trusted Jesus and he has answered their prayers.*

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

**1. Early Childhood**

We can't see Jesus but we can trust him to help us. What might we ask him for help with?

**2. Lower Primary**

We can't see Jesus but we can trust him to help us. What will you talk to him about this week?

**3. Middle Primary**

We can't see Jesus, but we can trust his word. What promises of Jesus will you trust this week??

**4. Upper Primary**

Jesus' word is powerful and he keeps his promises. How does that help you to believe in Jesus?



## Early Childhood



One of the king's officials had a son who was very sick.



So the official went to Jesus and begged him to come and heal his sick son.



Jesus told him, “Many people will never believe unless they see signs and miracles.”

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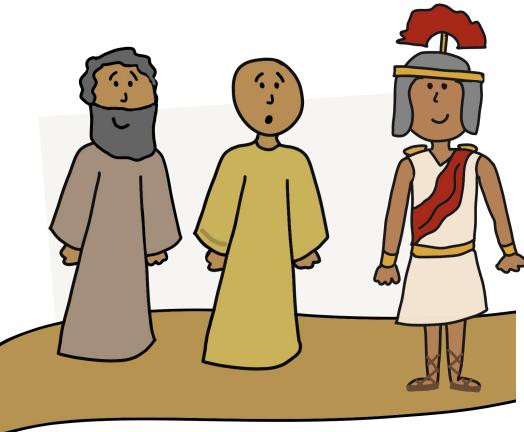
Early Childhood



The royal official said, “Sir, please come with me now before my child dies.”



“You go home” Jesus replied. “I promise that your son will live.” The man believed what Jesus said, and so he left.



On his way home, some servants met him and said, “You won’t believe this, but just now your son got better.”



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So he and his whole family believed in Jesus.

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This was the second sign that Jesus did.



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## Lower Primary

## Healing Official's Son



46 One of the king's officials had a son who was very sick at home.

47 So the official went to Jesus and begged him to come and heal his sick son.

## BIBLE READING

### Lower Primary



48 Jesus told him, “Many people will never believe unless they see signs and miracles.”

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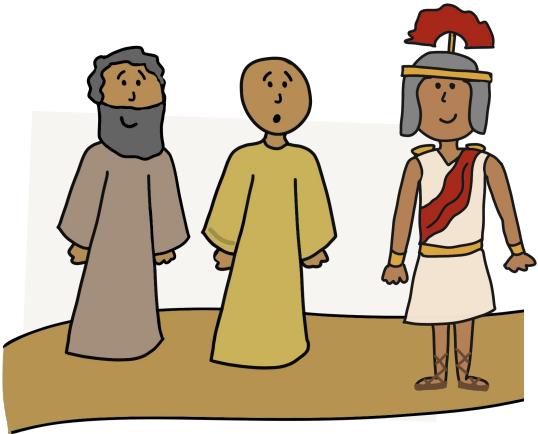
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51-52 On his way home, some servants met him and said, “You won’t believe this, but just now your son got better.”

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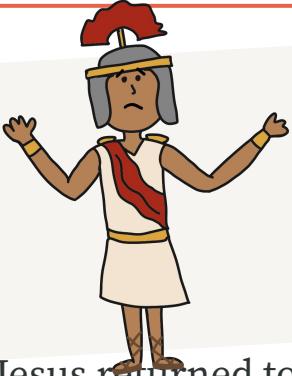
53 So he and his whole family believed in Jesus.

54 This was the second sign that Jesus did.



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## Middle Primary



<sup>46</sup> Jesus returned to Cana again, where he had changed the water into wine. One of the king's officials was there. His son was very sick in bed in a town nearby.

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<sup>47</sup> So the official went to Jesus and begged him to come and heal his son who was close to death.



<sup>48</sup> Jesus told him, "You people will never believe unless you see signs and miracles."

## BIBLE READING

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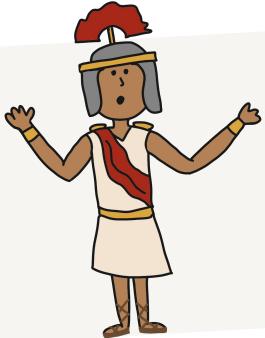
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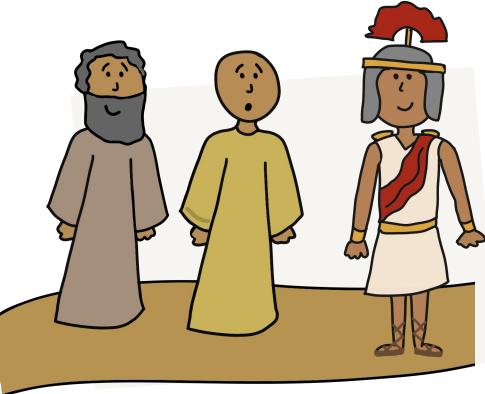
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49 The king's official said, "Sir, please come with me now before my child dies."



50 "You go home" Jesus replied. "I promise that your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said, and so he left.



51-52 On his way home, some servants met him and said, "You won't believe this, but just now your son got better."

## BIBLE READING

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# Believe

# 2

53 Then the father realised what had happened. That was the exact time Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and his whole family believed in Jesus.

54 This was the second sign that Jesus did after coming to Galilee.



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## FOCUS

Jesus' words are powerful. We can trust Jesus even when we can't see how things will work out.

## Early Childhood

## PRAYER

Dear God,  
THANK YOU that you are strong and kind.  
THANK YOU that your words are powerful.  
HELP US to trust you every day.  
Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook John 4:46-54

1. **What was the big problem that the king's official had?** His son was very sick
2. **Why does he travel a long way to find Jesus?** To ask him to come home to heal his son.
3. **What does Jesus do when the man begs him for help?**
  - (a) Jesus goes home with him
  - (b) Jesus tells the man to go away because he is tired
  - (c) He says: *You go home. I promise that your son will live*
4. **Why did the official leave for home?** He trusted Jesus' promise. He knew that if Jesus had said that his son would live, it would happen.
5. **What did he discover before he reached home?** His son was completely healed.
6. **What happened to the whole family?** Everyone believed in Jesus.

**7. How many miracles or signs has John written about so far?** Two: the other one was when he turned water into wine at the wedding.

**8. Jesus can always be trusted to keep his promises.** That means that we can trust God to be with us even if we are feeling lonely or sick or unhappy.

Pray together, thanking God that we can trust him every day.

*Then the father realised that his was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him: 'Your son will live.' So he and his whole household believed. This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.*

*John 4:53-54*



## FOCUS

Jesus' words are powerful. We can trust Jesus even when we can't see how things will work out.

## Lower Primary

## PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus,  
Thank you that your word is powerful and true.  
Help us to trust you even when we feel worried or unsure.  
Please help us remember that you always keep your promises.  
Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read SBK Scripture - Lower Primary (John 4:46-54)

**1. What was the big problem that the king's official had?** His son was very sick

**2. Why does he travel a long way to find Jesus?**  
To ask him to come home to heal his son.

**3. What does Jesus do when the man begs him for help?**

- (a) Jesus goes home with him
- (b) Jesus tells him that some people ONLY believe in Jesus if they see a miracle
- (c) Jesus tells the man to go away because he is tired
- (d) He says: *You go home. I promise that your son will live*

**4. Why did the official leave for home?** He trusted Jesus' promise. He knew that if Jesus had said that his son would live, it would happen.

**5. What did he discover before he reached home?**  
His son was completely healed.

**6. What happened to the whole family?**  
Everyone believed in Jesus.

**7. This miracle number 2 in John's Gospel. Can you remember the first one?**

When he turned water into wine at the wedding.

**8. Jesus can always be trusted to keep his promises.**  
That means that we can trust God to be with us even if we are feeling lonely or sick or unhappy.  
Pray together, thanking God that we can trust him every day.

*Then the father realised that his son was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him: 'Your son will live.' So he and his whole household believed. This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.*

*John 4: 53-54*

## SMALL GROUPS

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### FOCUS

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### Middle Primary

### PRAYER

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Thank you that your word is powerful and true.  
Help us to trust you even when we feel worried or unsure.  
Please help us remember that you always keep your promises.  
Amen.

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read SBK Middle Primary Scripture (John 4:46-54)

Begin by inviting children to share their own stories of trusting Jesus' word.

**This week's story starts with a very anxious father and ends with a whole family coming to believe in Jesus!**

1. **Imagine you're the father (remember - you are one of the king's officials). What steps have you taken for your sick son? v 46-47**

You've travelled to see Jesus and you've begged him to come back home to heal your son.

2. **Why do you think Jesus says the words in v48 to you as the father?** He's not being rude. He's pointing out that some people will ONLY believe in Jesus if they see the miracle with their own eyes.. Is he one of them?

3. **Read v49 and 50. What promise has Jesus made you (the father)? Your son will live.**  
**Why are you now willing to return home without Jesus?**

You have trusted that his Word is enough. It is a promise that Jesus has made and you believe that if Jesus has said it, it will happen.

4. **Read v51-53. What 2 discoveries do you make before you get home to Capernaum?**
  - a. Your son is now completely healed
  - b. His healing took place at the exact time that Jesus had told you that he would be healed.

6. **After you finally reach home, how does your whole family change?**

They all become believers in Jesus.

**Why?** They have discovered that Jesus' word is powerful AND true.

7. **How is this miracle a signpost to who Jesus is?**

Jesus is the one who can give life by his word alone.

8. **We can't yet see Jesus in the way that the king's official did. How can we still trust him?**

His stories and words are written in the Bible and we can trust them because Jesus is powerful and he will keep every promise he has made.

Invite the children to name some of Jesus' promises: - to be with us all the time, to share all our worries, to care for us when we are lonely, to notice even the smallest things about us.

9. **Pray together**, silently voicing the things on our hearts and trusting Jesus to keep his promises.

*Then the father realised that his was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him: 'Your son will live.' So he and his whole household believed. This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.*

*John 4: 53-54*

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## FOCUS

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## Upper Primary

## PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus,  
Thank you that your word is powerful and true.  
Help us to trust you even when we feel worried or unsure.  
Please help us remember that you always keep your promises.  
Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## Read John 4:46-54 in NIV Bible

Begin by inviting children to share their own stories of trusting Jesus' word.

**This week's story starts with a very anxious father and ends with a whole family coming to believe in Jesus!**

1. **What steps has the father - a royal official - taken for his sick son v 46-47? What does this tell you about the man?**

He loves his son very much: he could have sent his servants, but instead he's travelled personally to meet Jesus and beg him to come home with him.

2. **Why do you think Jesus says the words in v48 to him?** He's not being rude - but he is testing the man. Does he just want to see a miracle before he will trust Jesus? (Explain that by now, lots of people had started following Jesus around so they could see a miracle with their own eyes.).
3. **Read v49 and 50. What promise does Jesus make? Your son will live. Why is the official willing to return to his son without Jesus?** He trusts that Jesus' word is enough. If Jesus has said it, it will happen.
4. **Read v51-53. What 2 discoveries does he make before he gets home to Capernaum?**
  - a. His son is now completely healed
  - b. The healing took place at the exact time that Jesus told the father: Your son will live.

6. **What was the impact on the whole family?**

They all become believers in Jesus. This would have included the servants as well!

**Why?** They have discovered that Jesus' word is powerful AND true.

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*Then the father realised that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him: 'Your son will live.' So he and his whole household believed. This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.*  
*John 4: 53-54*

## FOCUS

Jesus' words are powerful. We can trust Jesus even when we can't see how things will work out.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,  
THANK YOU that you are strong and kind.  
THANK YOU that your words are powerful.  
HELP US to trust you every day.  
Amen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Lord Jesus,  
Thank you that your word is powerful and true.  
Help us to trust you even when we feel worried or unsure.  
Please help us remember that you always keep your promises.  
Amen.

## TIPS

Try and have some time to rest this week, and use this time to think about Jesus - maybe listen to a Christian song, read a Christian book and have some time to pray to God.

Early Childhood

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Amen.

## Sunday School

Dear Lord Jesus,

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Help us to trust you even when we feel worried or unsure.

Please help us remember that you always keep your promises.

Amen.

## FOCUS

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*In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.*

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Medical Play
- Colouring In
- Jigsaw Match
- Playdough (*Kindy*)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Miracle Matching (*P*)
- Spot the Difference (1-2)
- Drama: Act out the Scene (3-4)
- A to Z Reflection (5-6)

## GAMES

- Bandaid Relay (*Kindy*)
- The Official is Coming! (*P-6*)

## ACTIVITIES

# Medical Play

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Play Medical Sets
- Plastic Tweezers
- Bandaids
- Bandages

### STEPS

1. Have some play doctor's sets available for the children to play with.
2. Encourage them to pretend they are a medical worker and examining someone else - checking their pulse, heart beat, temperature, giving medicine, getting the patient to lie down, etc.
3. Talk about what doctors and nurses and medical staff do and their role in helping keep other people healthy.
4. Explain that while they can help use medicine to heal us, that in the story today Jesus healed the official's son just by saying the words.

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*Jesus healed the official's son just by saying the words.*



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## ACTIVITIES

# Colouring In

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Colouring sheet
- Coloured Pencils/crayons
- Clipboards (if required)

### SERIES

The Gospel of John

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### STEPS

1. Provide each child with a Printout of the colouring sheet.
2. Allow them time to colour in the image.

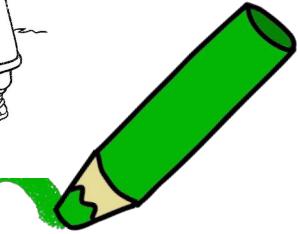
Source: We used a picture from Pinterest. There are plenty of other options available online through a simple websearch of 'healing official's son, John 4:46-54'.

### JESUS HEALS THE OFFICIAL'S SON

*John 4:43-54*



*An official asks Jesus to heal his sick son*



### Link

As children colour the picture, talk about the conversation that happened between Jesus and the royal Official.

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# JESUS HEALS THE OFFICIAL'S SON

*John 4:43-54*



*An official asks Jesus to heal his sick son*

# Jigsaw Match

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of jigsaw puzzle (1 copy in black and white/1 copy in colour, cut up into jigsaw pieces)

## STEPS

1. Have the black and white copy of the image printed onto A3 and placed on the table (or flat surface).
2. Pre-cut the coloured copy into the assigned puzzle pieces and shuffle the pieces.
3. Work with the children to try and place the puzzle pieces on top of the corresponding section on the puzzle board.

Source: This puzzle activity has been sourced from Sunday School Zone and can be downloaded [here](#).



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This image used in this Jigsaw Puzzle shows Jesus directing the Official to return to his son. It teaches us that Jesus has the power to heal people, even from a distance.

## ACTIVITIES

# Playdough

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Playdough Mats - Jesus Heals
- Playdough

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### STEPS

1. Set up the playdough mats around the tables.
2. Each child is to receive their own playdough for this activity.
3. Help the children form the relevant shapes to fill the items on the placemat.

SOURCE: This particular play dough mat can be downloaded in PDF from Flame Tree Creative.

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2015/06/jesus-healer-play-dough-mat.html>

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## ACTIVITIES

Miracle  
Matching

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Printouts of images from Worksheet #1
- Scissors

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## STEPS

1. Flip all of the cards upside-down, shuffle around, and then form into a grid on the floor.
2. Guide the children to take turns flipping over two cards to try and find a match.
3. When a match is found, the children are to identify the story it comes from.
4. Continue playing until all pairs have been found.



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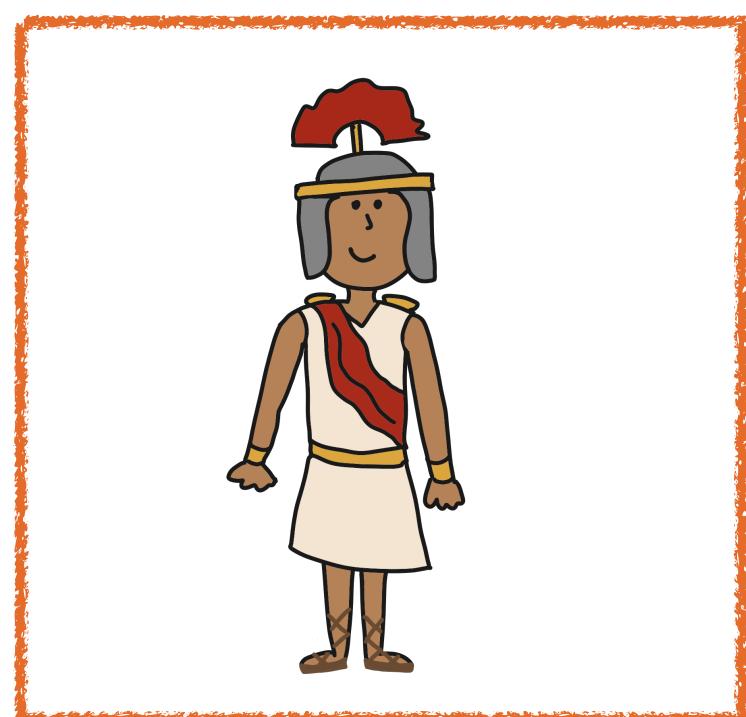
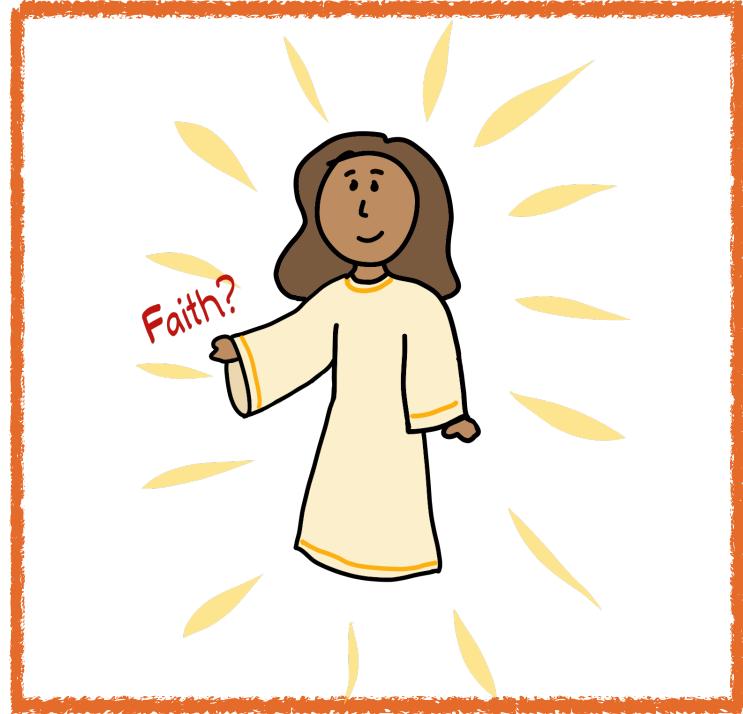
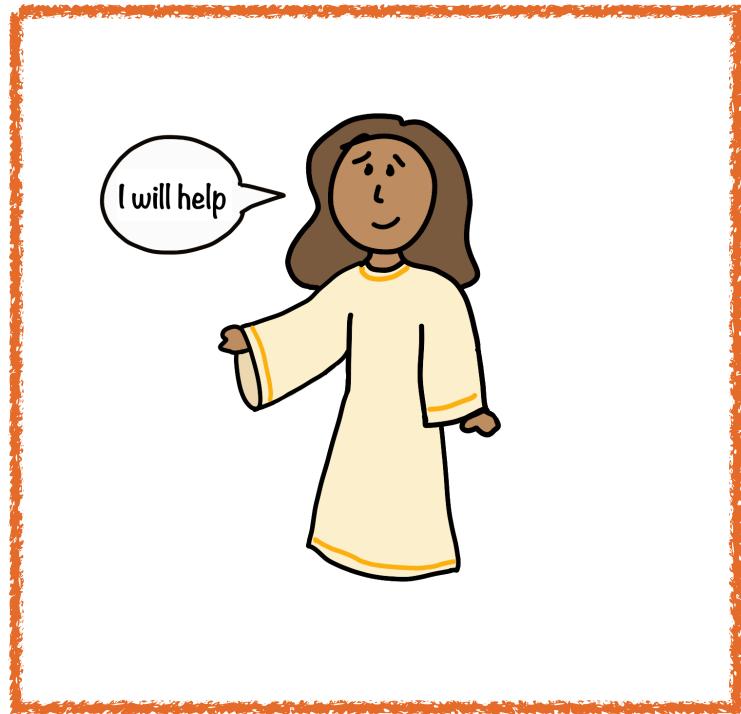
This activity uses images from this miracle story, along with others that Jesus performed.



WORKSHEET #1

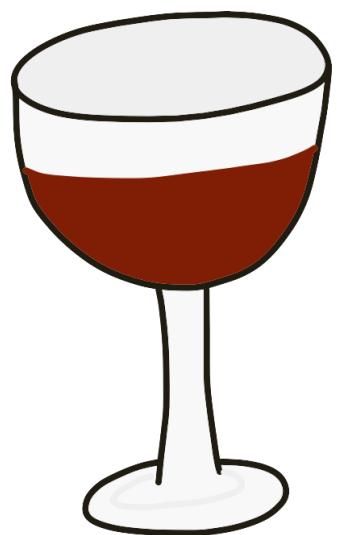
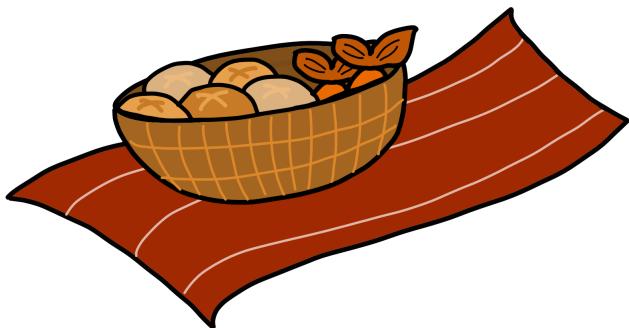
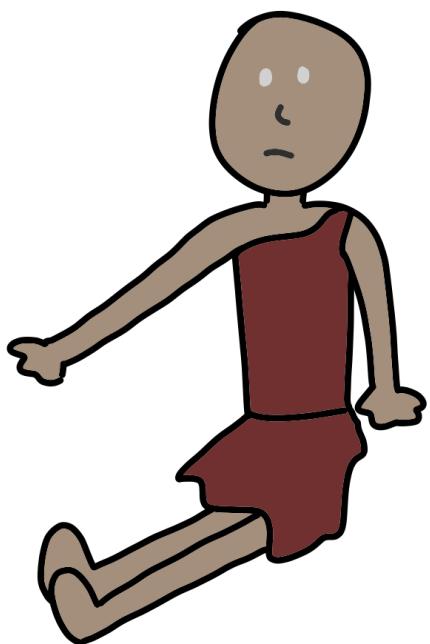
The printouts for the MIRACLE MATCH can be found on the following pages.





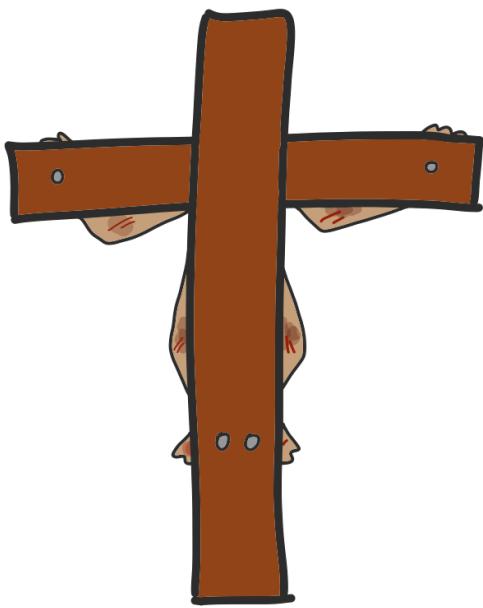
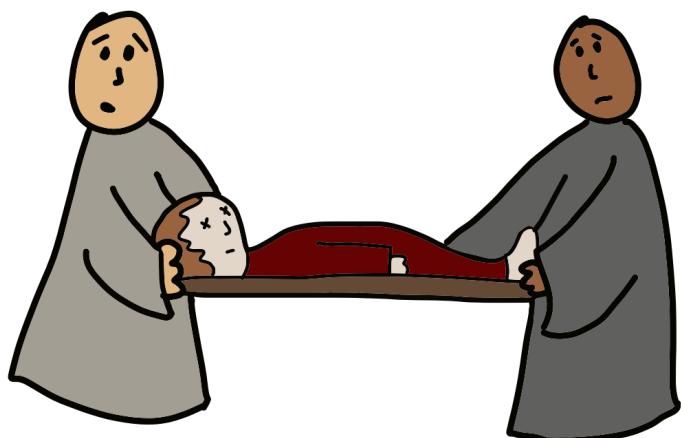
# Miracle Match

The Gospel of John



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# POWER

# Believe

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## ACTIVITIES

# Spot the Difference

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Printout of [Spot the Difference Worksheet \(from Sunday School Zone\)](#)
- Clipboards
- Pencils

## SERIES

The Gospel of John

## BIBLE FOCUS

John 4:46-54

## TOPIC

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**STEPS**

1. Hand out the Spot the Difference pages. Demonstrate how to locate and count each difference and circle this part of the picture on one of the images (the top one perhaps).
2. Optional: if finished, play a game of I Spy, each taking turns to select an object and have others guess what it is.  
OR  
If children are feeling artistic - get them to create their own 'spot the difference pictures' showing a scene from today's story.

Source: We used the Spot the Difference Activity page from Sunday School Zone, which can be downloaded [here](#).

**Spot the Differences: Jesus Healed a Royal Official's Son**

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 15 things that are different.

**Link**

As the children look for the 15 differences between these two seemingly identical images of Jesus directing a royal official to return home, you can remind them that Jesus healed the man's son, even from a distance of 20 miles away. Jesus surely was—and is—God's Son.



## ACTIVITIES

# Drama: Act out the Scene

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Bibles or Bible passage typed out

### SERIES

The Gospel of John

### BIBLE FOCUS

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### STEPS

1. If your group is large, split the group into small groups of 5 people. Have the groups assign roles of:
  - Narrator
  - Jesus
  - Royal Official
  - Royal Official's sick son
  - slave
2. Provide each group with a printout of the scripture John 4:43-54.
3. Allow space and time for each group to read through and then rehearse the scenes, acting out the story.
4. Regroup at the end and have the children show off their drama to the rest of the room.



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*This activity enables the children to work in small groups to retell the story from John 4:43-54.*



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## ACTIVITIES

# A to Z Reflection

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Set scrabble tiles or printout and cut out of Worksheet #2
- Worksheet #3 (questions)

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### STEPS

1. Ensure there is at least one of each letter of the alphabet. Have these scattered and turned face down.
2. One child begins and selects a tile. The show which letter they have and the leader reads out the corresponding question for that letter. The child then gives their response to the question.
3. The next child selects a tile and reveals the letter and this process is repeated until all have had a turn.



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*This activity gives the children a chance to answer questions related directly to the story and also reflect on the identify and glory of God seen through Jesus.*



<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>Z</b>				

WORKSHEET #3

<b>A</b> Name 3 people you know who have great <b>authority</b> .	<b>B</b> Jesus was never too <b>busy</b> to help or heal others. Do you ever feel you are too busy or tired to help those in need?	<b>C</b> How does this story show that Jesus <b>cares</b> ?	<b>D</b> Who is someone in your life that you can <b>depend</b> upon?	<b>E</b> Jesus is Lord of <b>everything</b> . Name as many things as you can that Jesus is Lord of.	<b>F</b> How does this story highlight the importance of <b>faith</b> ?
<b>G</b> Jesus healed the royal Official's son. But the Official was a <b>Gentile</b> . What does this tell you about Jesus?	<b>H</b> The royal Official <b>humbled</b> themselves before Jesus. Who do you know who is humble?	<b>I</b> The royal Official knew he was an <b>important</b> man. But he recognised that someone else was more important. Who?	<b>J</b> Why do you think <b>John</b> recorded this story?	<b>K</b> Jesus promises that this Centurion would experience God's <b>Kingdom</b> . Why would this have been radical?	<b>L</b> Jesus told the royal Official that his son would <b>live</b> . How did the Official respond?
<b>M</b> After the Official's son was healed, <b>many</b> became believers. Name some who believed?	<b>N</b> <b>Name</b> two things that stand out for you about this story.	<b>O</b> Who was this <b>Official</b> and why did he come to Jesus?	<b>P</b> The <b>passport</b> to get into God's Kingdom is not based on membership of any nation, but rather what?	<b>Q</b> What is one <b>question</b> you would like to ask Jesus?	<b>R</b> Do you know any interesting facts about <b>Roman</b> rule during Jesus' time?
<b>S</b> Do all <b>sick</b> people who have faith experience healing. Why not?	<b>T</b> How would you like to grow in <b>trusting</b> God better?	<b>U</b> Do you know someone who is <b>unwell</b> and you would like to see healed?	<b>V</b> Cana is a city in the <b>very</b> middle of what region?	<b>W</b> <b>When</b> was the Official's son healed?	<b>X</b> Fill in this 'X' with your own word. The Official was <b>X</b> .
	<b>Y</b> How would <b>you</b> have responded if you very own son was unwell?	<b>Z</b> What does the Roman Letter Z stand for in numbers?			

## ACTIVITIES

# GAME: Bandaid Relay

### YOU'LL NEED...

- A3 Printout Worksheet #5 Sick people
- 2 Boxes of Bandaids
- Blu-tac

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### STEPS

1. Blu-tac the "Sick people" posters at the end of the room.
2. Split the children into 2 teams.
3. Have a timer and set for 5 minutes (or a time of your choosing). Explain that the game is a relay, where each team sends one runner up to the poster at a time.
4. Once at the poster, they need to peel a bandaid wrapper off and stick the bandaid on the sick person (children may need help opening the bandaid).
5. When the timer is done, count how many bandaids each group got on their person to see who the winner is.

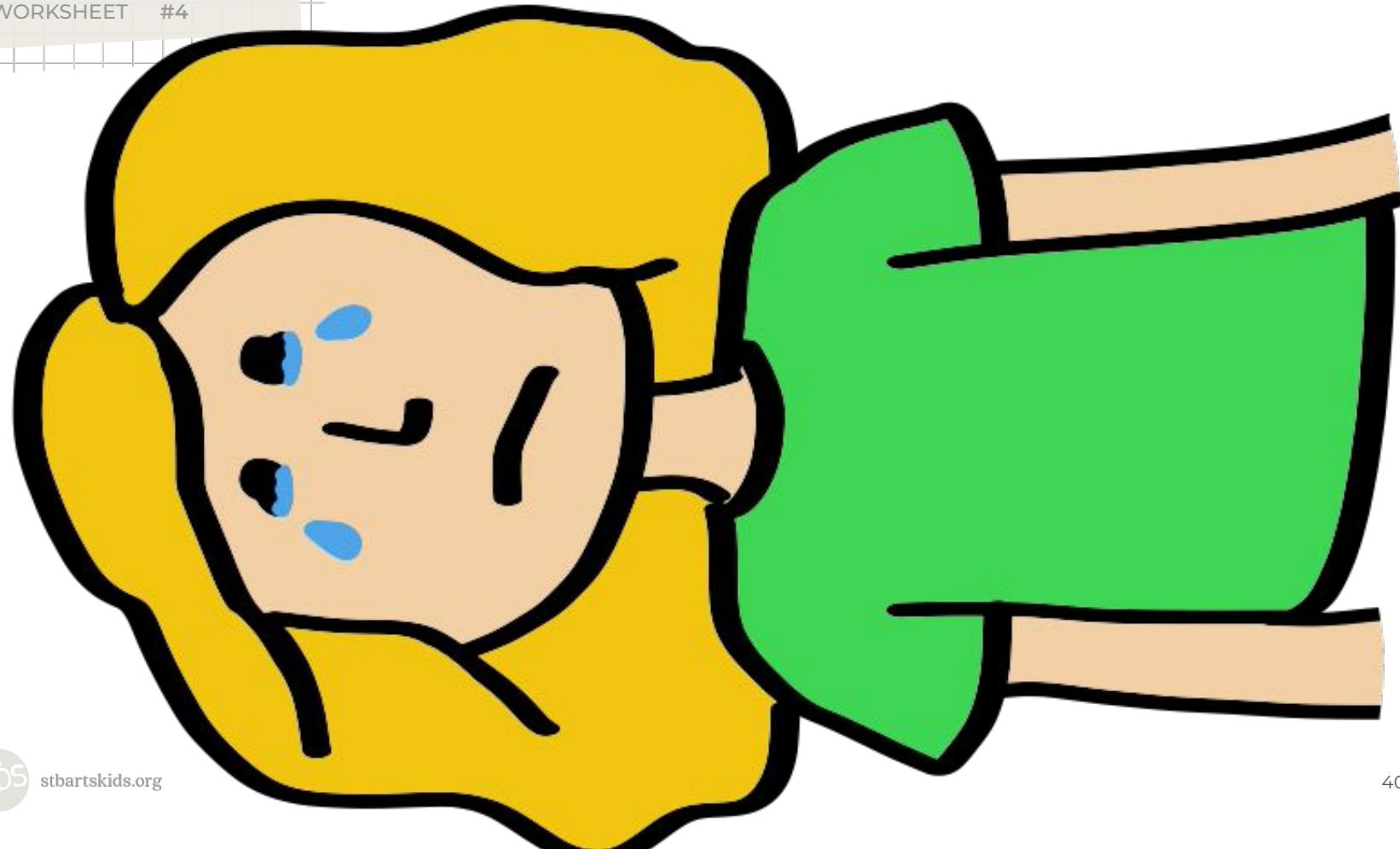


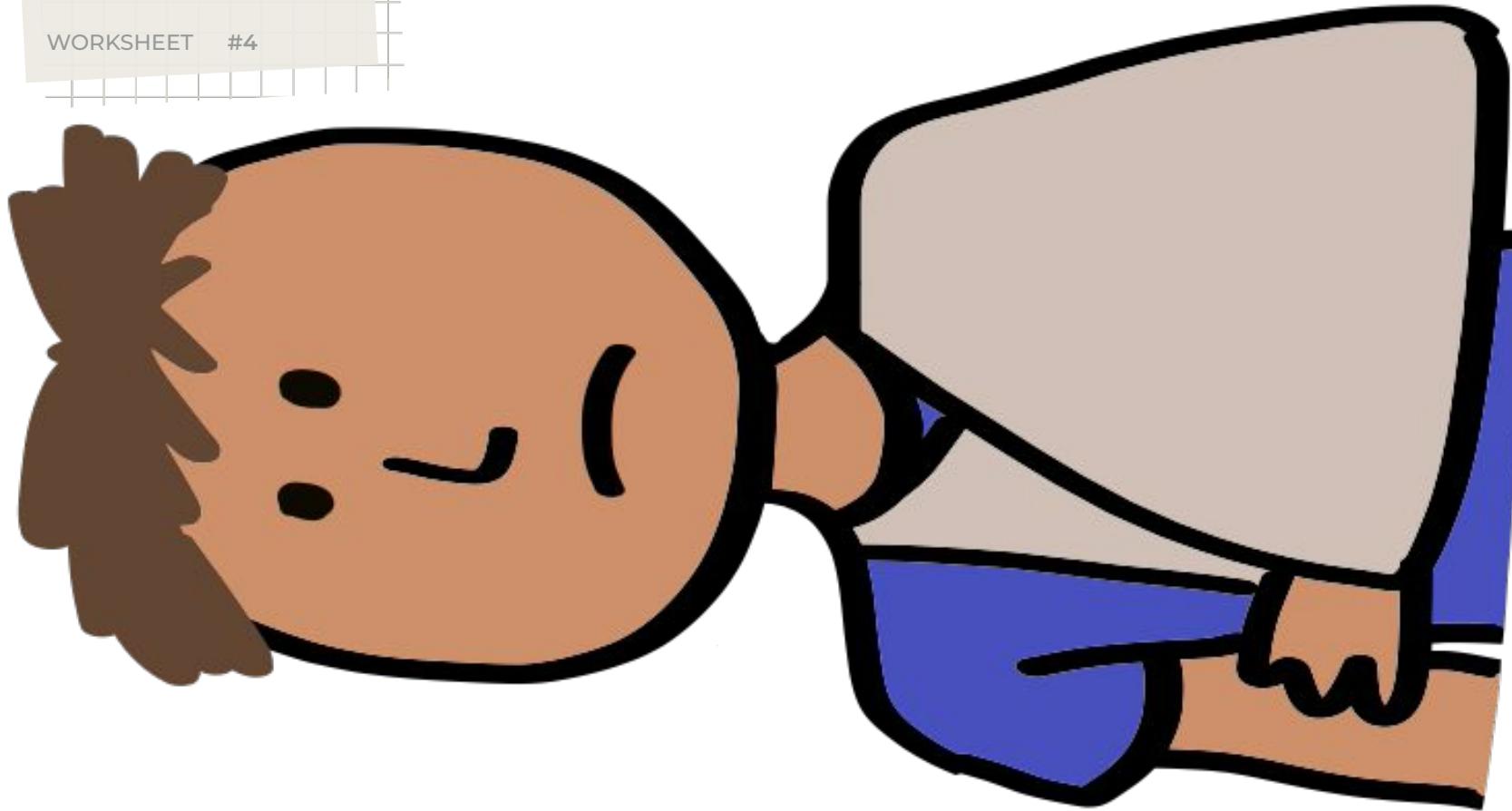
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*Jesus healed the official's son just by saying the words.*



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## ACTIVITIES

# GAME: The Official is Coming!

### YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

### STEPS

1. One leader to be the captain of the ship.
2. The captain is in charge of the ship and yelling out orders to the crew.
3. Crew members must obey all of the captain's orders.
4. Play continues with the captain calling and the crew responding. The faster the actions are called and performed, the trickier the game becomes.

#### CAPTAIN'S ORDERS:

**Scrub the decks:** crew members get on their hands and knees and pretend to scrub the deck.

**Man overboard:** crew members find a partner, hold hands and pretend to row a boat.

**Climb the rigging:** crew members pretend to climb a ladder.

**Captain's coming:** crew members salute and say "aye captain".

**Hit the deck:** crew members lay face down on the floor.

**Four corners:** there are four corners of the ship: back, front, left and right. When the captain yells out a corner all crew members must run to it.

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The Centurion was a man who had authority over his soldiers. He would give orders and his soldiers obeyed. If the Centurion said, 'Go,' they went. If he said, 'Come,' they came. This Centurion had the same sort of faith in Jesus. He knew that if Jesus gave the order, it would be done.



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