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Jesus Heals the Captain's Servant

Reference: Matthew 8:5-13

Main Point: The captain knew that Jesus was mighty. Jesus spoke and his servant was healed. Jesus is the mighty son of God.

Activities to do together:

- Hospital corner: set up a play space with hospital things e.g. bandages, dolls, doctors kit. As they play, talk about things we do when we are sick e.g. doctors help us. Ask if they think Jesus needs medicine or bandages? No, Jesus could heal people straight away without any of those things because he's God's mighty son.
- Group activity: Captain says (Simon says). Changing the word to this common children's game will remind the children that the Captain's instructions were followed by soldiers but the Captain knew the servant's body would follow Jesus' instructions because Jesus is God's mighty son.

Bible: Read the story of Jesus healing the Centurion's servant from your children's bible. (We're using the word Captain instead of Centurion).

Discussion:

Who did the captain ask for help to make his sick servant better? (*Jesus*).

Jesus said that the Captain 'had great faith.' Do you know what faith means? (*Faith means to trust or believe in someone or something.*)

Did the captain have faith in Jesus? (*Yes, he believed Jesus could make his servant better without even seeing or touching him, and without even seeing Jesus do it. He knew that Jesus was mighty*)

Do you think Jesus is mighty? (*Jesus healed someone just by speaking words.*)

Why is Jesus so mighty? (*Jesus is the son of God.*)

Do you have faith/trust that Jesus is mighty? Is he powerful enough to save us from our sin problem? (*Yes, we know he is God's mighty son, the only person powerful enough to fix the sin problem.*)



Pray together: Dear God, Thank you that Jesus is your mighty son. Thank you that he can heal people. But most of all thank you that Jesus fixes our sin problem if we trust in him. Amen.

Memory verse: 'No one is like you, Lord, You are great, and your name is mighty in power.'- Jeremiah 10:6

Ideas for sermon time:

- Watch this week's video for under 5's.
- Paper doll [colouring pages](#) to print. You could attach a popsicle stick for a prop for later use when reading the Bible story.
- A [colouring page](#) to print.
- A [Roman soldier's helmet](#) (just like Toby's!). Children can colour and decorate, and Mum and Dad can help put together later.