

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 16	We Believe in Jesus
Lesson 3	Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant

AIMS

1. Children will learn about the miracle of Jesus' curing of the centurion's servant..
2. They will learn about humility.
3. They will learn that Jesus can work miracles from a distance.

BEGIN

Jesus can work miracles for anyone who has faith. The blind man was a Jewish person, just like Jesus. Tell the children that in the next miracle account, they will learn about a man who was not Jewish, but who had great faith. Jesus rewarded his faith with a miracle.

STEP 1

1. Read the Special Paragraph with the children from their packs.
2. Read the biblical account of the healing of the centurion's servant (Mt 8:5-13 and Lk 7:1-10)

STEP 2

Using the picture in their packs, ask the children the following questions about the story:

What is the centurion wearing?	A soldier's uniform
Is Jesus dressed the same?	No, He has a simple cloak and tunic.
Why is the centurion kneeling?	Because of his humility. This means that even though the centurion is a Gentile, He knows that Jesus is very holy and special.
Does Jesus look cross with the centurion?	No, He is looking with concern upon him and He is listening to him.
How does the centurion seem?	He is sad and pleading for help for his servant.
What happened after this meeting?	His servant was healed without Jesus even going to his house, at the very moment Jesus told the centurion that his servant was cured.
We say the words of the centurion three times at Mass. Do you know when?	Just before Holy Communion.
At Mass, we change the centurion's words slightly. In what way?	The centurion said, "Say but the word and my servant will be healed." We say, "Say but the word and my soul will be healed."

STEP 3

1. Help the children complete "The Miracles of Jesus Chart" exercise I their packs.

2. Based on the above exercise, discuss with the children how these miracles can strengthen our faith so that we believe in Jesus. Answer can be along the following lines:
- a. Jesus does things only God can do.
 - b. Jesus rewards a person's belief in Him.
 - c. Jesus cures both bodies and souls.
 - d. Jesus still works miracles today.

REINFORCE

Read the Special Paragraph number 2 with the children that is in their packs, and try to memorise it

Assign the word search exercise in the children's packs.

Perform the skit in the children's pack.

CONCLUDE

Make the simple act of faith with the children from their packs.

Sing with the children, "At the Name of Jesus," *Adoramus hymnal*, #602

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will learn about Jesus wanting us to believe in Him.