

“Bible Stories for Kids: The Captain’s Faith”

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What	When a Roman Captain approaches Jesus, the disciple views him as the enemy. But Jesus helps heal the Captain’s friend the Captain says he believes Jesus can do it with only His words. Themes: Children’s Ministry, Jesus, Miracle, Healing, Faith
Who	Jesus Disciple Captain
When	Bible times
Wear (Props)	You can either wear Bible costumes or go simple and wear modern clothes but coordinate with jeans and solid colored t-shirts. Roman soldier- newspaper hat, plastic sword, sandals, shield made out of cardboard or toy shield
Why	Luke 7:1-10
How	Keep it light and fun. Kids Ministry requires lots of energy!
Time	Approximately 2 minutes

Enter Disciple then Jesus.

Disciple: Ugh! This has been one loooooong day. I'm exhausted. I did not expect this much walking with this gig.

Jesus: We can rest a while.

Captain: *(running in...he's a little breathless)* Jesus! Excuse me, sir...Jesus. Please.

Disciple jumping back a bit alarmed by being approached by a Captain.

Jesus: What can I help you with?

Disciple: *(going to Jesus quickly with purpose)* Jesus, wait. You realize that *he* is a Roman soldier!

Jesus: *(looking at the Captain and feigning surprise...he's pulling his leg)* He's a Roman soldier?! How can you tell?!

Disciple: Are you kidding me?! The shoes! The hair! The shield! The very, very pointy sword! That ridiculous helmet!

Captain: Hey! I *have* to wear this thing. Government issued.

Disciple: *He is the enemy!*

Jesus: I know who he is, friend. He's a friend in need. *(Addressing the Captain again)* Why have you come to look for me?

Captain: It's my friend, a servant of mine. He's...he's very sick. He's at my home right now. Just laying there...too sick, he can't move! I'm afraid...I'm afraid...

Jesus: Should I come to your home and heal him?

Disciple: Are you crazy? Go to the house of a Roman?

Captain: No, Jesus. I know if you just say the word you can heal him from right where you stand. I have faith in you.

Jesus: *(smiling...he speaks to the Disciple)* I have never met anyone around here with as much faith as this Roman soldier has shown here. *(Walking to the Captain putting his hand on his shoulder then near his heart)* I can see that you have faith in your heart. A faith that has healed your fiend. Go home. You will find him healthy, happy, and completely healed.

Captain: Thank you! *(Running off)* Thank you, Jesus!

Disciple: *(confused and amazed)* So, his faith saved his friend?

Jesus: Yup. God knows what's in our hearts. And I could see that his faith was strong. He believed. And a faith like that...can make miracles happen.

Disciple: I couldn't see his faith. But you did.

Jesus: You're learning. Just keep following me. *(Jesus starts to exit then turns back)* Well, come on then!

Exit Disciple and Jesus.

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