

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 189: THE HEALING OF THE**  
**CENTURION'S SERVANT**  
**LUKE 7:1-10**

Jesus finished saying all these things to the people. Then he went into Capernaum. In Capernaum there was an army officer called a centurion (which probably means he was in charge of 100 men!). He had a servant who was very sick; he was near death. The officer loved the servant very much. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some older Jewish leaders to him. He wanted the men to ask Jesus to come and save the life of his servant. The men went to Jesus. They begged Jesus to help the officer. They said, "This officer is worthy to have your help. He loves our people and he built the synagogue for us." So Jesus went with them. He was coming near the officer's house when the officer sent friends to say, "Lord, you don't need to do trouble yourself. I am not good enough for you to come into my house. That is why I did not come to you myself. You need only to give the order, and my servant will be healed. I know this because I am a man under the authority of other men (which means other men are in charge of me). And I have soldiers under my authority that I am in charge of. I tell one soldier, 'Go,' and he goes. And I tell another soldier, 'Come,' and he comes. And I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and my servant obeys me." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He turned to the people following him and said, "I tell you, this is the most faith I have seen anywhere, even in all of Israel." The group that was sent to Jesus went back to the house. There they found that the servant was healed.

# 189. THE HEALING OF THE CENTURION'S SERVANT

## LUKE 7:1-10



“And a certain centurion’s servant, who was dear to him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent the elders of the Jews to Him, asking him that he would come and heal his servant.” LUKE 7:2-3

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## **MEMORY VERSE:**

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." JAMES 4:10

## **Review Questions**

### **True or False**

1. An army officer called a centurion had a servant who was sick and near death.
2. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he went himself to go meet Jesus.
3. He sent the elders of the Jews to go ask Jesus to come and heal his servant.
4. But Jesus did not go, because the centurion was not a Jew.
5. When Jesus got near the centurion's house the centurion sent friends to tell Jesus, "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I am not good enough for you to come into my house'.

### **Questions**

1. Who did the centurion know that was sick and near death?
2. Who did the centurion ask to go talk to Jesus first in Capernaum?
3. What did the Jewish elders tell Jesus about the centurion?
4. Did Jesus go to the centurion's house? Did He go inside?
5. Why didn't the centurion ask Jesus into his house? Why didn't he go to ask Jesus to come himself?
6. What did the centurion tell his friends to tell Jesus?
7. What did the centurion say about the men he was in charge of? (Have the children give the correct answer to each):
  - a. I say to one, "Go." (and he goes)
  - b. I say to another, "Come." (and he comes)
  - c. I say to my servant, "Do this." (and he does it)
8. What did Jesus say about the centurion's faith?
9. Was the centurion's servant healed?

## Lesson 189 Craft

### Ladder of Authority

Materials:

1. Printed ladder for each child
2. Copy of Jesus, mommy, daddy, son, daughter, pets stencils
3. Scissors, glue, construction paper

Have the children glue their ladders to their construction paper, and put the stencils in order of authority (Jesus goes at the top, then daddy & mommy, then the children, then the pets).

Explain that Jesus is the authority over us all, and just like the centurion, who had someone in authority over him, we also have those in authority over us, and just like the centurion who also had people he was in charge of, mom and dad are in charge of us, and we are in charge of our pets.

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of submission to the authority of the Lord. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.



