



# Lesson Six

## Jesus Makes a Sick Servant Well

### Heart Preparation & Bible Background

In Luke 7:9 we are told that the centurion was a man of “great faith.” This means that the Roman army officer was eager and ready to reach out and accept what Jesus had to offer. He went after it because he believed in Jesus’ authority, in this instance, Jesus’ power to heal.

That is what faith does: it points us to the Savior, the One who saves us from sin. We cannot make faith come alive in our hearts and minds. We cannot manufacture *great*—or for that matter, *any* amount of faith. It is a gift from God that opens our hearts to receive Christ and trust him alone for salvation.

God requires that his people have faith, and we must rely on him to give us a heart that believes, a heart that focuses, not on faith itself, but on Jesus. Having faith means reaching out in response to the One who calls us to trust him in the first place.

The centurion asked for Jesus’ help because he trusted the authority and power of Jesus. Likewise, the focus of our faith is Jesus, who he is and what he has done in our place to make us children of the heavenly Father.

Thank God for the faith he has given you. Ask that God will enable you and the children you teach, to grow in trust, keeping your eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus, the One who started your faith and the One who will make it perfect.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)



#### Bible Truth

*Jesus honors the great faith of a centurion by healing his servant.*

#### Scripture

*Luke 7:1–10 (see also Matthew 8:5–13)*



#### Lesson Focus

*Show faith that pleases God.*

#### Goals for the Children

- State that Jesus made a sick servant well to show people he is God.
- State that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God, their Savior.
- Ask for forgiveness of sin.
- Name ways to show trust in Jesus.



#### Memory Minute

Review John 14:9b

[Jesus said,] “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”