

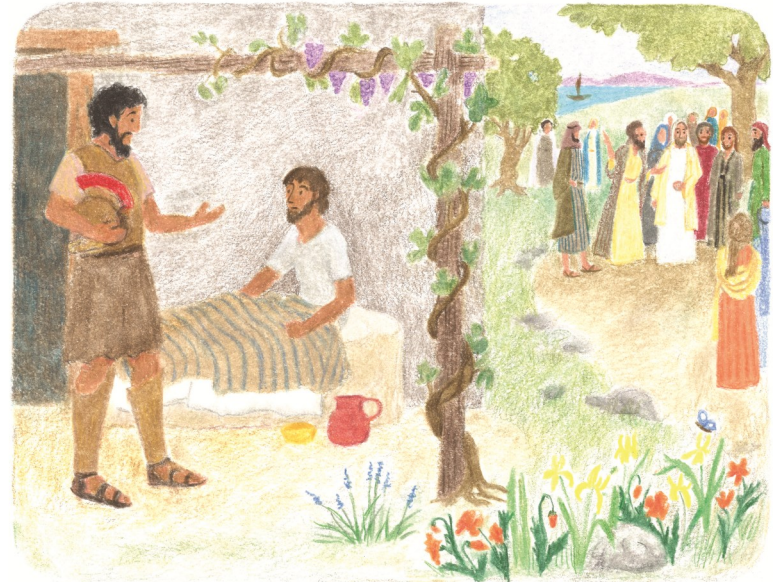
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The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) This is a wonderful story. The centurion was an important man in the Roman army, and he was a good man. He had done good things for the Jews. He was worried about his servant and had heard of Jesus. He hoped that the older people of the Jews would persuade the Lord to heal him. But when he heard that Jesus was coming to his house, he felt he was not worthy that the Lord should do that. What humility from a very important man! That is the best point of this story, that even important people can be humble before the Lord.
- b) Note how happy Jesus was that the centurion was so humble, and of course He healed the servant.



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The Lord Heals a Good Man's Servant

Now Jesus left and went to a place called Capernaum. And there was a centurion who had a servant who was very dear to him. But the servant was sick and about to die.

When the centurion heard of Jesus, he sent the elders of the Jews to Jesus, begging that Jesus would come and heal his servant. And when the elders came to Jesus, they begged Him to come to the centurion, saying, "He is a good man who loves our nation and has built us a synagogue."

Then Jesus went with them. But when Jesus was not far from the house, the centurion sent out friends to Him saying, "Lord, do not bother Yourself for I am not good enough that You should enter my house. Nor did I think I was good enough to come to You. Just say the word and my servant shall be made better."

When Jesus heard what the centurion had said, He was pleased. And He turned around and said to the people that had followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found so great a belief among the people of Israel."

And the friends that were sent to Jesus returned to the centurion's house. And they found that the sick man was better.

Luke 7

