

Preschool | March W3

Leader Summary

An important soldier called a centurion goes to Jesus for help because he KNOWS Jesus can make a young man in his house all better. Jesus is ready to go to the young man, but the centurion believes Jesus' power is so great that Jesus doesn't need to come to his house. Jesus is amazed at his faith and says: "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened" (Matthew 8:13 NLT). And right then, the young man was healed. Jesus is SO powerful that all He has to do is speak! Jesus is amazing!

Connect Time (20 minutes)

Kids Arrive and Free Play
Small Group Connect

Large Group (25 minutes)

Countdown and Welcome
Worship
Memory Verse
Bible Story
Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Activity 1
Activity 2
Memory Verse with Motions
Prayer
Parent Pick Up

Home

First Look Placemat



Bible Story

Centurion • Matthew 8:5-13
Jesus is powerful.

Key Question

Who is amazing?

Bottom Line

Jesus is amazing.

Memory Verse

We have seen amazing things today! • Luke 5:26 NLT

20 min

Connect Time

15 min

Welcome Time

What You Need

 Video: Arrival Music

1

5 min

Small Group Connect

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

What You Say:

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other.

Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

11 min

Large Group Time

3 min

Countdown and Welcome

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Worship

What You Need

 Amazing

 He is Amazing

2 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths. "Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (Kids respond.) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now.(List rules while counting on fingers)

1. Be kind. We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. Be safe. We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. Have fun! We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (Kids respond.) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?"

1. I am made by God. What is it? (Kids repeat.)
2. I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? (Kids repeat.)
3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? (Kids repeat.)

"Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate Jesus!

SONG: "Amazing"

"Great singing, friends! Let's keep singing about how amazing Jesus is.
SONG: "He is Amazing"

"Thanks for celebrating Jesus with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

Memory Verse Video

"We have seen (*point to self*)

amazing things today!(*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*)

Luke 5:26" (*open hands like a book*).

Memory Verse Slide

"Can you do that with me?"

1 min

Worship Closer

What You Need

No supplies needed

13 min

Bible Story

2 min

Bible Story Intro

What You Need

-  Story Box 1
-  Bible 1
-  Amazing Bookmark 1

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Wrap Up and Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

(Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.)

"Thanks for celebrating with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"I have my story box ready. I'm so excited to see what we are learning about God Today. Let's see what I have in here... (Pull out the Bible)... It's a book! Do any of you know the name of this book? (Pause) Yes! It's the Bible! The Bible is a book full of true stories about God, about Jesus, and about the people God loves, like me and each of you! Wait... there's a cool looking book mark, let's see what page it is on.

Open to that page of the Bible and show the kids the pictures... point out a few thing you see that go along with the lesson for today... (This Week page 324- The Centurion)

"Hmm, I wonder if this might be the story we are going to hear about from Ollie and his friends. Let's check it out."

Bottom Line Slide

"Wow, **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** Jesus didn't have to go to the young man who was sick. He didn't have to give him bandages or medicine. He didn't even have to be right next to him! All Jesus had to do was speak, and the young man was all better. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?"**

CHILDREN and LEADERS: [Bottom Line] "Jesus is amazing."

"Yes, **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is amazing.

Basic Truth Slide

"Let's look at what our Basic Truth says for today. It says, 'I am made by God to worship Him.' Today's story showed us how powerful Jesus is. He can say something and it happens. That's worth worshipping about.

"Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you! Let's get ready to pray, calm your body, close your eyes"

"Dear God, Jesus is so powerful he made the sick young man all better just by speaking! Thank You for giving us Jesus. Help us always remember to love others like Jesus loves them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

"Friends, you were wonderful listeners for Large Group. We are going to head to small groups now where you will get to keep learning and having fun!!"

29 min

Small Group Time

8 min

Activity 1 - Story Search

What You Need

-  "Story Search" Activity Page 1
-  Cardstock 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Story Search" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Hide the pictures around the room.

During the Activity: Walk around the room together with the children to find the story pictures. Once all the pictures are found, review the story as you put the pictures in order.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hi, friends! It's so good to see you today. We heard an amazing story about how powerful Jesus is, and I have a fun way for us to tell the story together."

During the Activity: "First, we need to find our story cards. Let's take a walk and look for them. (Pause.) Look, there's a card. Let's pick it up and take it with us. (Pause.) Great, let's keep walking and looking. (Pause.) Oh! We found another one. (Continue until you've collected all the cards.) Now that we've found all the story cards, let's sit down and put them in order as we tell the story.

"Our first story card has a picture of the centurion. The centurion was a very important soldier and he led of a lot of soldiers. Let's lay this picture down here; it's the first part of our story. (Pause.)

"The second story picture is the young man who worked for the centurion. He was sick and had to stay in bed. The centurion knew Jesus could help the young man because Jesus is the Son of God and **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing**. This is the second part of our story. We'll lay this picture beside the first picture. (Pause.)

"This picture is the centurion talking to Jesus about the sick young man. We'll add this picture next. (Pause.) Jesus said He would go and make him better. But the centurion knew that Jesus was so powerful that all Jesus had to do was speak and the sick man would be all better. Jesus told the centurion to go home because he believed. And the young man was all better!

"See the centurion and the young man who was all better? (Pause.) That's our last picture, and we'll put it here at the end. (Pause.) Wow, **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

After the Activity: "All Jesus had to do was speak, and the young man was all better. That is amazing! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

What You Do:

8 min

Activity 2 - Centurion Says

What You Need

No supplies needed



EveryChild Tips

- Have an adult partner with a child who may need extra support.

8 min

Memory Verse w/motions and Prayer

What You Need

 Memory verse poster

1

Before the Activity: Line children up on one side of the room and stand across from them.

During the Activity: Call out actions for children to do with "Centurion Says."

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come line up over here and let's play a game."

During the Activity: "I am going to say, 'Centurion Says' and then an action I want you to do. But if I say an action without saying the centurion says, then be really still and don't do it. Let's practice. Centurion says hop. (*Hop together.*) Great listening. Now clap. (*Pause.*) Uh-oh! The centurion didn't say clap. Great practicing! Now let's play! Centurion says ... [clap, jump, touch head, twirl, sit down, stand up, and a mix of commands that don't start with 'Centurion Says.']. That was so fun."

After the Activity: "In today's Bible Story, we learned that the Centurion was a very powerful soldier, but He needed Jesus to help him. Jesus helped the young man who worked for the Centurion and made him all better just by speaking. Wow! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Encourage the children to march like soldiers, sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Memory Verse and Hand Motions.

After the Activity : Pray

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's stand up, we are going to pretend we are soldiers like the centurion and march. March like this and follow me! (*March in place*)

"Halt! (*Stop suddenly.*) Halt means stop. Let's sit down and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

MEMORY VERSE

"The Bible verse we're learning says: "

We have seen (*point to self*)

amazing things today! (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*)

Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book.*)

"Let's say that together! Just stand up and say what I say and do what I do!

We have seen (*point to self*)

amazing things today! (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*)

Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book.*)

"Way to go!

5 min

Parent Pick-up Activity - Find and Read

What You Need

 Beginner's Bible

1

Pray

"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. Jesus really is amazing, He can do things no one else can! Our list is full of powerful things Jesus can do! (*Read the list you made with the children.*) We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

What You Do:

While waiting for parents show children the Bible, point out the Front Cover. Remind them the Bible is God's word to us. Find the story from today and read through it with the children.

Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (Centurion, page #324) and read it to your small group.

Supplies

Welcome Time	Quantity
1. Video: Arrival Music	1

Worship	Quantity
1. Amazing	0
2. He is Amazing	0

Bible Story Intro	Quantity
1. Story Box	1
2. Bible	1
3. Amazing Bookmark	1

Activity 1 - Story Search	Quantity
1. "Story Search" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1

Memory Verse w/motions and Prayer	Quantity
1. Memory verse poster	1

Parent Pick-up Activity - Find and Read	Quantity
1. Beginner's Bible	1