

WEEK 6 BIBLE STORY LESSON



Need to Know: *Put on the Helmet of Salvation*

Bible Story: *Jesus Heals an Official's Son (John 4:46-53)*

Supplies: Attached Story Cards (printed out)

1. **SAY:** *There's a story about a man in the Bible who thought about how much Jesus loves him and his son. I'm going to lay out all of our Bible story pictures in front of you, then you're going to close your eyes while I take one away. We'll see if you can guess which picture I removed!*
2. **LAY** all **Bible Story Cards** picture side up in the center of your group. Then **TELL** kids to close their eyes. **REMOVE** the **Bible Story Card** with the number one on it, and **HOLD** it so kids can't see the picture. Then **HAVE** kids open their eyes and guess which picture is missing. Once they've guessed, **SHOW** them the picture and **READ** it to the group.
3. **REPEAT** step two with the remaining **Bible Story Cards** in number order. Afterwards, **ASK:**
 - **What does this story make you think about Jesus?** (He can do amazing things, He can heal, He loves and cares about people)
 - **Yes! Jesus saved the official's son, and He saved us when He took the punishment for our sins on the cross and came back to life. Did the official ever doubt and think, "I don't know if my son is really OK or I don't know if God really loves me?"** (No)
 - **And when we wear the helmet of salvation, it will help us not doubt God's love for us either! It will remind us that when we believe in Jesus, He saves us and loves us forever!**



Jesus Heals an Official's Son

John 4:46-53

One day, Jesus was visiting a town in Israel called Cana. In another town nearby, there was a royal official whose son was sick.

Who was sick? (The official's son)

Good job listening! The official heard that Jesus was in Cana, so he went to Jesus.



When the official met Jesus on the road, He asked him to come down and heal his son. The official said to Jesus, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

The official must have heard some things about Jesus that made him believe Jesus could help his son. What do you think he had heard about Jesus? (Allow responses)

The official had probably heard how Jesus had been teaching and healing people, and he must have thought about how Jesus was from God.



Jesus told the official he could go back home because the boy was going to live!

So that's what the official did! He headed back home. As the official left Jesus, he could have doubted if Jesus had really saved his son from dying. But instead, he believed what Jesus said and that Jesus loved him and his boy.



***While the official was on his way home, some of his servants ran to meet him on the road with some very good news! What do you think it was?
(Allow responses)***

The servants told the official that his son was alive and doing well! The official asked what time his son got better. They told him that his fever left at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The official realized that was the exact time he was talking to Jesus when Jesus said, "Your son will live!"

Jesus saved the official's son from death, and He can save us, too! We are saved when we believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, the wrong things we do, and that He came back to life. When we believe in Jesus, He loves us forever and gives us the promise of living in Heaven with Him one day!