

UNIT 3:

LESSON 10:

**Yippee Ti Yi Yo – Jesus Can Do Anything!**

# Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant

## Bible Summary

Matthew 8:5-13

Jesus was in Capernaum when a centurion came to see him. The centurion begged for Jesus to heal his servant, and Jesus agreed to go heal the man. The centurion told Jesus he was not worthy to have Jesus in his home, but he knew if Jesus would just say the word, then his servant would be healed. Jesus was amazed at the centurion's faith and told the centurion He would heal the servant. When the centurion arrived home, his servant had been healed.

## Bible Verse

“ . . . pray about everything. Tell God what you need . . . ”

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

### Key Concept

Jesus can do anything! I can ask Him for help.

#### KEY CONCEPT MOTIONS:

Jesus [*point up*] can do anything [*spread hands to the sides*]  
I [*right arm up*] can ask Him [*left arm up*] for help  
[*fold hands together in prayer*].

## Objectives

#### KNOW WHAT:

Children will hear the story of an army captain (centurion) whose servant was sick. He asked Jesus to heal the servant, and Jesus did.

#### SO WHAT:

Children will learn Jesus can do anything.

#### NOW WHAT:

Children will participate in an activity recalling times they need help and discussing ways they can get help.

## Spiritual Formation

Prayer

## People Needed

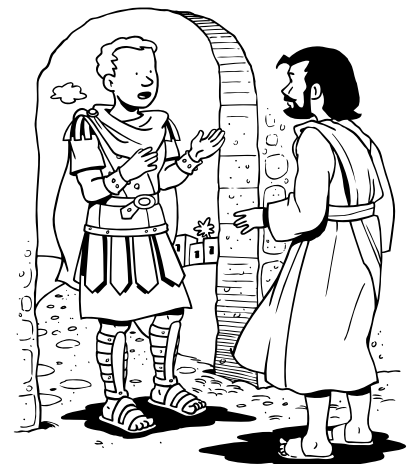
Teacher, Helper

## Supplies and Visuals

(Labeled visuals below can be found in the Lesson 10 Visual folder on the Winter Quarter CDs.)

- CD player
- Music for singing
- Sound effects CD #2
- *The Beginner's Bible*

- Trail map (folded piece of paper)
- Burlap bag
- 2 Puppets or dolls (soldier and servant)
- Ace bandage or roll of gauze
- Apple
- Sponge
- Mad kid (*Lesson 10 LG 4*)
- Sheriff's badge (*Lesson 10 LG 5*)
- 10 Question cards with magnets (*Lesson 10 SG 6 – Lesson 10 SG 15*)
- 1 Lasso magnet rope
- Box of crayons
- For each child:
  - Key Concept sticker (*Lesson 10 SG 16*)
  - Take-home coloring sheet (*Lesson 10 SG 17, Lesson 10 SG 18*)
  - Snack





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## Activity Stations

(20 MINUTES)

Choose which activity stations you will use from the list included in the Activity Stations folder.

## Creative Bible Teaching



(15 MINUTES)

[*Play upbeat music as children transition to the teaching area. Encourage kids to clap their hands along with you. Clap in a variety of styles, like overhead, on your knees, on your belly, etc.*]

[*Once kids are gathered, cue your Helper to play the first sound effect. Wander out among the kids, singing.*]

[SFX 1: Cowboy theme.]

### TEACHER:

[*Singing.*] Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo roam—[*look around*] well, bust my britches! Y'all ain't no buffalo! Y'all are buckaroos. [*Turn and see ranch.*] And yee-haw, we're back at the Yippee Ti Yi Yo Ranch! My name is \_\_\_\_\_, but today, while we're in the Wild, Wild West, I'm going to be Cowboy Cole [*or Rope 'Em Rhonda*]. We're going to learn more about Jesus and all the amazing things He's done.

To help us get started, let's remember our two very special Wild, Wild West rules so we can have the most fun. Rule number one: be kind. What is it? [*Kids respond, "Be kind!"*] We can be kind by sitting down so everyone can see and by being very quiet so everyone can hear. Rule number two: be safe. What is it? [*Kids respond, "Be safe!"*] You can be safe by keeping your hands to yourself. Good job!

[*Look around and scratch head.*] I better look at my trail map. I think I got my trail mixed up. I'm happy to be here with y'all, but I was actually heading to my friend's home on the range, 'cause we're going to wrangle some buffalo today. I must have got lost somewhere's along the way.

[*Pull out "map."*] Hm. Instead of heading that way [*point to the left*], I should of gone thata way. [*Point to the right.*] Well, all this lookin' reminds me of a Bible story about a soldier who went looking for Jesus. Would y'all like to hear it? [*Kids respond, "Yes."*]

Let me just get my Bible out. And look at this! [*Pull out Bible and puppets or dolls.*] These here dolls will help us tell the story, too!

Buckaroos, let's click on our Wild West listening ears. [*Tug on right ear.*] Clip, clop, clip, clop, clip, clop. Now the other one. [*Tug on left ear.*] Clip, clop, clip, clop, clip, clop. Now let's get



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our cowboy glasses on. Shout “yee-haw” when we bring them to our eyes. Ready? [*Holds hands to eyes, shaping glasses.*] Yee-haw!

Our story begins as Jesus was traveling to the town of Capernaum. When Jesus got to Capernaum, He met a centurion soldier. [*Hold up soldier puppet.*] Let’s say centurion together. Ready? Cen-tur-i-on.

A centurion soldier was a captain in the army. He had an important job, because he was in charge of lots and lots of soldiers. And he had servants who helped him. The captain had one servant who was his very, very favorite servant.

[*Hold up servant puppet.*] He loved this servant very much. But the servant was very sick. [*Make servant droop and lie down. Wrap the doll up in the bandage.*]

The servant was so sick, he couldn’t move parts of his body. The captain heard that Jesus could help sick people, so he put on his coat and went to ask Jesus for help. Let’s pretend to look for Jesus with the captain.

[*Walk the soldier doll all the way around the kids during the following lines.*] He looked up hills. [*Look up.*] He looked down streets. [*Look ahead.*] He looked around corners. [*Look to one side.*] He looked in buildings. [*Pretend to open a door.*] Then finally, on the other side of town . . . [*run back to the front*] . . . the captain found Jesus!

The captain said, “Jesus, my servant lies at home. He’s so sick, he can’t move!” Right away, even before the captain could ask for help, Jesus answered:



[SFX 8: *Jesus voiceover: “I will go and heal him.”*]

**TEACHER:**

Jesus started to go to the captain’s house. But the captain said, “You don’t have to go all the way to my house. I believe you can do anything. Just say the word, and my servant will be healed.”

The soldier knew Jesus is so powerful, He can do anything—even heal someone and make them feel better just by thinking it! And Jesus was so amazed the captain believed in Him that Jesus healed the servant right at that moment. When the captain returned home . . .

[*Run captain puppet back to servant puppet. Pick up servant puppet and unwrap bandage.*]

. . . he found his servant had been healed. Jesus did a miracle! He healed the servant without going to the captain’s house! [*Put the dolls away.*] Well, bust my britches. Jesus really can do anything! Last week He healed that there Lazarus fella, and now we learned He healed the centurion’s servant!

The captain knew he could ask Jesus for help. He believed Jesus could do anything! Do you believe Jesus can do anything? [*Kids respond, “Yes!”*] We can ask Jesus for help, too. How can we ask Jesus for help? [*Kids respond, “Pray.”*] That’s right. We can pray to Him.

Today we’re learning Jesus [*point up*] can do anything [*spread hands to the sides*]! I [*right arm up*] can ask Him [*left arm up*] for help [*fold hands together in prayer*]. Say that with me, friends. Jesus [*point up*] can do anything [*spread hands to the sides*]! I [*right arm up*]

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can ask Him [*left arm up*] for help [*fold hands together in prayer*]. Now in your squeaky voices. Jesus [*point up*] can do anything [*spread hands to the sides*]! I [*right arm up*] can ask Him [*left arm up*] for help [*fold hands together in prayer*]. Now in your quiet voices. Jesus [*point up*] can do anything [*spread hands to the sides*]! I [*right arm up*] can ask Him [*left arm up*] for help [*fold hands together in prayer*].

Ya know, last week we sang some real good songs! Let's sing some more songs, buckaroos. Up on your feet, everyone!



## MUSIC

Song suggestion: "Jesus is the Best, Oh Yes"

[Invite kids to sit on the count of three.]

## Life Application Activity

(10 MINUTES)

### ACTIVITY #1

#### TEACHER:

Today we learned Jesus [*point up*] can do anything [*spread hands to the sides*]! I [*right arm up*] can ask Him [*left arm up*] for help [*fold hands together in prayer*]. Let's try that there again. Ready? Jesus [*point up*] can do anything [*spread hands to the sides*]! I [*right arm up*] can ask Him [*left arm up*] for help [*fold hands together in prayer*].

Knowin' Jesus can do anything makes me feel real good. I don't mind askin' Him fer help. But I don't rightly know what things I need help with! Buckaroos, let's play a game to find out when we can ask Jesus for help. I'm going to show you some things and ask you a question. If you're right, we'll get a sheriff's badge. [*Hold up badge.*] We need three to win, so listen up. Here's the first one.

[*Show apple.*] What is this? [*Kids respond, "Snack, food."*] I love eating our snack after class! On the count of three yell out your favorite snack. One, two three. [*Kids respond.*]

Snacks are so yummy. But sometimes we have to share our snack. That's really hard! What can you do when you don't want to share? [*Kids respond, "Pray and ask Jesus to help."*]



[SFX 9: *Ta-dah!*]

#### TEACHER:

Well, bust my britches! You knew what to do. [*Hang up one sherrif's badge.*] You can pray and ask Jesus to help. Let's try another one. [*Show sponge.*] What is this? [*Kids respond, "Sponge!"*]

That's right! It's a sponge. Sometimes your mom and dad need help cleaning around the house. But cleaning is hard. It's not always fun to clean. When you are having trouble doing something because it's hard or you don't want to do it, what can you do? [*Kids respond, "Pray and ask Jesus for help."*]

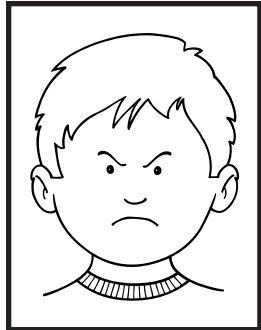
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[SFX 10: Ta-dah!]

**TEACHER:**

Well, lasso me the moon! You knew that one. [*Hang up second sherrif's badge.*] That's right. How many stars do we have? [*Kids respond, "Two!"*] How many do we need? [*Kids respond, "Three!"*] Okay, let's try another. [*Show mad kid picture.*] This is a picture of kid who's really angry. When you feel angry or mad about something, what can you do? [*Kids respond, "Pray and ask Jesus for help."*]



[SFX 11: Ta-dah!]

**TEACHER:**

[*Hang up last sherrif's badge.*] That's right. All you have to do when you need help is pray and ask Jesus, because Jesus can do anything. We got three sheriff stars. Buckaroos, you have won the game! Let's do the vict'ry dance.

[SFX 12: Victory dance.]

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**TEACHER:**

Don't sit down, buckaroos! It's time to sing. I'm so happy I can pray and talk ta Jesus! Let's sing "The Happy Dance!"



**MUSIC**

Song suggestion: "The Happy Dance"

[*Invite kids to sit down in a circle.*]

**ACTIVITY #2**

**TEACHER:**

Buckaroos, how did Jesus help the captain of the army? [*Healed his servant.*] Did Jesus have to go to the captain's house to heal the servant? [*No.*] You're right. Jesus can do anything. He healed the servant without going to the house. Jesus wants us to ask Him for help, just like the captain did. Jesus can help us. **Jesus [point up] can do anything [spread hands to the sides]! I [right arm up] can ask Him [left arm up] for help [fold hands together in prayer].** Let's play a game to remember we can ask Jesus for help.

[*Place the 10 magnet cards in the middle of the circle with the magnet side facing up. Show the children the rope with the paper clip on the end of it.*]

**TEACHER:**

This is our special lasso. You will each get a turn to lasso a card by touching this paper clip to the magnet on one of the cards. I will read the card, and we can do what it says. [*Choose one child to start. Read the card and answer the questions. Don't replace the card unless you have more than ten kids in the class. Repeat until every child has had a turn.*]

**CARD #1.**

Say what we learned: **Jesus [point up] can do anything [spread hands to the sides]! I [right arm up] can ask Him [left arm up] for help [fold hands together in prayer].**

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<p><b>Card #2</b></p> <p>Has someone ever taken one of your toys when you wanted to have the toy? You wanted to have the toy so badly that it made you mad. What could you do? Allow children to give various answers. Remind them they can pray and ask Jesus to help them there or to not be mad.</p>	<p><b>Card #2</b></p> <p>Has someone ever taken one of your toys when you wanted to have the toy? You wanted to have the toy so badly that it made you mad. What could you do? Allow children to give various answers. Remind them they can pray and ask Jesus to help them there or to not be mad.</p>
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<p><b>Card #3</b></p> <p>Let's pretend you have a friend in the hospital. Your friend is really sick—so sick your friend might have to stay in the hospital. Who can help? [Jesus.] You can pray to Jesus and ask Him to help your friend. Jesus can do anything!</p>	<p><b>Card #3</b></p> <p>Let's pretend you have a friend in the hospital. Your friend is really sick—so sick your friend might have to stay in the hospital. Who can help? [Jesus.] You can pray to Jesus and ask Him to help your friend. Jesus can do anything!</p>
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<p><b>Card #4</b></p> <p>Let's jump up and down five times and say, "Jesus can do anything!"</p>	<p><b>Card #4</b></p> <p>Let's jump up and down five times and say, "Jesus can do anything!"</p>
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<p><b>Card #5</b></p> <p>Your mom and dad are going on a trip. They are going to be gone for a whole week, and you are staying with your grandparents. You're really going to miss your parents. You don't want them to go. What can you do? [Allow children to give various answers. Remind them they can pray and ask Jesus to help them while their parents are gone.]</p>	<p><b>Card #5</b></p> <p>Your mom and dad are going on a trip. They are going to be gone for a whole week, and you are staying with your grandparents. You're really going to miss your parents. You don't want them to go. What can you do? [Allow children to give various answers. Remind them they can pray and ask Jesus to help them while their parents are gone.]</p>
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**CARD #2.**

Has someone ever taken one of your toys when you want to have the toy? You want to have the toy so badly it makes you mad. What can you do? [Allow children to give various answers. Remind them they can pray and ask Jesus to help them share or to not be mad.]

**CARD #3.**

Let's pretend you have a friend in the hospital. Your friend is really sick—so sick your friend might have to stay in the hospital. Who can help? [Jesus.] You can pray to Jesus and ask Him to help your friend. Jesus can do anything!

**CARD #4.**

Let's jump up and down five times and say, "Jesus can do anything!"

**CARD #5.**

Your mom and dad are going on a trip. They are going to be gone for a whole week, and you are staying with your grandparents. You're really going to miss your parents. You don't want them to go. What can you do? [Allow children to give various answers. Remind them they can pray and ask Jesus to help them while their parents are gone.]

**CARD #6.**

You are here at church. There is someone in the class who isn't being very nice. They are calling you names and making fun of you. The person being mean really hurt your feelings. What can you do? [Allow children to give various answers. Remind them they can pray and ask Jesus to help.]

**CARD #7.**

In your quiet voice, say: **Jesus [point up] can do anything [spread hands to the sides]! I [right arm up] can ask Him [left arm up] for help [fold hands together in prayer].**

**CARD #8.**

When is a time you needed to ask Jesus for help?

**CARD #9.**

Do you think Jesus can help you with anything?

**CARD #10.**

What do you want Jesus to help you with right now? [This is a great opportunity to pray for the kids in your class.]

**TEACHER:**

Today we learned the Bible story about the captain and his servant. Who healed the servant? [Jesus.] **Jesus [point up] can do anything [spread hands to the sides]! I [right arm up] can ask Him [left arm up] for help [fold hands together in prayer].** Let's pray to Jesus and tell Him "thank You" for helping us.

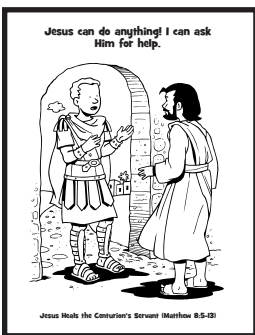
[Lead the children in the following finger play. Then have the children repeat after you as you pray.]

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Open them. [*Open hands.*] Close them. [*Close hands.*]  
Open them. [*Open hands.*] Close them. [*Close hands.*]  
Give a little clap. [*Clap hands.*]  
Open them. [*Open hands.*] Close them. [*Close hands.*]  
Open them. [*Open hands.*] Close them. [*Close hands.*]  
Fold them in your lap. [*Fold hands in lap.*]

Dear Jesus,  
Thank You for the Bible story.  
Thank You for helping us.  
Thank You for our snack.  
In Jesus' Name,  
Amen.

## Snack and Coloring Activity

(15 MINUTES)

*Use this time to continue building community and to learn more about your kids and their concerns. Listen closely so you are better equipped to pray for and reach out to each child.*

**GIVE** each child a snack to eat.

**GIVE** each child a Key Concept sticker to put on their shirt while they are eating their snack.

**GIVE** each child a coloring sheet to color while they are waiting to be picked up.

**ASK** each child a question or two about themselves:

- How can I pray for you this week?
- What was your favorite part of the story?