

# Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON TITLE: Healing the Nobleman's Son**

**THEME: Jesus believed is salvation received!**

**SCRIPTURE: John 4:46-54**



# Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions (five per week) for children and their families through which we hope to reinforce Sunday's lesson, provide ideas for the application of God's Word, and encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. Since the age of your child will affect how they respond to the content, we suggest you make them age appropriate by adding your own ideas.

In the lesson this week, we learned about the time when Jesus **healed the Nobleman's son (John 4:46-54)**. We encourage you to review these scriptures with your child. The theme for this week is **Jesus believed is salvation received!** The Nobleman had faith in Jesus. He trusted in Him to take care of his son and Jesus healed him. We, too, can trust in Jesus for everything—for our salvation, healing, and help in time of need.

We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

# Trust and Friendship

**Text:** Psalm 125:1 - "Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever."

**Also read Matthew 9:27-31**

John was wondering what might be happening with his best friend, Nathan. For the last few days, he had not come to school, nor had he answered any calls. When John was cleaning his front yard early Saturday morning, he saw Nathan and his dad driving home in their car. John thought Nathan looked upset; so he walked over to his house. Greeting Nathan's dad, John asked permission to see Nathan. "Sure, for just a minute," replied Nathan's dad. "We're on our way back to the hospital to see his mom." Nathan greeted John with a solemn expression. His mother was in intensive care and, at this time, could not talk or recognize family members. After listening, John asked if he could pray together with Nathan. Nathan was glad for the opportunity. He had been so busy, he had not taken time to pray. "Remember, all the stories in the Bible where Jesus healed people?" John asked. "God can do anything. Let's pray and ask Jesus to help your mom every time we think about her, starting right now." "Okay," Nathan replied. The boys prayed together.

When Nathan's dad came into the room, he found the two friends on their knees beside the bed praying for his wife. His heart was touched to see the two boys praying. He knelt down beside them and added his prayers to theirs. That very night, Nathan's mom started asking for Nathan and his dad. The two friends continued to pray for Nathan's mom each day, trusting God to hear their prayers. Over the next few days, she began to talk and move around, and in another week, she was released to come home.

The Bible teaches that the Lord can perform mighty miracles, even raising people from the dead. Do you pray when you are sick? Do you know anyone who is sick and needs prayer? We are encouraged in the Bible to bring our cares to God often. Philippians 4:6 states, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;..." God wants us to trust and believe in Him.

- Why do you think John knew he should pray?
- If you know someone who is sick, take time to pray for them.

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Healing:** When someone who is sick is made well.

Day Two

# Believing in Jesus

**Text:** John 4:50b - "So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way."

**Also read John 4:46-54**

Sandy often went over to Tara's house to play. Tara was recovering from an accident and had trouble walking. Sandy enjoyed helping her around. One day, Sandy came home with tearful eyes and a huge frown. She told her mother she was never going to Tara's house again. Sandy's mom was quite surprised and asked her daughter what happened. Sandy shared, "Tara's mom will not let Tara come to my Birthday swim party."

Sandy's mom suggested they take this concern to the Lord. "Lord," prayed Sandy's mom, "work out any problem that Tara's mom may have with the swim party and help Sandy not to be angry." Sandy's mom encouraged Sandy to just trust in the Lord and to think again about whether or not she would go back to Tara's house.

The following day there was a knock on Sandy's door. It was Tara and her mom. "Can we come in?" Tara's mom asked. "When you asked if Tara could come to your swim party, I was concerned she would not be safe. I decided to check with the doctor and found 'swimming' actually is a good idea. Tara needs to exercise her legs in order to help them get stronger. I'm sorry if you felt we didn't appreciate the invitation. You've been a great friend to Tara, and I thank you for inviting her." "I'm excited she can come," chirped Sandy excitedly. Then, thoughtfully, Sandy added, "I'm sorry I took off in such a hurry. I guess I didn't understand." Later that day, Sandy asked God's forgiveness for getting so angry and thanked Him for working everything out.

Sandy learned some valuable lessons about trusting the Lord and not jumping to conclusions. She had not understood that Tara's mom was only concerned about Tara's safety. Like, Sandy, so often, we do not understand the big picture. How important it is to commit everything to the Lord in prayer. God can turn any situation around for His good.

- Have you ever been angry or hurt because something did not go your way?
- What can you learn from this story?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Believe:** To put your faith or confidence into someone or something.

Day Three

# Jesus Is My Best Friend

**Text: 1 Samuel 17:45** - "Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.'

**Also read 1 Samuel 17:32-50**

Jenny had just moved into the area and was lonely for a friend. Every time she made friends with someone, it seemed like her dad had to move to a new town. She never seemed to stay in the same place long enough to know someone very well. Sad about this, Jenny decided she would not even try to make friends. Her mom and dad felt bad for her, but they were not sure how to help her. Even when they went to church, Jenny did not talk to other kids much; she was afraid that if she got to know someone, she would just have to move again. One night, Jenny woke up in the middle of the night. She noticed that her parents' light was on in their room, and their door was open. She walked quietly towards their room, looked in, and listened as her parents prayed for her. "Please Jesus, help Jenny to see we are only following Your direction when we move. Lord, give her the friendship she desires in You. We believe that You will fulfill all of her needs. We know You love her even more than we do. Lord, be her best friend." A tear began to run down Jenny's cheek. She knelt beside her parents and prayed that Jesus would be her best friend. Then, she gave her parents a big hug.

David had a special relationship with the Lord; we certainly see this when we read the psalms. The Bible says that he was a man after God's own heart. David knew that God was his friend. He knew he could rely on God to always be there for Him and to love Him faithfully. God wants to have that same kind of close relationship with each one of us. Once we have committed our life to Him as Lord and Savior, He is committed to us. He promises He will never leave us or forsake us. Through every season and every rough place, He will be with us. He will forever be our best and most dependable friend. In times when we feel we are lacking in earthly relationships, our friendship with Jesus becomes even more meaningful to us. It is God's desire that we know and understand the width and length and depth and height of the love of Christ so that we are filled with all His fullness (Ephesians 3:18,19).

- Can you think of a time when you felt like you did not have a friend?
- How can you draw close to your best friend, Jesus, and come to better understand His love?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Friend:** Someone who is always there for you .

Day Four

# Don't Be Afraid

**Text: 2 Kings 5:14** - "So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

**Also read 2 Kings 5:1-14**

Ronnie was a Christian and loved to read his Bible and pray. But Ronnie would not pray at school because he was afraid. There were two boys at school who made fun of kids who prayed. His friend, Jimmy, was even pushed to the ground by the two boys. Though Ronnie felt bad about not praying, he felt safer not praying. One day, Ronnie's mom was dropping him off in front of school and asked him to pray for her drive to his grandmother's house. Ronnie told his mom he would pray for her later, when no one was looking, because he did not want the bullies to hurt him.

Ronnie's mom asked him about these two boys, and he told her about the incident with Jimmy. His mom prayed with him for wisdom, strength, and the courage to trust the Lord. She shared a story from 2 Kings with him about leper who believed and trusted in God. The leper, Naaman, was the captain of a great army from Syria. Though the Syrians were often at war with Israel, at this time, there was peace between the two nations, but not much trust. A servant maid told Naaman about a great prophet of God who lived in Israel who could heal him of leprosy, a disease that no doctor could cure.

Naaman went to the King of Israel with a letter from the King of Syria requesting healing by the hand of this prophet. The king of Israel thought it was a trick, but Elisha, a mighty prophet of God, knew that the request was genuine, and sent word for Naaman to come to his house. When Naaman arrived, Elisha did not even leave his house to greet him, but sent word to him to go to the river and dip seven times in order that he might be cleansed of his leprosy. At first, Naaman was angry at Elisha, but he had to trust God; there was no other way to be healed. Ronnie's mom said the bullies were like Naaman and that Ronnie needed to be like Elisha. The bullies were sick with the disease of sin, and Ronnie needed to tell them how to be healed. Ronnie's mom suggested that Ronnie, Jimmy, and anyone else who wanted to pray would gather for prayer at lunch for the bullies and be prepared to share the love of Jesus with them. They did begin to pray for the two boys and God protected them from harm; in time, the Lord opened up an opportunity to share with them.

- Do you think that Ronnie's clear stand for Jesus (praying at lunch) helped stir the two boys interest in Jesus? What if Ronnie had remained afraid to pray and share?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Bullies:** Kids that are mean to other kids.

# Chariots of Fire

**Text: 2 Kings 6:17** – “And Elisha prayed, and said, 'Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

**Also read 2 Kings 6:8-23**

It was a syrious (serious) situation! God's people were under attack by Syria. Syria had vowed they would kill the King of Israel and capture the city. Somehow, the plan to attack and kidnap the King foiled many times. The King of Syria heard about Elisha and vowed he would capture the prophet in the city of Dothan. One day, Elisha woke up early in the morning and the army of Syria had surrounded the city. Elisha's servant was afraid. He thought all was lost, but the prophet Elisha believed and trusted that God would protect and save him. Seeing by faith what his servant could not see, he exclaimed, “Fear not for they that are with us are more than they that are with them.”

The prophet of God believed that the Lord's power was greater than the King of Syria. Elisha prayed that his servant's eyes would be opened to see that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire surrounding them. With God as their protector, the mighty King of Syria and his army were no threat. No situation or danger we face escapes God's watchful eyes. He keeps us always, even when we sleep.

Elisha then bowed his head and prayed that God Himself would strike the army of Syria with blindness. Then Elisha trusted God even more. He went to the army that wanted to kill him and led them to the King of Israel and prayed for their healing. The king asked the prophet what to do next—should he kill the army? But Elisha told the king that was a bad idea; these were his captives. He should feed the army and then let them go. That was the last time the Syrian armies came into the land Israel. We, too, can trust in the Lord to help us in our times of need. We may not see the horses and chariots of fire sent to protect us, but we know, by faith, God is the victor of every battle we face. We do not need to fear anything or anyone.

- If God is on your side, protecting you, should a dangerous situation make you afraid?
- Do you see a picture of Jesus in the way Elisha told the King to treat the enemies?

## Kid's Prayer Time



This week when you pray ask the Lord to help you to trust in Him in every area of your life—to give you salvation, to heal you when you are sick, and help you when you are afraid. We serve a great God!

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your son lives.' So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way."

Third Grade and Above

"Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your son lives.' So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way."

**John 4:50**