



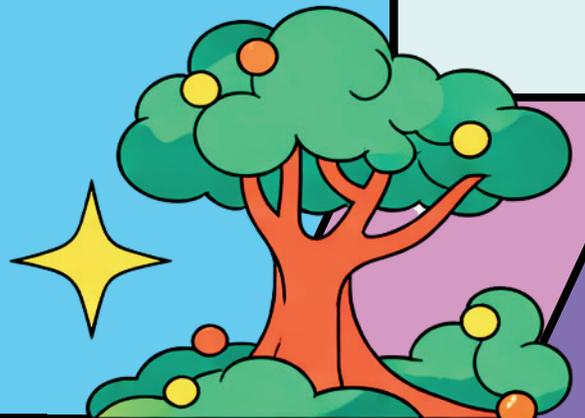
HOPE KIDS



Small Groups



UPSIDE DOWN - MARCH - WEEK 2



Story Recap

Bottom Line: Remember God is most important.

Matthew 8:5-13

Jesus was in a town called Capernaum when a Roman commander came to Him asking for help. His servant was very sick and suffering, and he believed Jesus could heal him.

Jesus said He would come to the man's house, but the commander replied that he wasn't worthy to have Jesus come. Instead, he said Jesus could just say the word, and his servant would be healed. He understood authority and believed Jesus had power over sickness.

Jesus was amazed at his faith. He told everyone that the commander had great faith, and when the man returned home, his servant was completely healed.

Note overview

Book: Matthew

Chapter: 8

Verse: 5–13

Old or New Testament: New Testament

What did you learn about God today?

- Jesus has power over sickness
- Jesus listens when we have faith
- God is the most important

What is today's Bottom Line?

Remember God is most important.

What do I think God wants me to do?

- Trust Jesus no matter what
- Put God first in my life
- Believe that Jesus can help me

Ice breaker Question

Ask your small group-
If you were to line up all the things
you own, what would be the most
important to you?

Examples to help:

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Gaming console
- A present you love

Prayer time

1. **Give every kid an index card and a pencil or pen.**
2. **Let the kids take a minute to choose one category that they really need God's help with right now.**
3. **Invite them to sit and reflect.**
4. **Encourage them to pray to God silently, out loud, or write or draw a prayer on the index card.**

"God, thank You for being all-powerful and having all authority. Thank You for the example of the Roman commander who showed us what amazing faith looks like. Help us to be humble this week and to always remember God is most important. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Activity

Roll the dice ask a question

What You Do:

1. Explain that the kids will take turns rolling the die. The number they roll will match a question you ask.
2. Let the first kid roll the die. If they roll a 3, ask them question #3 from the list.
3. Continue rolling the die and asking questions until everyone who wants a turn has had one.

Application Questions:

1. Name one person who is important to you.
2. Name one thing that is important in our room.
3. Who made the whole world? (God!)
4. Who is more powerful than a superhero?
(God/Jesus!)
5. Who is a very important person in the world?
6. Who is the most important person in the whole universe? (God/Jesus!)

Memory Verse Activity

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves

Philippians 2:3

1. Write out the memory verse on a white board then have all the kids say it together.
2. Slowly remove a few of the words from the verse and have them recite the whole verse with the missing words.
3. Keep doing this until you do not have any more words left on the white board and have them recite the whole verse

Discussion questions!

1. The Roman commander had a lot of power, but he still asked Jesus for help. What does that tell us about what it means to be strong or in charge in God's eyes?
2. Jesus was amazed by the commander's faith. What do you think it means to have the kind of faith that "amazes" Jesus?
3. The commander believed Jesus could heal his servant just by speaking. What are some things in your life that you need to trust God can handle—without you having to control it?

Discussion questions!

4. The Roman commander humbled himself, even though he was important.
What are some ways you can show humility and remember that God is most important in your own life?
5. Jesus said people from all over would be part of God's kingdom—not just a certain group. How does that change the way you think about who God's love is for and how we should treat others?

Question Dice

Grab your question dice and say -

Alright everyone, we're going to play a game with our question dice. We're going to take turns rolling the dice, and whatever question you land on, you get to answer it.

While someone is answering, let's all listen and not interrupt, because we want to put others first.

After one person answers, we'll go to the next person and keep taking turns until everyone has had a chance.

Remember, this is a safe place, so there are no wrong answers. Let's have fun and learn together!"