



WEEK
THREE
FEBRUARY

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. LOOKING FOR HELP

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Which Way?" Activity Page, cardstock, and washable markers or crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Which Way" on cardstock, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a "Which Way" page and a marker or crayon. As you review the Bible story, encourage the children to draw a line along the path to help the centurion find Jesus and then continue along the path to his healed servant.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Let children color the pictures. Talk about how Jesus wanted to help the centurion and his servant because Jesus loved them.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. We're going to help this centurion (*point*) find Jesus so Jesus can help his servant like in our Bible story today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone needs a [marker/crayon]. Now put your finger on the picture of the centurion. (*Demonstrate.*) A centurion is a soldier who leads a lot of other soldiers. We're going to draw a line on the path to help the centurion find Jesus. When you get to the picture of Jesus, stop and put your finger on Him."

"When the centurion found Jesus, he asked Jesus to help his sick servant. Jesus told the centurion He would come to his house, but the centurion said he knew Jesus was so powerful that He could make his servant all better by just saying it. And that's what happened! Draw a line on the path from Jesus to the centurion and his servant. When you get to the picture of the centurion and his servant, stop and put your finger on them."

"When the centurion got home, his servant was all better! Jesus had helped them! Now you can color all of the pictures."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus helped the centurion and his servant because Jesus loved them. Jesus wants to help us because Jesus loves us, too. **Who loves you? Jesus loves me!**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me and wants to help me.

THE CENTURION
MATTHEW 8:5-13

MEMORY VERSE

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves me.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.