

Luke 7:1-17

# HEALING AND RAISING THE DEAD

**KIDS  
3RD-6TH**

**NL**

**Key Verse:**

Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on his people!”

Luke 7:16

**The Point:**

Jesus brings life to outsiders, just as he brings life to us all.

**Making Connections:**

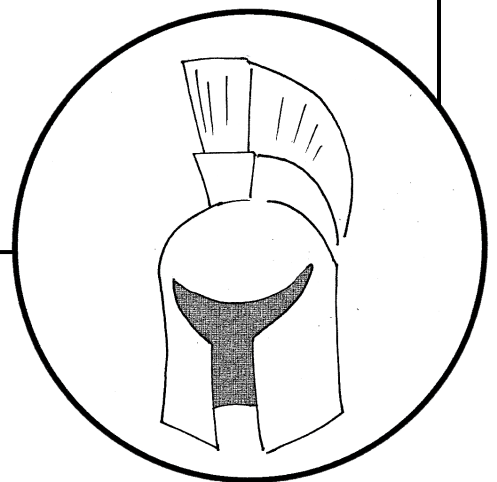
Jesus Heals

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

The Roman Empire

**Spiritual Practice:**

Prayer



# BACKGROUND

## Making Connections

Last week concluded the Revelation of the Son of Man unit with “The Lord of the Sabbath” story. This week begins the Jesus Heals unit, and the purpose of the stories and healings reveal a subtle shift. Each of the previous revelations prepared the way and set the stage for the ministry that is to come. Even though last week’s reading also included a healing, it functioned to establish Jesus’ identity. This week’s stories of healing function more authentically as ministry directly to those who are healed.

## Story Summary:

### *Healing and Raising the Dead*

In today’s story, we hear about two different ways that Jesus healed people. The first is about a centurion, who was a military commander in the Roman Empire. The centurion was not a Jewish man, but a Gentile who was a faithful and righteous man and believed in Jesus. The centurion had someone who worked for him who got very sick, and he loved this worker very much.

The second story is about a woman whose husband had died previously; she was a widow. Her only son who was responsible for her well-being got sick and died. This was a big problem for her as she did not have anyone who would care for her. She was in great need of help because, at this time, women were not allowed to work or own land, and therefore she had no way to support herself. Without a male relative to take care of her, she would have to rely completely on the charity of others.

Jesus was amazed by the centurion’s faith and had compassion for the widow’s desperate situation, so he healed their loved ones. God is revealed in Jesus, who heals and welcomes outsiders in the Bible, just as he can heal and welcome us all.

## The Point

**Jesus brings life to outsiders, just as he brings life to us all.** Jesus still provides healing today by giving us opportunities to love each other and God. Healing and forgiveness comes to us all through God revealed in Jesus. Just like the centurion, outsiders are now a part of God’s family. In the same way, the people who are most vulnerable are important in God’s eyes. Healing and wholeness is for all and can be found in Jesus the Messiah.

## Bible Nuts & Bolts:

### *The Roman Empire*

The Roman Empire included conquered territory around the Mediterranean Sea in Europe, Africa, and Asia. During the time of the New Testament, the entire region of Judea and Galilee was under military occupation, which was unpopular with the people. The Roman army included officers such as the centurion in today’s story. The Romans were quick to quell dissent, punishing and even crucifying those they deemed dangerous.

## Spiritual Practice: Prayer

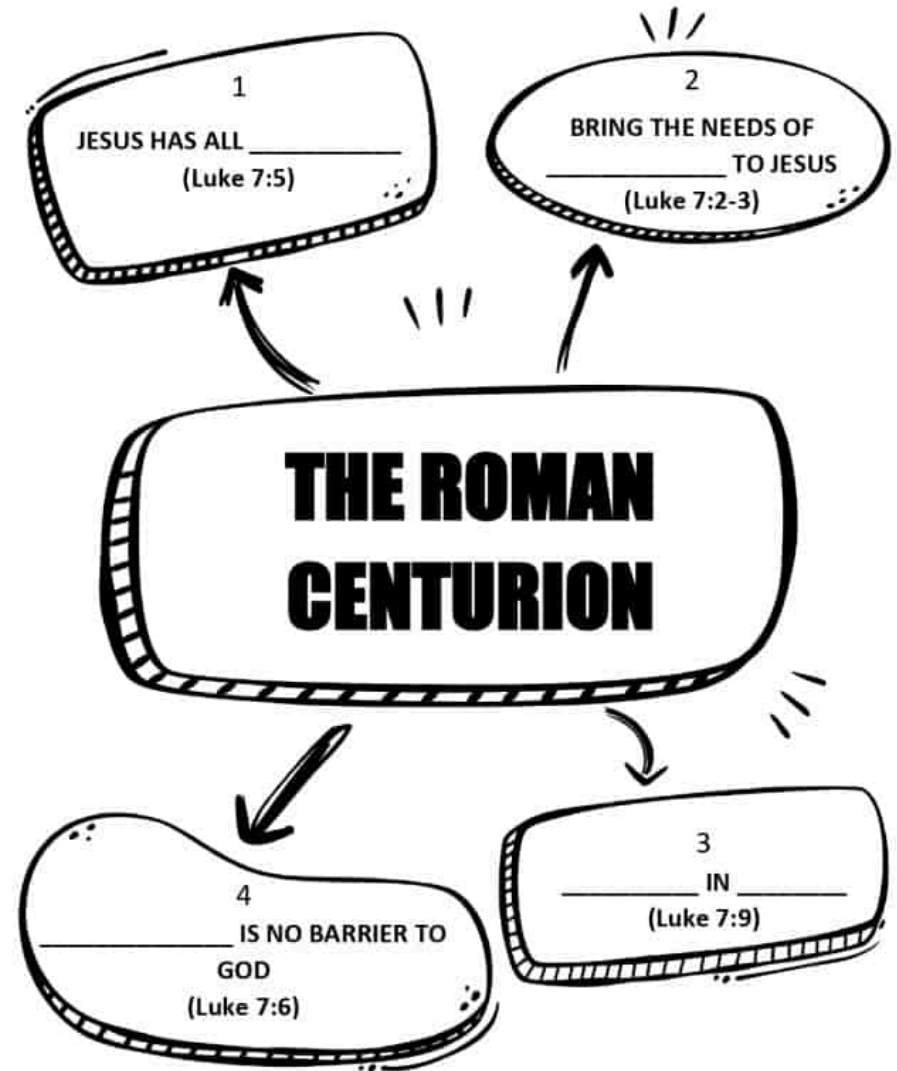
Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. We, too, are called to care for those who are outsiders or in need of healing. God provides us with many gifts and ways to help those in need. Today we will explore one way of praying for those who are in need of healing. Students will make a healing hands craft and spend time praying over them. These healing hands can then be sent to a local hospital, congregants who might be ill, or to a loved one who is in need of an extra hug.



# FIND 10 DIFFERENCES



# STUDY NOTES MIND MAP

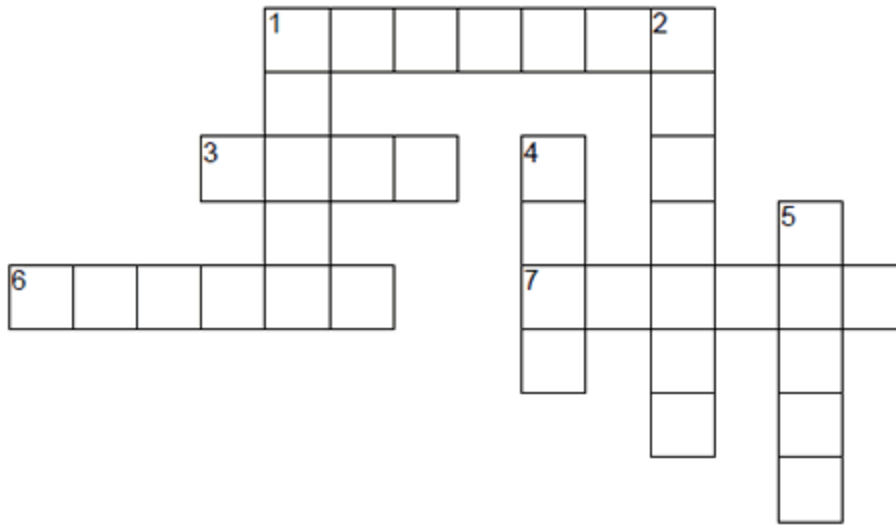


# The Faith of the Centurion

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:9-10 (NIV)



Puzzle is based on Luke 7:1-10



## ACROSS

1. People that you know well and regard with affection
3. To be physically ill
6. To deserve something
7. To be overwhelmed, surprised, or shocked

## DOWN

1. A strong belief in the power of God
2. A person working in the service of another
4. To cure or make healthy again
5. The Son of God

WORTHY  
FAITH

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JESUS

SICK  
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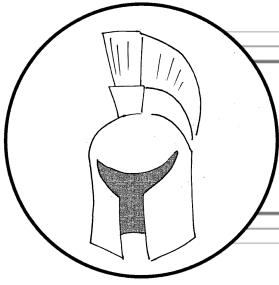
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# THE STORY @ HOME

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**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

**Lesson #3-22**  
**Luke 7:1-17**

## LAST WEEK

Some religious leaders challenge Jesus about following the rules on the Sabbath, a day of rest. Jesus reminds them that the Sabbath is a gift for us, not just a set of rules to follow (Luke 6:1-16).

## THIS WEEK

A Roman commander comes to Jesus asking him to heal his servant by giving the command from far away, which Jesus does. Soon after, Jesus raises a dead man so he can take care of his mother (Luke 7:1-17).

## THE POINT

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## STORY SUMMARY

### Healing and Raising the Dead

Today, we hear two stories about Jesus healing people. In the first, a Roman military commander asked Jesus to give the command and heal his dying servant. Jesus was amazed at this man's faith. He gave the command, and the servant was healed. Next, Jesus encountered a funeral procession of a man who was the only son of a widow and had been the one to support her. His mother could not earn money herself, so without a male relative to take care of her, she would have to rely completely on the charity of others. Jesus had compassion and raised her son from the dead. Jesus healed and welcomed outsiders in the Bible, just as he can heal and welcome us all.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *The Roman Empire*

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## PRACTICE PRAYER

Prayer is our way of talking to God. There are many different ways to pray. This week, try praying in color. Grab a piece of paper and some markers or crayons. As a family, write or draw your prayers. You can pray for family, friends, people in your community, or people around the world.

## NEXT WEEK

John the Baptist hears about Jesus' ministry while he is in prison, so he sends two of his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah. Jesus points to his miracles to answer his question (Luke 7:18-35).



### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read Luke 7:1-17**

Jesus heals a Roman centurion's servant and a widow's dead son. Both the centurion and the widow likely felt helpless when their loved ones became sick. When have you felt helpless? How were you comforted, or how could you comfort others?

#### **Monday—Read Luke 8:40-56**

Jesus brings a little girl back to life and heals a sick woman. Jesus continues in his ministry of healing people who feel broken or lost. Pray for those who are sick. You can contact your church for a list of people who are in need of prayer.

#### **Tuesday—Read John 11:38-44**

Jesus weeps for the death of his friend Lazarus. He then brings his good friend back to life. Take time to talk about your friends. Find ways to support friends when in need, such as listening when a friend has their feelings hurt.

#### **Wednesday—Read Luke 18:1-8**

Jesus tells a story about a widow who is persistent and keeps asking for justice. As a family, discuss the many ways that people are treated unfairly in our world. Take time to discuss ways we can help and pray for those in need.

#### **Thursday—Read Acts 10:1-16**

Peter had a vision about unclean food becoming clean. God reminds us that we have a new way of living because of Jesus. Draw the many ways that we have a new way of living because of Jesus. Pictures could include a broken heart made new, food we can eat like the food from today's story, worshipping God.

#### **Friday—Read Deuteronomy 24:17-22**

God reminds us to care for the orphans, widows and foreigners. We are told to give what we can to other in need. Research different organizations that help those who are in need and plan a date and time to go help. Organizations could include a community food kitchen, food pantry, or children's home.

#### **Saturday—Read Luke 8:26-39**

Jesus heals a man who is filled with many demons. Jesus sent the man to proclaim the good news of God. Practice telling each other one thing that God has done for you. How can you tell this to other people?