

Stowmarket Baptist Church

THURSDAY BIBLE CLUB

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We hope that you enjoy this week's Bible story.

We are praying that you are all kept safe that that we can all meet up again on a Thursday soon.

HELLO and welcome to this week's Bible Club story. I hope that you have had a good week, with plenty to keep you busy. The birds in my garden have been busy building nests and coming for food.

love Jackie

We've started to look at some of the miracles Jesus did. Last week we thought about the women who had been ill for 12 years. No-one had been able to make her better, so she came to Jesus. He was able to make her well without medicine. It was a miracle. Jesus could do this because he is the Son of God.

Today's miracle can be found in the Bible in Luke chapter 7 verses 1-10 which says:

¹ When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was ill and about to die. ³ The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.' ⁶ So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: 'Lord, don't trouble

yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go", and he goes; and that one, "Come", and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this", and he does it.'

⁹ 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.' ¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

It happened in the town of Capernaum. There as an important Roman soldier who was the leader of 100 soldiers, so he as called a Centurion. Roman soldiers were usually enemy of God's people, they were cruel and uncaring, but not this Centurion, he was different.

This Centurion had faith in God. He was a very kind man and loved God's people. He even built them a synagogue where they could worship God together, and he paid for it himself.

But now the Centurion had a problem, his servant was so ill that he was dying. He cared about his servant and wanted to help him. But how?

The Centurion had heard wonderful things about Jesus, so he sent some of his Jewish friends from the synagogue, to ask if Jesus would be willing to come and heal his servant.

When the friends came to Jesus, they told him how kind the Centurion was, how he loved God's people and how he had built their synagogue. So, Jesus agreed to go with them.

As they were coming near to the Centurions house, he sent some friends to meet Jesus. Although the Centurion was an important man in the town, leader of 100 men, he still didn't think that he was good enough for Jesus to come to his house. He knew that he had done things wrong and felt ashamed of himself.

The Centurion believed that Jesus had the power of God and that he only had to speak, to make the servant better.

The Centurions message to Jesus was "If I tell a soldier to come, he comes, if I tell a soldier to go, he goes. He does not disobey me! I know that Jesus is much more important and special, he only has to speak, and the illness will obey him and go away."

Jesus was amazed that the Centurion had so much faith to believe and trust in Him.

Jesus spoke the words and immediately the dying servant was made well. What a wonderful miracle, only Jesus can do that because he is God. Everyone was astonished and very happy!

Do you know how we get faith?

It is a gift from God, we must believe and trust in Jesus. We don't deserve this gift; God gives it because he loves us. We can speak to him in prayer.

Dear Lord

How wonderful that when you spoke, the Centurions servant was made well. Help me to believe and trust in the Lord Jesus just like the Centurion, even though I don't deserve it. Amen

