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Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 3

Today's Bible Story: Centurion • Matthew 8:5-13

Jesus is powerful.

Key Question: Who is amazing?

Bottom Line: Jesus is amazing.

Memory Verse: "We have seen amazing things today!" • Luke 5:26 NLT

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Move Like a Soldier

Help the Centurion

What Does a Centurion Look Like?

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Amazing View Glasses

March and Celebrate

Centurion Says

Centurion's Helmet

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App

*Allergy Alert



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Preschool

First Look

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5 min

Groups

5 min

Centurion's Helmet | Made to Create

What You Need

 Centurion's Helmet" Activity Page	1
 Cardstock	1
 Sentence strips	1
 Washable markers	Several
 Scissors	1
 Glue sticks	Several
 Stapler	1
 Clear tape	1
 Permanent marker	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Centurion's Helmet" on cardstock and cut one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their helmets. Ask children to glue the top to the sentence strip so the sides of the helmet frame their face when it's on. Measure the sentence strip by wrapping it around each child's head and staple the ends together. Cover the staple back with a piece of tape. Encourage children to wear their helmets while you review the Bible story.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today, we heard a great story about a centurion. A centurion is an important leader of a lot of soldiers. Let's make a centurion's helmet to help us review our Bible Story."

During the Activity: "Color your helmet. (Pause.) Great! Now, glue the helmet to your sentence strip like this. (Demonstrate.) I'll measure it to your head and connect the ends. (Measure, staple, and tape over the staple.) Now put your helmets on. (Pause.)"

"In our story today, we learned about a centurion who needed Jesus' help. He wanted Jesus to help a sick young man who worked for him. He knew Jesus could help because Jesus can do amazing things! The centurion knew that Jesus was powerful, that Jesus only had to speak and the young man would be all better. And that's exactly what happened! Jesus loved the centurion and wanted to help him and the servant."

After the Activity: "Jesus is so powerful that all Jesus had to do was speak, and the young man was all better. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?"**

Supplies

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1.	Centurion's Helmet" Activity Page	1
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5.	Scissors	1
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8.	Clear tape	1
9.	Permanent marker	1