

First Look | March 15

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).

1. Centurion's Helmet

What You Need:

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

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?**”

2. Pray

Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. Jesus really is amazing, He can do things no one else can! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”