

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus has power over sickness, proving He is God.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In this world, we experience sickness and suffering because of sin entering through human disobedience. While Jesus may not always heal us in the same way He healed the official's son in today's passage, healing is a gift from God. Jesus has authority over sickness and is the Author of every moment of our lives. Your life has meaning because Jesus is the divine Author, and the story He is writing ends in glory.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: John 4:46-54

Live It Out: Fold a sheet of cardstock in half. Write *Jesus heals people* inside the card. Encourage your child to decorate the card for an ill person. Deliver the card to that person.

A man who worked for the king came to talk to Jesus. The man's son was sick and about to die. The man asked Jesus to come and heal his son.

"Come before he dies," the man said.

Jesus said, "Go home. Your son will live."

The man believed what Jesus said. He started to walk home. On the way home, he saw some of his workers, who said his boy was alive. The man asked when his son got better.

"He began to get better yesterday," the workers said.

The man thought about the words Jesus said. The boy began to get better at the same time Jesus spoke to him. The man knew that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus spoke the words, and the boy was healed.

KIDS

Scripture: John 4:46-54

Live It Out: Share that Jesus might not heal all illnesses; He could, because He has power over sickness. Help make a list people who are ill. Choose one to visit, send a card, or call.

Jesus traveled to Cana. A royal official heard that Jesus was in Cana. The official's son was very sick, so he traveled to Cana to see Jesus. The official said, "Come and heal my son! He is about to die!" Jesus said, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe in Me."

The official did not give up and begged, "Sir, please come before my boy dies!"

"Go," Jesus told the man, "your son will live." The royal official believed Jesus and left.

As the official traveled home, his servants met him with great news—his son was alive! The official asked, "What time did he get better?"

"His fever broke yesterday at one in the afternoon," they replied. The official remembered that was the exact moment when Jesus had told him, "Your son will live!" The official trusted Jesus, and because of the official's faith, everyone in his household believed in Jesus, too.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7; Psalm 38:3; John 4:46-49, 51-54

- What hope does Scripture offer for those suffering in a world broken by sin?
- How can recognizing life as a gift change the way you approach your daily routine or relationships?
- How does knowing Jesus is the Author of life change the way you view your personal struggles or losses?

Live It Out: As a family, take time to think about who you know in your church who is sick. Ask your student and family members how your family could be praying for God to heal this person's illness. Encourage your student and family members to sign a card to this person letting the individual know you're praying for him or her. Then deliver the card in person or send it in the mail.