

JESUS' SECOND MIRACLE

Bible Reference: John 4

Date: 7/19/26

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Jesus...

Heals

Schedule

- **Welcome/Arrival.....8:55-9:05**
- **Story Station (LG2).....9:10-9:30**
- **Project Station (Classroom).....9:35-9:55**
- **Game Station (LG1).....10:00-10:20**
- **Back to Classroom:.....10:20-10:45**
 - **Snack and Transition to 2nd Service**

Notes and Reminders

We are so excited to have you join us in discipling our PreK and Kindergarten children as we journey through the life of Christ! We encourage you to pray for the children's hearts to be open to new understanding of why we love and obey God!

 **SUMMER SUNDAYS 2026**

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' first recorded miracle of turning water into wine was immediately observable to His disciples and the servants who drew from the jars. His second miracle, however, required that a man trust Him without being able to see instantaneous proof that Jesus was at work.

A royal official found Jesus and humbly begged for a miracle only Jesus could provide—to come heal his son who was sick and close to death. Given the urgency of the man's request, Jesus' initial response—“Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe”—may sound callous; however, Jesus was providing an opportunity for the man to see Him as more than just a prophet or healer, but as Savior and Lord. Did this official believe that Jesus is who He said He is, or was the official simply seeking signs and wonders?

The official asked Jesus to make the journey to heal his suffering child, but Jesus proved His power isn't limited by proximity. Instead of traveling with the man, Jesus simply said the words, “Go, your son will live.” The official believed Jesus' words and departed for his home. He was soon met by servants who informed him of the exact time his son was healed. It was the very moment Jesus declared him well! As a result, the official's entire household placed their faith in Jesus!

This passage reveals that faith often involves believing in God's provision even when we don't see immediate results. The official's willingness to return home, trusting Jesus at His word, illustrates the definition of faith given in Hebrews 11:1: “Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.” The official didn't have to immediately see his son healed to believe Jesus' words of life.

Like the boy in this story, we need Jesus' healing power. While we may not yet be on our physical death beds, we come to Jesus dead in our sins. By trusting in Jesus for salvation, we receive the spiritual healing of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

This week, lead boys and girls to trust Jesus, especially in moments when they cannot see Him at work. Whether His answers to our prayers come quickly or seem delayed, we can trust in the power and goodness of our Savior who is always working for the good of those who love Him.

OUTLINE



Welcome and Arrival

8:55-9:05

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Choose one or several of the following activities to organize as the children arrive.

Do You Believe It?

- Gather a Bible and place paper strips at the following Scripture references: John 9, Matthew 17, Mark 4, and John 4. Invite the kids to listen as you open the Bible and read statements about Jesus and the things He did. After you read each statement, invite the kids to say, "Jesus is amazing!" Statements include: "Jesus healed a blind man with mud" (John 9); "Jesus told Peter he would catch a fish with a coin in its mouth" (Matthew 17); "Jesus calmed a storm" (Mark 4); or "Jesus healed someone with the words He spoke" (John 4).
- SAY _ All of these statements are true because they are found in the Bible. Jesus did many amazing things. In today's Bible story, we will hear that Jesus healed an official's son without ever seeing the boy!

Follow the Signs

- Gather a piece of red paper and a piece of green paper. Clear an area for active play and stand on one side of the room. Instruct kids to line up along the wall opposite of you. Tell kids that whenever you hold up the green paper, they should tiptoe toward you; whenever you hold up the red paper, kids should stop and freeze. Quickly alternate between green and red papers to show the kids how to move. Play several rounds, changing the movement instructions each time (hop, giant steps, and so forth). Consider allowing a child to be the sign holder.
- SAY Signs are important. When you saw the red sign, you knew it was time to stop and freeze. The green sign told you that you could move forward. Jesus said the miracles He performed were like signs to help people understand that God is His Father. Why did Jesus perform miracles? He performed miracles to show He is the Son of God. Jesus' miracles are signs that He is the one God sent to save people from sin and give them life with God forever.





Care for the Sick

- Offer the kids medical supplies and toy doctor kits. Suggest children play out a trip to the pediatrician's office. Offer a baby doll for a child to examine. Invite children to play out taking a temperature or listening to a heartbeat. Lead a child to wrap a bandage around a sore leg or arm.
- **SAY** How does a doctor check to see if you are sick? [Allow responses.] A doctor might take your temperature or look in your ears. The doctor might give you medicine to take. Is that how Jesus healed the official's son in today's Bible story? [Allow responses.] No. Jesus healed an official's son by speaking. Jesus talked to the official and told him that his son would live. The official believed Jesus. He went home and saw that his son was well. Jesus saved the boy from death. Jesus saves people from sin and gives them life with God forever.

Story Station (Large Group 2).....9:10-9:30

Project Station (Classroom)

9:35-9:55

Before the session, unwrap adhesive bandages, keeping the backings on. Write phrases from the key passage on several adhesive strips. Give each child a piece of construction paper and several bandages. Assist a child as she removes the backing from the bandage and attaches it to the paper. Read the memory verse out loud. Point out that the same words are on the bandages. Challenge a child to add bandages to form the shape of a cross.

SAY Jesus came to save people from sin and death. He took the punishment for our sin when He died on the cross and came back to life. If we believe in Jesus, God's Son, we can have life forever with Him. In today's story, after Jesus healed an official's son, the official believed that Jesus is God's Son. His son was healed because of a wonderful miracle! I love the way our key passage describes it—How great and mighty are His miracles and wonders!

Discuss what the children learned during the Bible Story today. Use the main Takeaways as a guide to your discussion.

- Jesus can heal our physical bodies, but more importantly, Jesus heals us from our sin.
- We can trust Jesus, even when we can't see Him at work.
- God always answers our prayers, sometimes quickly, sometimes delayed. Sometimes with a yes, and sometimes with a "no." But, God always sees, hears and cares!

(Sample Questions are also listed on the next page!)





Sample Questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made the father happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. The father knew his son needed to be healed. Who did he go see for help? (Jesus)
4. Why do you think the father went to Jesus to heal his son? (Answers will vary. Guide children to see the man believed Jesus could heal his son.)
5. Jesus saved the official's son from death. Who is the only Person who can save us from sin and give us life with God forever? (Jesus)
6. Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.

SAY One of the king's officials (special leader) had a son who was very sick, and he wanted his son to get better. The man knew just what to do. He went to see Jesus! Jesus healed an official's son, and the official and everyone in his house believed in Jesus.

Practice the Memory Verse

- Find the numbered index cards with the verse words written on them. Because most of the children are non-readers, put the cards in order by the numbers. Mix up the cards and give one or more cards to each child. Ask: "Who has number one?" "Who has card number two?" Continue until all the cards are in order.
- **SAY** We put our cards in order! Let's read the key passage phrase as I point to the words. The key passage phrase reminds us that Jesus did miracles and wonderful things. It also reminds us that His kingdom, heaven, will last forever. That is good news!

Game Station (Large Group 1)10:00-10:20

Back to Classroom10:20-10:45

Snack and Transition to 2nd Service!

