



Hearts and Hands

Younger children

Craft time

Design some armour to help you remember that Jesus is in charge. You could make a shield, a breast plate or a sword (if you are feeling brave) out of cardboard / a cereal box and decorate with pens, foil and stickers. Write on your armour, "I can trust Jesus".

Did you spot it?

- What was the centurion in charge of?
- What couldn't he fix?
- What did Jesus do with just his words?

Work it out

- What did the centurion think about Jesus?
- How did the centurion show that he trusted Jesus?

So what?

- Complete this sentence, "I can trust Jesus because....."

Pray

Thank you Jesus that you are in charge. When you speak it happens. Help us to trust you even in hard times. Amen.

Older children

Make time

Look up a picture of a Roman centurion — they have really impressive looking shields. Design your own shield. Make it look amazing, or use it to defend yourself from some enemy attacks of balled-up socks thrown at you by your family.

Did you spot it?

- Who was the centurion in charge of?
- What did he tell them to do?
- What was he unable to control?

Work it out

- What did the centurion understand about Jesus?
- What did Jesus say was great about the centurion?
- How did the centurion show that he trusted Jesus?

So what?

- How does knowing that Jesus has power help you to trust him?
- Can you think of one part of your life where you find it hard to trust Jesus?

Extra Stretch

- Jesus was able to make a sick person better — doctors and nurses can do that today. What was different about Jesus and what does that tell us about his power?
- From what Jesus says in v10–12, what qualifies a person for being in or out of God's kingdom?

Pray

Either thank Jesus for what you have learnt about him, or pray for a part of your life where you want to trust Jesus more. Amen