

PRETEEN MINISTRY

4TH & 5TH GRADE



JUNE 7, 2026

JESUS' SECOND MIRACLE

JOHN 4

CHRIST CONNECTION

We all are dead in our sins, but Jesus provided the way to save us by dying for our sin and rising again. Everyone who repents and trusts in Him is saved from death and will live forever with God.

LEADER DEVO

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 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.

ARRIVAL

When kids arrive, they can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until large group starts. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and build relationships with them. Ask them about their week, big events coming up, or follow up on a prayer request from the week before.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:3



NEXT BIBLE BUCKS DAY

JUNE 28

There are many techniques and tools to help kids (and you!) memorize Scripture.

THIS MONTH'S TOOL: POST-IT NOTES

Write the verse out on a Post-it note and put that note somewhere you'll see often, such as a bathroom mirror, the fridge door, etc. Every time you see the note, read the verse aloud 2-3 times.

LESSON

After traveling through Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, Jesus returned to Cana of Galilee. This is the same city where Jesus performed His first miracle, turning water into wine at a wedding.

A royal official came to Jesus, begging Him to come to Capernaum and heal his son. The man's son was so sick he was about to die.

Jesus said, "Unless you all see amazing signs and wonders, you will not believe."

"Sir," the official said, "please come before my boy dies."

"Go," Jesus said. "Your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said and left.

While the royal official was on his way, his servants came to him and told him his son was alive! The official asked, "What time did he get better?"

"Yesterday at about one in the afternoon," they replied. The father realized the boy had gotten better at the exact moment Jesus had said, "Your son will live." The man believed in Jesus, along with everyone in his house.

This was the second miracle Jesus performed after He came from Judea to Galilee.

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SMALL GROUPS

OUR GOAL

To create opportunities that invite preteens to discover for themselves what it means to own and live out their faith.

DISCUSSION / APPLICATION

- 1) The royal officer who came to Jesus was a Roman, not a Jew. Why would this be a significant detail? What does it tell us about Jesus, His heart, and the inclusivity of the Gospel?
- 2) Read John 4:50 again. What word best describes the phrase “The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.”? (see also Hebrews 11:1)
- 3) What does this miracle healing tell us about Jesus’ power and heart for people?
- 4) Do you ever find it hard to have faith and trust God in hard circumstances? Share with the group what makes it difficult, then pray for each other for strength and trust in God.
- 5) Ultimately, Jesus came to heal us from sin. Who can you share the Gospel with this week?

PICK UP

After small group, kids can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until they are picked up. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and follow up on any questions or discussions from small group time.

As parents arrive upstairs, direct them to the game room, large group room, or balcony to pick their kids up. Make sure to match their security code with their kid's name tag and remove the name tag before they leave!

CLEAN UP

- Put away any supplies used during small group.
- Turn off TVs and lights in the small group rooms.
- Turn off both air hockey tables and put away extra pucks or paddles.
- Gather any balls or other items left out in the game room and put them away in the correct bins.
- Put away any games, books, or supplies in the balcony area.
- Check for any items left behind by kids and put them in the lost and found.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!