

Sunday school lesson – Upper Primary

BIG IDEA	The faith God commends
Bible Reading	Luke 7:1-10
Preparation	<p>Read Luke 7:1-10 Unlike other passages featuring miracles, the focus of this passage is not so much on the miracle itself, but on the faith of the Centurion. The Centurion is an unlikely person to demonstrate such clear faith, but we have seen that it is often the outsider and the unexpected who turn to Jesus. The Centurion demonstrates what genuine faith looks like – a recognition of unworthiness, and a complete trust in God’s goodness and power to save. Jesus commends this faith and shows that the Centurion was right to put his faith in him by healing his servant.</p> <p>Take home message: Truth faith recognises our unworthiness and trusts God’s word is powerful to save.</p> <p>Prepare for “Getting Started”: Make a set of scales using a coat hanger, 2 pieces of string and 2 plastic cups. Get objects to be weighed in the scales. Get a map showing Capernaum for use during the lesson.</p>
Getting Started	Show pairs of objects and get children to guess which object is heavier. Use the scales to test.
Finding Out 1. Recognition of unworthiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Last time we learnt about the types of things we see in our lives (fruit) that show we have a changed heart. What sorts of things show this? ➤ After teaching people about what it means to follow him, Jesus and his followers moved on to Capernaum (<i>could show on a map</i>) <p>Read Luke 7:1-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: What is happening in another part of Capernaum as Jesus enters it? • Q: How does the Centurion feel about his servant? What does he do? • Q: What sort of man do you think the Centurion was? <p>Read Luke 7:4-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: How do the Jewish elders describe the Centurion? What had he done? ➤ The Centurion was not Jewish. He worked for the occupying forces (the enemy). And yet he is described as loving the nation of Israel and doing something for them that would have been at great cost to himself (building a synagogue). ➤ It would be like ➤ Therefore, the Jewish elders told Jesus that the Centurion was <i>deserving</i> of his help. He had done enough to earn help from Jesus. <p>Read Luke 7:6-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: How did the Centurion describe himself? • Q: Why do you think the Centurion still believed himself unworthy, even after all the good and selfless things he had done? ➤ The Centurion knew that even all the good he had done did not put in him in a position where Jesus owed him anything.

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Finding Out 1. Recognition of unworthiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Last time we learnt what it looks like to truly trust and obey God. ➤ Q: Can you remember some of the things we see in people who are following God? <i>(Use pictures of smiley face, heart and eye as a reminder)</i> ➤ Today we are going to find out about someone who understood what it means to truly follow God. ➤ Jesus and his followers travelled to a place called Capernaum. <i>(Show on a map)</i> ➤ There was an important man who lived in Capernaum. He was a soldier. He was the boss soldier, called a centurion- who told everyone what to do. ➤ The centurion had a servant who was very sick. He was worried about him and wanted to help him. <p>Read Luke 7:3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: <i>What did the centurion do?</i> • Q: <i>Could Jesus make the sick servant better?</i> ➤ The centurion’s friends found Jesus and asked him to come and help. ➤ They told Jesus all about the good things that the centurion had done. He had helped them and been kind to them, and even built a building for them to worship God in. ➤ They asked Jesus to come and help the soldier because he had done so many good things. They told Jesus he should help the centurion because he was good. • Q: <i>Do you think the centurion was good?</i> • Q: <i>What do you think the centurion would say if you asked him if he was good?</i> ➤ This is what the centurion said when he heard Jesus was coming to help <p>Read Luke 7:6-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: <i>Did the centurion think he was a good person?</i>

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Getting Started	Show pairs of objects and get children to guess which object is heavier. Use the scales to test. Or play “Simon Says”.
Finding Out 1. Recognition of unworthiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Last time we learnt about some people who thought they were following God’s rules, but they really weren’t. They were not being kind or helping people. ➤ Today we are going to find out about someone who understood what it means to truly follow God. ➤ Jesus and his followers travelled to a place called Capernaum. ➤ There was an important man who lived in Capernaum. He was a soldier. He was the boss soldier- who told everyone what to do. ➤ The boss soldier had a servant who was very sick. He was worried about him and wanted to help him. So, he sent some of his friends to Jesus to ask him to come and make his sick servant better. • <i>Q: Could Jesus make the sick servant better?</i> ➤ The soldier’s friends found Jesus and asked him to come and help. ➤ They told Jesus all about the good things that the soldier had done. He had helped them and been kind to them, and even built a building for them to worship God in. ➤ They asked Jesus to come and help the soldier because he had done so many good things. They told Jesus he should help the soldier because he was good. • <i>Q: Do you think the boss soldier was good?</i> • <i>Q: What do you think the boss soldier would say if you asked him if he was good?</i> ➤ This is what the soldier said when he heard Jesus was coming to help

