

Believe on Jesus, God the Son to save you from sin!

Bible Lesson: Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son – *John 4:46-54*

Main Teaching: Believe on Jesus, God the Son to save you from your sin!

Word Up: Believe God's Promises!

Supplies:

- Word Up Booklet – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Talk, Ask, Spend Time Sheet – Small Group
- Sticky note and pencil for each child – Small Group
- Recording for “Let’s Get Started” and “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You” - Worship (Sing About the King 4 CD)
- Optional Song Visual for “Let’s Get Started” – Worship (cefpress.com)
- Piece of paper and scissors – Object Lesson
- Card for omniscient and omnipotent
- Flashcards for Bible Story “Jesus Heals the Nobleman’s Son” – Bible Lesson
- God Cares Charade paper strips – Small Group (Resource Pack)
- Quiet Time Handout – Lesson 4 (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Worship / Rules / Word Up
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Bible Lesson
- 10 min – Review Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson the children in your club will be challenged to believe what God has promised them in His Word. They will hear the story about Jesus healing the nobleman's son. They will see how the nobleman believed Jesus when Jesus told him his son would be healed. When Jesus tells us something, we can believe it! **“Believe on Jesus, God the Son, to save you from sin”** is the main teaching for this lesson. As you teach, pray that the Holy Spirit will help your children believe on Jesus and the promises He has given in His Word.



SMALL GROUP

Say Memory Verse

Have kids say their memory verse from last week to their small group leader

How Can I Love Like Jesus Did?

(Write “Talk,” “Ask,” and “Spend Time” across the top of a piece of cardstock.) Jesus truly cared for and loved people who most people didn’t like. Can you tell me how Jesus showed love to the Samaritan woman in our story a few weeks ago? (Allow response.) He talked to her, cared about her life and spent time with her even though most people would never even think about doing that. Think silently to yourself about someone you know who may be difficult for you to love; maybe someone at school or in your neighborhood or even someone in your family. (Give children a minute to think.) If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, the Holy Spirit can help you love this person. Think to yourself about one way you can show love to him or her like Jesus showed love to the

Samaritan woman. On this sticky note draw or write one way you can show love to that person. *(Be prepared to give examples such as compliment the person, ask about their favorite things to do, talk to them about Jesus, etc.)* When you are finished drawing, stick your note to the white board under one of the three ways Jesus showed love to the Samaritan woman. *(Give each child in your group a sticky note. When all the notes are up, read them aloud. Then pray that the Holy Spirit will help the children show love to people who are difficult to love.)*

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to <https://www.cefcmi.com/lessons/song-demos>

“Let’s Get Started”

“God Wants to Spend Time with Just You”

RULES

Review the Up Rules.



WORD UP!

“Believe God’s Promises!”

Have you ever made a promise to someone that you ended up not being able to keep? Maybe you promised your friend you would come to his party, but something came up and you couldn’t go. Maybe you promised your mom you would clean your room but you got distracted and forgot. We don’t always keep the promises we make, but you can always trust the promises God makes because He always keeps His promises. Whenever you hear “Word Up!” stand up and say **“Believe God’s promises!”** *(Say with children.)*

OBJECT LESSON

Impossible Paper

Materials: Piece of Paper and Scissors

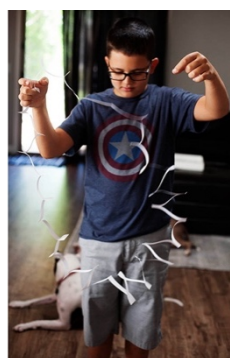
What if I told you that I promise I could cut a hole in this paper big enough to fit my entire body through? Would you trust me? (Begin cutting paper as instructed below). You see, sometimes, it’s hard to trust somebody when they say something crazy. Sometimes we say, “I’ll believe it when I see it!” It’s hard to know when somebody or something we read is trustworthy. But there is one book we can always count on to tell the truth – that’s the Bible! The Bible is full of promises from God. It talks about how God’s love for us is unending, and how we can be strong and courageous because God is our helper when things seem scary. We can trust in God’s promises, because He has proved over and over again that He will do what He says He will do. (finish cutting to reveal the huge circle the paper created) You see, what I did today is just an optical illusion. You may have thought it would be impossible to fit my entire body through this one piece of paper like this! (Place circle of paper over your head and around your body.) But even more important to know, is that God truly CAN do the impossible! With God, nothing is impossible. We can trust that He will do what He says He will do...God always keeps His promises!

Cut paper using the following instructions. For a video, google “cut a piece of paper you can walk through” to see a Youtube instructional video.

Fold a piece of paper or cardstock in half. Begin cutting slits, alternating the sides as you cut. Start and end with cuts that start on the folded side. **Be sure to leave about ¾ inch at the end of each slit. Do not cut all the way through to the other side.**



Now cut down the fold. **Do not cut the first and last slits.** Your paper will open up into a large circle!



BIBLE LESSON

INTRODUCTION

When I was your age, my favorite thing to do after school was (*share favorite thing*). What are some things you like to do when you're not in school? (*Allow response.*) Maybe you like to play outside, read books, watch TV, play video games or hang out with friends. Those are some things most kids like to do.

A long time ago a little boy lived in a city called Capernaum (*kuh-PURR-nay-uhm*). Maybe he liked to play outside and spend time with his friends.

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

Flashcard 4-1

But let's look at this picture. What do you think is happening? (*Allow response.*) Everyone looks so sad! The little boy was very sick. He couldn't go out and play. He had a high fever and had been sick for a long time. His father was so worried. He was an important man—the Bible calls him a nobleman (official)—but he could do nothing to make his son get better. Nothing seemed to be helping. He loved his son and must have been very worried that his son might die.



Death and sickness are part of life here on Earth. Was it supposed to be that way? No. When God made the world, He made it perfect and good. But then the first man and woman disobeyed God, bringing sin into God's creation. Disobeying God is sin. With sin came sickness and death and all kinds of sadness. (*Read Romans 5:12.*) This verse means that everyone's body will die someday. But there is more. Death means separation from God right now on Earth and forever. That is the worst thing about sin. Your sin separates you from the holy God. He can't have anything to do with sin. Maybe your parent has said not to watch a certain movie, but at your friend's house you watched it anyway. Maybe you knew you were supposed to take care of your pet but didn't give him food or water for two days. These are some things kids your age might do that are sin. You are born with the "want to" to sin. That makes a problem between you and God that you can't fix on your own. Sin is a terrible thing. Death and sickness are part of this world because of it.

The father was worried that his son would die and he couldn't do anything about it. But he had heard about a man named Jesus. Lots of people were talking about Jesus and the amazing things He was doing! What are some miracles Jesus did that they may have heard about? (*Allow response.*) Remember how Jesus had changed water to wine? It was a miracle! Maybe Jesus would help this man!

The nobleman left his home in Capernaum and began walking to Cana—about 15 miles—to find Jesus. Can you imagine walking to (*name a town approximately 15 miles from where you are*)? That's a long way and they didn't even have cars back then. But the father was willing to go that far if Jesus would come and heal his son! So he started walking. Stand up and walk in place while we count the 15 miles. Here we go! (*Do with children.*) Can you imagine walking for many hours?

Flashcard 4-2

When the man got to Cana, he found Jesus. He said to Jesus, "Please come and heal my son! He is about to die!" Jesus looked at the man and said, (*read John 4:48*). Everyone had been talking about Jesus because He was doing and saying things no one had ever done or said before. Some people didn't believe on Him. Some were starting to believe Jesus was the Savior God had promised. But still others just wanted to see more and more amazing things.



Jesus could do these amazing miracles because He is God. He is perfect and holy. He has power over everything because He is the Creator of everything. On the count of three shout out your favorite thing God made. One, two, three! (*Do with children.*) God made the world and the entire universe. He is in charge of all of it. It all belongs to Him. He made you too and loves you more than you can ever imagine. (*Read Jeremiah 31:3b.*) Jesus, who created everything, loves you with a forever love! Jesus showed His great love for you by coming to the world He created. He came to show people He is God the Son, who loves and cares for them. One of the ways He showed this was by doing miracles—things only God can do.

The man knew Jesus' miracles were amazing. He also knew Jesus was the last hope for his son to get better and not die. So he said, "Sir, please come before my son dies!" What would Jesus do? Would Jesus go with the man right then and heal his son?

Flashcard 4-3

Jesus looked at the sad father and said, "Go back home. Your son will live!" Jesus had not been to the house to see the boy. He just spoke the words that the boy would be well. What do you think the father thought about that? (*Allow response.*)

Jesus knew all about the boy and his sickness. Do you remember the word we learned last week when we talked about the Samaritan woman at the well? I will give you some clues and when you remember the word, shout it out. Here is your first clue: It's a word that means all knowing. (*Continue giving clues as needed; e.g., God*

knows everything about you, it starts with the letter “o,” etc.)

Omniscient Card

The word is *omniscient*! *(Hold up the card and have children shout omniscient together.)*

Omnipotent Card

This week we have another new word. *(Show “omnipotent” card.)* This word is *omnipotent*. It means “all powerful.” Jesus is omnipotent—all powerful. If He wanted to, He could heal the boy even from a town 15 miles away. Jesus can give life when no one else can.



Jesus is the only one who can give life because He is God the Son. He is also the only one who could take the punishment for your sin. Jesus lived a perfect life on Earth—He never sinned but sinful men who hated Jesus accused Him of things He did not do and had Him put to death on a cross. They put nails in His hands and His feet and blood flowed from His body. *(Read Revelation 1:5b.)* Because He loves you, He willingly died and gave His blood for you. He was separated from God because your sin was put on Him. Jesus died and was buried but on the third day He came alive again! He is living today in Heaven ruling as King. One day in the future Jesus will make all things new—there will be no more sickness and death. Things will be perfect. Jesus offers you eternal life starting today because of what He did for you.

Jesus can give life when no one else can. Jesus told the father to go back home—that his son would live. Would the boy’s father trust Jesus? Would he stay and keep asking Jesus to come or would he go? Which choice would show that the boy’s father trusted Jesus and believed His words? *(Allow response.)* Let’s see what happened. *(Read John 4:50b.)* The father believed!

Flashcard 4-4

How relieved the father must have been! His son would not die! Jesus was showing who He is—God the Son, who is all powerful! He loves and cares for people. The man believed Jesus. He hurried home, trusting that Jesus could heal his son by just speaking the word.

Flashcard 4-5

As the man got closer to his home, his servants ran out to meet him. Guess what they said? *(Allow response.)* They said, “Your son lives!” The father was so excited! Jesus has power over everything! When Jesus said the boy would get well, he did!



Jesus’ words were true! If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, **Believe what God has promised you in His Word. Word Up!** Say with me, **“Believe God’s promises!”** *(Say with children.)* I have three cards with some promises on them from God’s Word. *(Have three children come up and read the promises for the cards. On one side of the card have the verse and on the other have the promise that goes with it: Hebrews 13:5b with “God is always with you,” Hebrews 13:6a with “God is your helper,” and 1 John 1:9 with “God forgives.” If you have a whiteboard or large sheet of paper, write the promises on it after each verse is read.)* When you are afraid remember God is always with you *(point to “God is always with you”).* When you need help to know how to live for God remember God promises to be your helper *(point to “God is your helper”).* When you know you’ve sinned and need to confess (agree with God about) your sin, you can know God forgives you *(point to “God forgives”).* All of God’s promises in His Word are true—you can believe them! God is faithful; what God says He will do. He will always be with you, He will help you live for Him and He will forgive you when you sin. You can trust His promises! Jesus’ words are always true.

When Jesus said the boy would get well, he did! The father was so excited! Everyone stand up and clap and cheer. *(Do with children.)* That’s probably how the father felt.

He asked, “What time did my son start getting better?” The servants said, “Yesterday about the seventh hour (about 1:00 p.m.) the fever left him.” That was the *exact* time the man had been talking to Jesus!

CLIMAX

At the exact moment when Jesus said, “Your son will live!” the boy started getting better! Only Jesus could speak the words and heal the boy, even from far away. Jesus is God who cares for people!

CONCLUSION

The Bible says that the man and everyone in his house believed on Jesus! Jesus did this miracle to show He is God and He has power over sin and death. God has not promised to heal everyone but He has promised to be with you and help you no matter what you are going through. And best of all, He came to Earth to bring life—everlasting life for those who would believe on Him.

INVITATION



If you have never believed on Jesus as your Savior, your sin separates you from God. But when Jesus died on the cross, He was separated from God for you so you can have everlasting life with Him. *(Read John 3:36a.)* This verse is talking to you, me and everyone in the world! To believe is to trust (depend) on Jesus alone to save you. When you believe on Jesus you will receive everlasting life that starts the minute you believe! You then have a relationship with God—you won’t be separated from Him anymore. He will be with you all the time and help you live for Him. Then one day you will live with Him forever in Heaven. Have you believed on Jesus? If not, will you do that right now? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you want to **believe on Jesus, God the Son, to save you from sin**, or you have questions about what that means, please show me by looking up at me. *(Acknowledge responses.)* You may all open your eyes. If you looked up at me to show me you want to talk to me, please meet me *(designate time and location)* and I will show you from the Bible what it means to have everlasting life.

? REVIEW GAME

I Spy Points

Choose a “mystery object” (an object in the room) and tell the children what color it is. When a child correctly answers a question, award 1,000 points to his team and let the child guess the mystery object. If he guesses correctly, award his team an extra 1,000 points then choose another mystery object and continue playing!

1. Why did Jesus come to Earth? *(To bring life—everlasting life for those who would believe on Him.)*
2. What is the only way you can be forgiven and be close to God? *(Believe on Jesus as your Savior.)*
3. Why was the nobleman sad? *(His son was very sick.)*
4. What did the nobleman have to do to get to Jesus? *(Walk 15 miles to where Jesus was.)*
5. What did the nobleman ask Jesus to do? *(Come and heal his son.)*
6. Why could Jesus do the amazing miracles the people were all talking about? *(He is God; He has power over everything.)*
7. What did Jesus tell the nobleman? *(Go back home. Your son will live.)*

8. What does the word omnipotent mean? (*All powerful [show card if child has difficulty remembering].*)
9. What did the nobleman's servants say when they ran out to meet him? (*Your son lives!*)
10. According to our memory verse, when do you receive eternal life? (*When I believe on the Son—Jesus.*)
11. If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, what else can you believe about God? (*God's promises in His Word are true; I can trust God; answers may vary.*)
12. How can you know God's promises are true? (*Because God always speaks the truth; answers may vary.*)

MISSIONARY STORY

Gladys Aylward Part 6



Gladys was traveling across the mountains of China with 100 children to escape the fighting of the war. But they were now stuck. They had to cross a river, but there wasn't a bridge or boats. Suddenly, one of the children shouted, "Soldiers!" Gladys froze in fear. Around a bend came 50 soldiers. But these soldiers were friendly! They were surprised to see so many children. Wanting to help, they opened their knapsacks and handed out food. They radioed more soldiers on the other side of the river to get boats to help all the children cross!

After traveling for about a month, Gladys and the children finally arrived at Sian (*shee-AHN*) where they would be safe from the war. But Gladys was so weak that she collapsed as soon as the children were safe. She was sick for many months. The children were placed in a good orphanage and with families who could help them. After Gladys

got better, she continued to share God's love as she worked to help other refugees, orphans, and sick people in Sian.

While in Sian, Gladys met a man from England who was excited to hear her story. He helped her raise enough money to travel back to England to see her parents and tell people about the work God was doing in China. After almost 20 years, Gladys took the long trip back to England. She stayed there for a few years, but her heart was still for the Chinese people.

After World War II was over, China was ruled by communist leadership and would not let Gladys come back. So she got as close as she could and ended up in Taiwan. She continued to work with orphans and share the amazing truth of Jesus and His love with everyone she met. Gladys Aylward continued to live for God until her death in 1970. Through her willingness to follow God, she helped many people learn about God's love.

How about you? Do you know about God's amazing love for you? Do you let that knowledge change how you live? Are you making choices that help you show God's love to others? Let's pray and ask God to help us follow Him in every part of our lives and to give us His strength and love to love others too.



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

God Cares When Charades






Write out sentences about times that God cares for children – you are sad, you are afraid, you are in the dark, you are alone, you lose a game, you hurt your knee, you are angry, you feel sick, you fall down, you are sleeping, you are feeling happy, etc. Cut the sentences apart and put each one into a box or bag. Have a child pull out a piece of paper and act out the scenario. When someone gets it, have the entire group say “God cares for you when you are sad.” (or whatever the card said)

DISMISSAL

Hand out a Quiet Time Sheet (Week 4 in the Resource Pack) to each child. Encourage them to fill it out and bring it back next week. As children are getting picked up, try and connect with the parents and have them remind their kids this week that God cares for them when they have hard times.

Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son

This page has been designed for you to photocopy and place in your Bible as a ready reference.

<p>Lesson Outline</p> <p>I. INTRODUCTION What are some things you like to do when you're not in school?</p>	<p>II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS</p> <p>A. Flashcard 4-1 (John 4:46-47a)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A nobleman's son was very sick. ☹️ With sin came sickness, death and all kinds of sadness. [Romans 5:12] 2. The nobleman had heard about a man named Jesus and the amazing things He was doing. 3. The nobleman left his home and began walking about 15 miles to find Jesus. 	<p>B. Flashcard 4-2 (John 4:47b-49)</p> <p>The nobleman asked Jesus to come and heal his son. ☹️ Jesus could do these amazing miracles because He is God. [Jeremiah 31:3b]</p> 	<p>C. Flashcard 4-3 (John 4:50a)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus told the nobleman to go back home—his son would live! 2. Jesus is omnipotent—all powerful. ☹️ Jesus came to the Earth He created to bring life where there was sickness and death. [Revelation 1:5b] 	<p>D. Flashcard 4-4 (John 4:50b)</p> <p>The nobleman believed that Jesus could heal his son just by speaking the word.</p> 	<p>E. Flashcard 4-5 (John 4:51-53a)</p> <p>The servants ran to tell the nobleman his son was getting better. ☹️ If you have believed on Jesus, God's promises to you are in His true Word, the Bible. [Hebrews 13:5b-6a; 1 John 1:9]</p> <p>III. CLIMAX At the exact moment that Jesus said, "Your son will live!" the boy started getting better.</p> 	<p>IV. CONCLUSION</p> <p>Flashcard 4-6 (John 4:53b-54)</p> <p>The Bible tells us that the man and everyone in his house believed on Jesus! ☹️ Will you believe on Jesus? [John 3:36a]</p>  <p><i>Scripture verses in parentheses are background text. Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.</i></p>
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