

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com). You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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## JESUS IS GOD (PART I)

Part of The Big God Story **Matthew 8:5-13**

A Roman officer sent word to Jesus about his sick servant. He knew the man needed healing, and Jesus was the only one powerful enough to do it. Jesus healed the man with His words. The officer had faith because Jesus is God!

### JUST FOR FUN

Make a yummy treat, but don't let your children see it. After dinner, have them close their eyes and feed them each a bite. Ask, "Why would you eat something without knowing what it was? You trusted that as your parent, I wouldn't feed you anything bad." Enjoy your yummy food together. Read a part of The Big God Story when someone trusted and believed that Jesus is God. Read **Matthew 8:5-13**. Ask your children why they think Jesus was amazed by the centurion's request. As a family, discuss anyone you know who may need healing, and pray for that person.

## Did You Know?

- Centurions were Roman soldiers who were known for their brutal way of enforcing the government's will.
- Despite his position, the Roman soldier knew only Jesus could provide healing for his servant.
- Jesus healed the man's servant simply by speaking; He wasn't physically present when the healing took place.

## Remember Verse

*May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.*

Psalm 119:76

Your child will begin to know God by watching your relationship with Him. Allow your child to be a part of your everyday spiritual practices. This will give him a foundation based on knowing God and His Word.

## Teachable Moments

- Who was the only person who could heal the centurion's servant?
- How do you think the centurion felt when Jesus healed his servant?
- What are some ways we know Jesus is God?

## Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

**A blessing to pray over your child:**

(Child's name), **Jesus is God. May you shout to the Lord with gladness this week.**