

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. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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Jesus Sees Faith

Part of The Big God Story
Matthew 8:5-13
Faith of the Centurion

JUST FOR FUN

This week, plan to go for a walk somewhere with your family. Ask, "If you ran into Jesus while you were walking, what do you think you would say to Him?" When you arrive at your destination, read **Matthew 8:5-10**. Explain to your children that this man came to Jesus while He was walking. The Centurion showed "astounding" faith when he asked Jesus to come heal his servant. Discuss with your children the ways that your family can show their faith in Jesus.

Did You Know?

- The Roman officer in Matthew 8 was a man who commentators believe was highly respected by the people of Capernaum.
- In the original Greek language, the word for "astounded" is *thauma*— "a wonderful thing, a marvel, or causes one to wonder exceedingly."
- Because of the Centurion's conviction and trust in Jesus' power and ability, his servant was healed at that very moment.

Your child's relationship with the Lord is primarily influenced by his interactions with his caregivers. As his faith grows, your expressions of love, grace, and compassion will ultimately reflect those aspects of God's character.

Teachable Moments

After reading **Matthew 8:5-10**, discuss the following together:

- What did the Centurion do that amazed Jesus?
- How did the Centurion show his faith in Jesus?
- How might God want us to show faith in Him this week?

Remember Verse

I have chosen the way
of faithfulness; I have set
my heart on your laws.
Psalm 119:30

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), may you always know how much Jesus loves you. May you always have faith that Jesus will do what He promises.