

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #58

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SUBJECT: The Compassion and the Power of the Lord Jesus (Heals the Centurion's Son)

SCRIPTURE: John 4:45-54

AIM: That the Lord's children may know the compassion and the power of the Lord Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE: John 4:42 "... we believe... and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

Content:

Have you ever been sick? What does Mommy and Daddy do when you are sick? (Give the children a brief time to tell you their experiences.) Right, they put you to bed, give you medicine and pray for you. Sometimes they take you to the doctor who helps you to get well.

Today, I will tell you a wonderful story from the Bible. It is the amazing story about a little boy who was very sick. He lived in the city of Capernaum. The Bible tells us that this little boy was very, very, very sick. He was hot with a fever. I am sure that his parents took the best care of him. They may have put him to bed. They may have even taken him to the doctor and given him medicine. Even with all of this special care, he was still sick. He was so sick, that he was dying. His parents must have worried so much about him, because no matter what they did, this poor boy remained so hot and sick.

The boy's father heard that the Lord Jesus had come to Cana of Galilee. This was the same city in which the Lord Jesus had turned the water into wine. Maybe even this boy's father had heard of this wonderful miracle. The boy's father may have thought to himself, "If this wonderful person called Jesus could turn the water into wine, perhaps He could make my son better."

The father came to the Lord Jesus and asked Him, "to come down and heal (to make better) his son; for he was at the point of death." The Lord Jesus answered, "Unless you people see signs and wonders you simply will not believe." A "sign" is another word for a "miracle." The father said to Him, "Come, before my child dies. Then the Lord said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." The father of the sick boy believed the word of Jesus spoken to him and left to go home to see his son.

When the father returned home, his servants came to meet him. They said that the little boy was still living. What wonderful words to this father's ear. His son was well. How happy the boy's father must have been. He asked the servants at what time was his son made better. The boy got better around lunch time. The father knew that it was at that time that Jesus had said to him, "Your son lives."

The boy's entire family was so happy that the Lord had made him well and that he would not die but live. The Bible says that the father and the whole family believed in the Lord Jesus.

This was a great and wonderful story how God's Son healed a father's son. This story also shows us how much God loves all his children.