
“The Faith of the Centurion”

Sunday School Lesson from Luke 7:1-10



In this Sunday School Lesson, children will see that Jesus has great power and deserves our faith.

Learning Objectives: After this lesson, children will demonstrate knowledge of the story ... by telling the story back in their own words.

Target Age: Kindergarten – 5th

Text: Luke 7:1-10

Items Needed:

- Marked Bible for this passage. Prepare the copy in advance by highlighting the significant points to emphasize. Underlining words or ideas that will need additional explanation. I typically make small notes in the margin.
- Optional: [Centurion coloring pages](#) or Jesus coloring pages
- Coloring Page: [Centurion activity page](#)
- [Coloring Page: F is or Faith](#)
- [Faith Craft ideas for Sunday School](#)

Lesson Background: This seventh chapter in Luke is all about the greatness of Jesus, he is greater than disease (v.1-10), death (v.11-17), all the former prophets (v.18-33), and even our sin (v.34-50).

Don't miss the fact that Jesus welcomed and praised the faith of the Roman Solider, the very symbol of worldly power. He was also an outsider who understood Jesus' power better than the Jews who were supposed to know the Scriptures. There is no person outside of God's love and no human power that will not bow to Christ one day.



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The Centurion's Faith

Hook (Lesson Introduction)

Tell a story about a time when you were sick. Tell the children that even the strongest adults can become very weak when they get sick. Disease and sickness are very strong. But in our story today we will see that Jesus is much greater than sickness.

Book (Biblical Content)

Active Listening: Ask the children to listen carefully for the three people Jesus heals in this passage. Tell them you will ask them to tell the story back when you are done.

Read (and summarize) Matthew Luke 7:1-10. (Read with emotion and pause often to engage the children with the reading.)

Ask for reports: How would you explain this story if you saw it first hand.

Yes or No: Ask the children to stand up if these were things Jesus did in this story. If they are not in the story the children should stay seated with arms crossed.

In this story

- Did Jesus heal Peter's mother-in-law?
- Did Jesus heal a soldier's servant from the other side of the city?
- Did Jesus turn water into wine?
- Did Jesus praise the soldier's faith?
- Did Jesus clear the moneychangers out of the Temple?



Look (Applying the Truth)

How can it help us to know that Jesus is greater than sickness?

Possible answers:

- We can trust him more when we pray.
- We can look forward to the Kingdom of heaven.
- We don't have to be afraid, because Jesus is in charge.

Took (Taking this Lesson Home)

Discuss with the children how this Bible story can affect them in real life:

In this story the soldier showed his faith in Jesus' power. How can you show your faith that Jesus has power?



Luke 7:1-10 NIV

The Faith of the Centurion

7 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. **2** There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. **3** The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. **4** When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, **5** because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." **6** So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. **7** That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. **8** For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." **10** Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

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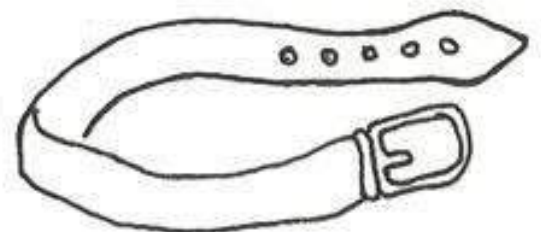
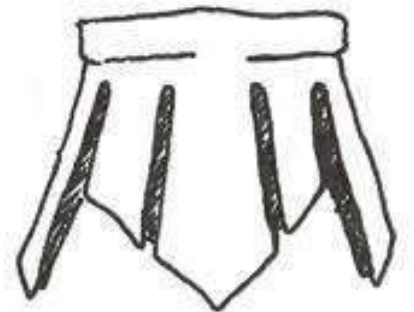
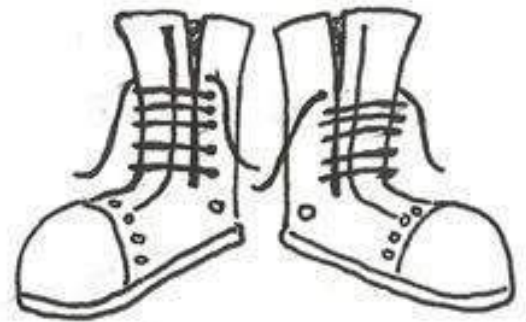
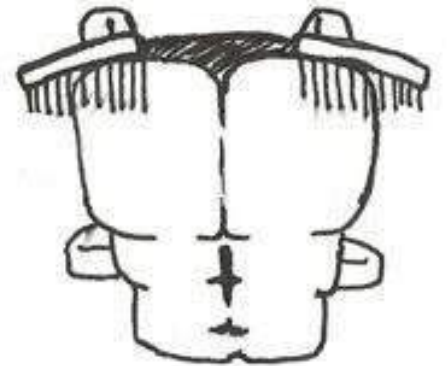
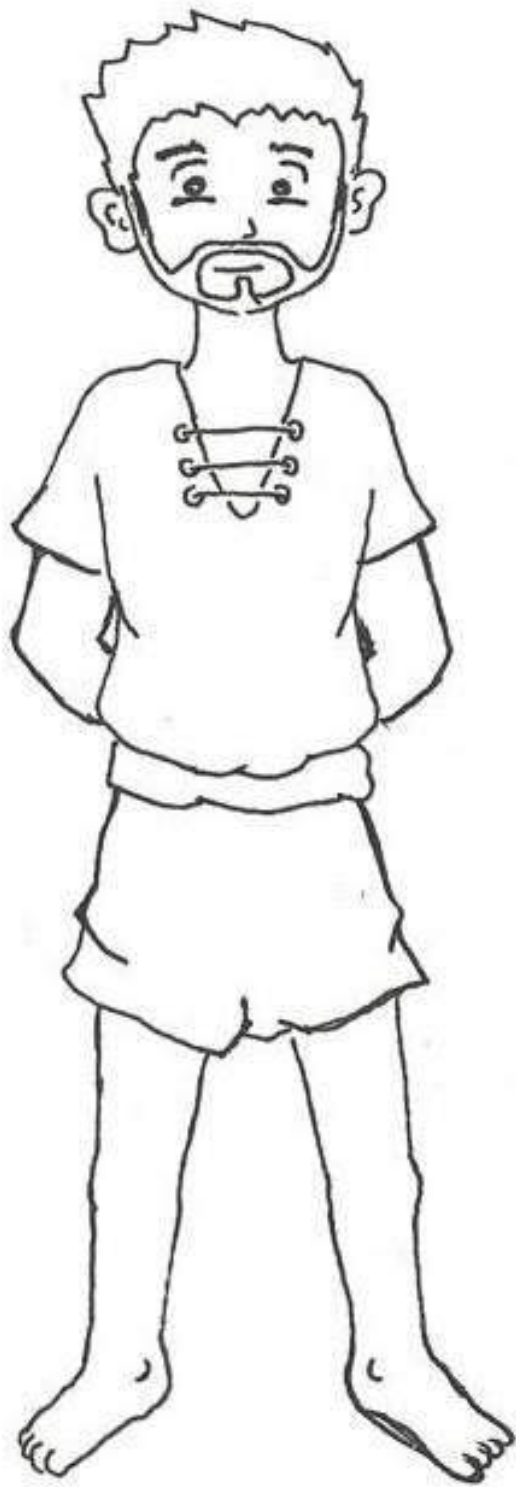
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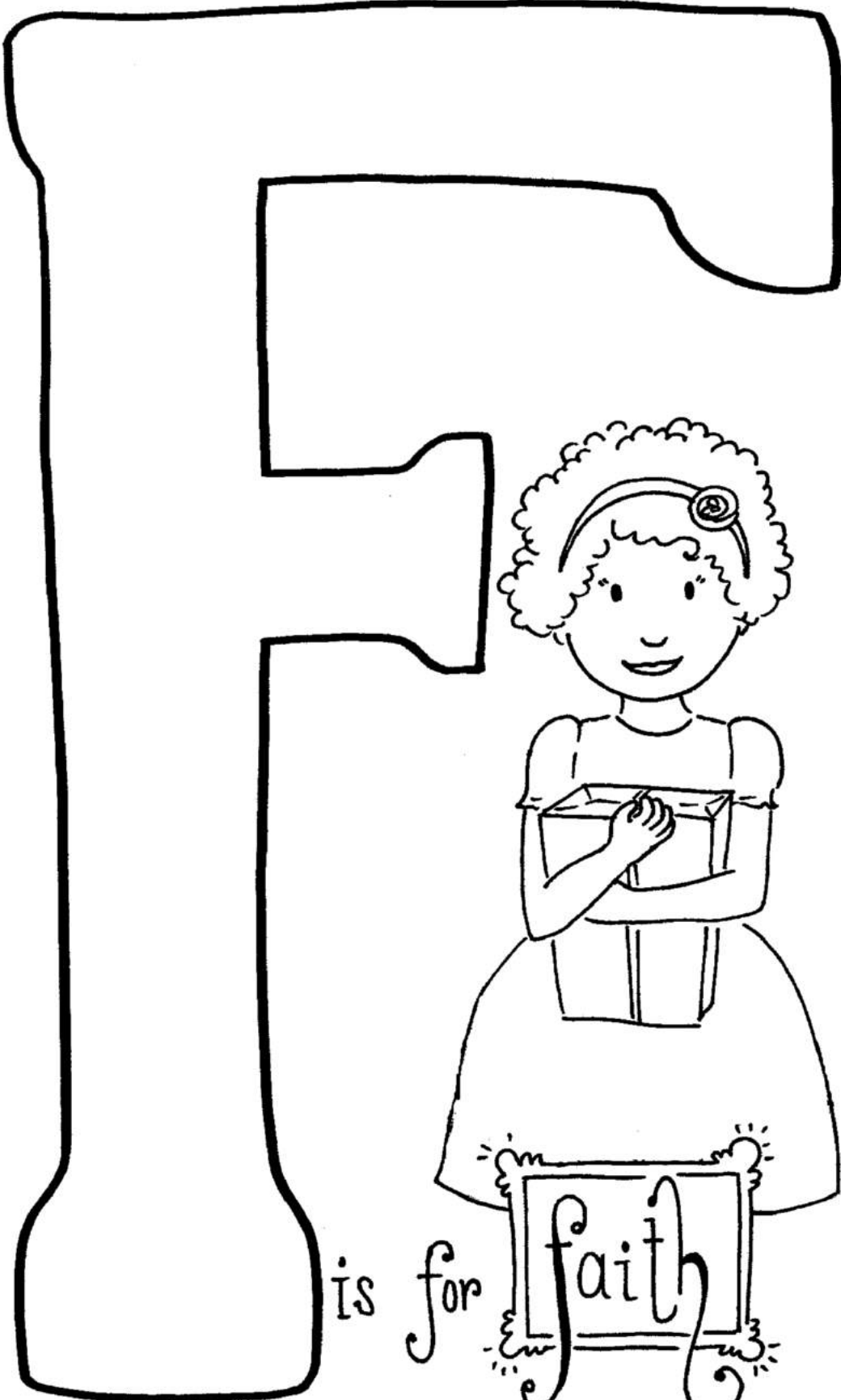
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“What is Faith?”

Bible Crafts for Sunday School

Faith can be a challenging thing to explain, visualize, or describe. But there are some great [Bible craft activities](#) that make faith a craft-worthy topic!

These two ideas use the metaphor of plants to describe faith. As a small seed blooms into flowering faith, we will demonstrate plant-related crafts that show faith principles. The leaf collage is a fun fall incorporation with room for fun and creativity, as well as another plant incorporation theme.

Be sure to watch the [video directions](#) for these Sunday School crafts.



Craft one: “Blooming Faith”

You will need:

- Paper or Styrofoam cup
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Stickers (if desired)
- Glue
- Pipe cleaners
- Popsicle sticks
- Markers/decorative materials



Procedure:

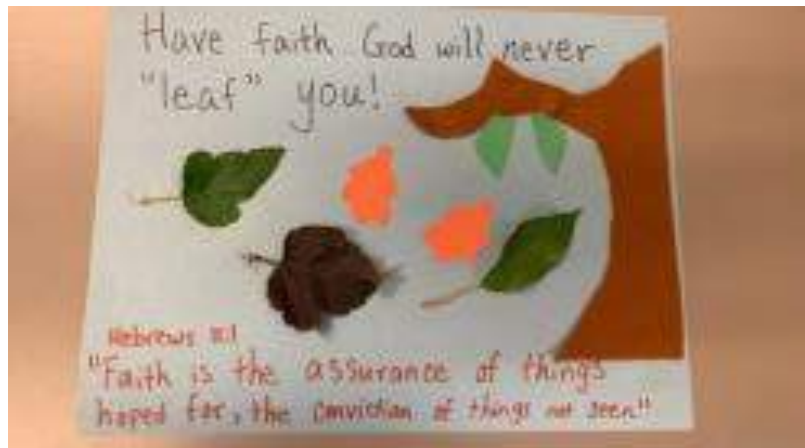
1. Cut flower and leaf shapes out of construction paper.
2. Decorate the cup, adding a caption or verse.
3. Decorate with stickers and other pictures, if desired.
4. Insert popsicle stick into the bottom of the cup, cutting a slit first if necessary.
5. Glue paper flower to the stick, and add a pipe cleaner and/or leaves, if desired. Lift stick up and down to “grow” the plant!



Craft Two: Growing faith leaf collage

You will need:

- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Felt, foam, or decorative leaves
- Leaves (real)
- Pens/decorative material
- Seeds (optional)



Procedure:

1. Draw or cut and paste a "tree like" image onto the construction paper.
2. Add a caption (printed or written) with the verse and a fun pun like "be-leaf God's promises" or "God will grow your faith" or "God will not LEAF you!"
3. Add extra leaves: glue on paper or foam leaves, find real leaves outside, or draw leaves.
4. Use creativity and artistry to decorate the collage: choose from leaf designs, add some seeds, throw on some glitter, incorporate color...whatever makes it fun and unique to each student!



Bible Verses or scripture captions to consider:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. –Hebrews 11:1-3

And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. – Luke 17:6



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