

SUMMER IN THE SON: *Lessons from the Life of Christ*

Week 4 • July 16 • Jesus Healed the Official's Son (John 4:46-54)

Theme: Jesus' Miracles Help People Believe in Him

The official wanted Jesus to save his son from death, and it was not until Jesus did so that he understood who Jesus is: the promised Messiah. It took faith for the official to believe Jesus' words— that his son was healed. In healing the official's son, Jesus showed His authority and power as God's Son.

Not everything we say we will do will actually happen. Only God knows the future. But Jesus is God's Son, and when Jesus said that the official's boy would live, the official trusted that Jesus was telling the truth. Jesus performed a miracle by healing the boy.

Family Devotional

Do: Explain that you will read a statement. If a kid believes the statement is true, she should stand. If she believes the statement is false, she should remain seated.

Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system. (true)

The brown pelican is the state bird of Louisiana. (true)

The state of Florida is larger than the country of England. (true)

The eye of an ostrich is larger than its brain. (true)

People typically spend more than two hours each night dreaming. (true)

A quarter has 119 grooves on its edge. (true)

Say: How do you know if someone is telling the truth? Today we are going to hear a Bible story about a man who trusted that Jesus was telling the truth.

Big Question: What happened when Jesus performed miracles? Jesus' miracles helped people believe in Him.

Read: John 4:46-54.

Ask: What city did Jesus travel to? (*Cana in Galilee, John 4:46*)

Who was sick and needed Jesus' help? (*a royal official's son, John 4:46-47*)

What did Jesus say the people needed to see to believe in Jesus? (*miracles, signs and wonders; John 4:48*)

What did Jesus say to the man? (*"Go, your son will live"; John 4:50*)

Who met the man on his way home? (*his servants, John 4:51*)

What did the servants say about the man's son? (*the boy was alive, John 4:51*)

Who healed the official's son? (*Jesus healed him, John 4:52-53*)

What happened when Jesus performed miracles? Jesus' miracles helped people believe in Him.

Pray: Lord God, Your grace is amazing. You are so kind to us, and You give us good gifts that we do not deserve. We praise You for Jesus' miraculous acts, and we know that He is the promised Messiah. God, thank You for today and for Your Word. Go with us and remind us of the good news about Jesus. Amen.