



JESUS + THE ROMAN OFFICER (LUKE 7:1-9)

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'YOUR KINGDOM COME'



Jesus is our powerful and kind king, so I can trust Him.



FAMILY NOTES

- Reminder that these come out every second Sunday when our River Kids Video is out
- Check out the app Lectio for Families for more great opportunities for family discipleship

DATES OF INTEREST:

72 Hours of Prayer – Sunday 7-10 March

Baptisms – Sunday 17 March



TEACHING

READ THE BIBLE STORY - LUKE 7:1-9

Read it together and ask everyone to share what this story shows them about Jesus. For example they might say kind, powerful, caring, special.

I would suggest you go around the circle and ask everyone to say one.

JESUS - HE IS TOO GOOD!

Ask: Do you know if God's people liked Roman soldiers?

Explain: They didn't! God's people were under the rule of the Romans and were not treated that well. But this soldier seemed to be different, he was KIND to God's people. And Jesus was KIND to him, stopping what He was doing to help heal his servant, even though he wasn't one of God's people. Jesus is powerful in this story, but he uses his power in kindness.

lay out these words for Jesus and remind them that this term is all about seeing what Jesus is like.

Explain: Jesus is so good, he is often things that we don't see in people together.

Eg If someone is powerful and strong, you might not always expect them to be kind too.

Challenge the kids to find some more (like close and big!) and pick their favourites. Have them thank God for being those things through prayer OR go around the circle and share why.

PRAYER EXERCISE

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Your Kingdom Come

Explain we are going to be looking at the Lord's prayer all term this year and we are going to memorise it all.

Today we are looking at 'Your kingdom come'

Ask: What kind of King is Jesus like? What does He like and not like?

Explain: When we ask Jesus' kingdom to come it's saying we want His way of doing things to happen and for His will be done on earth. It means no bad things happening.

Ask: How would we know what Jesus' wants to happen ie what His is like?

We know by what it says in the bible and knowing the kind of king He is. For eg in the bible we see Jesus being kind to people others are mean too. So we know Jesus' kingdom is happening when people are kind and love one another.

YOUR KINGDOM COME

Use A4 paper and write the following titles on the top of each pages:

Me My family My school My world

Use post it notes so the kids can take time individually (ideally quietly) writing or draw a prayer for each.

Then have each person pick one to pray out loud at the end.