

THE OFFICIAL'S SON

Bible Reading: (John 4:46-54)

Aim: To have faith in the lord, and always know that He is with us all the time, and when we ask Him in faith, we shall receive.

Memory Verse

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. Psalm 118:6

Objectives: the children will learn

- To always ask the Lord. And the lord will give us, according to His will.
- To emphasize that the official had faith when the Lord told him his son lives.
- To glorify the work of the Lord healing the official's son.
- To have faith in God, and believe in Him and what He does for us.

Introduction:

GETTING THEIR ATTENTION:

Materials needed:

- Color printer

What to bring with you to the lesson:

- Lesson outline.
- 10 printed slides of the nobleman's son story.

WHAT THE SERVANT DOES:

(Prepare ahead)

Attached is 10 slides of the story of the nobleman's son, please print them off, preferably with a color printer, and bring them to the lesson.

(During the lesson)

The servant will need to follow these set of instructions.

- 1. Give the lesson about the official's son, as per usual.**
- 2. Make sure each child understands the story.**
- 3. Ask the children questions in regards to the story.
(Questions are supplied at the end of the story below)**
- 4. Do activity, the activity should not take more than 10 minutes, please allow time for the activity.**

Lesson outline

The story of the official's son

- When Jesus came to the country of Galilee, the people there were very glad to see Him. They had heard of all the wonderful things that Jesus had done.
- In the city of Cana, the city where Jesus had turned the water into wine at the wedding, a nobleman (one of the rulers) came to him and asked Him to come and heal his son who was dying.
- Jesus said to the man that most people didn't believe in Him unless He did miracles for them. [This man, however, believed Jesus and begged him to come to heal his son before he died \(John 4:46-54\).](#) Jesus told the man to go home because his son was going to live.
- The nobleman believed Jesus and he went away happy. On the way home one of his servants met him and told him that his son was alive.

- The nobleman asked him what time did his son begin to get better. The servant told him that it was at the seventh (at 1 pm) hour, and the nobleman knew that was the same time Jesus told him that his son would live.

Conclusion

Jesus showed love to children by healing a little boy who was close to death.

Jesus wants us to always believe in Him and appreciate His will.

Questions:

1. What country did Jesus go to that the people were glad to see him?
2. What city did Jesus heal the nobleman's son in?
3. What is a nobleman?
4. What time was the nobleman's son healed?

THE ACTIVITY:

As instructed bring the 10 printed slides of the official son story, give each one of children a slide, in random order. Allow the kids to rearrange the story to the correct order. Allow the child/children to discuss what happened in that particular photo.

The pictures are going to be the responsibility of Mark & Janet, every class will get a set of 10 pictures.

Please pray for the success of this lesson.

For Servants

http://fuel.mpath.com/notes/Supernatural_The%20Officials%20son.pdf

Text: John 4:48: “Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

Reading: John 4:43-54.

Introduction:

- Our text expresses Jesus’ lament that the people of the region (people everywhere?) would not place their faith in him unless they saw miracles. His complaint is perhaps a commentary on the hardness of the human heart (Heb 3:7-12). On the other hand, hidden beneath the lament is the reality that revelation is indeed required for faith to germinate (Rom 10:17). The sign-miracles (shmei'a - semeia) of John demonstrate this reality. These special wonders revealed Jesus’ character in such a way that, when apprehended, evoked life-transforming faith (John 20:30-31).

John 4:46: “Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine.

And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.”

- Our story opens with reference to the miracle in Cana, the first 'sign' miracle. Similarly our story concludes with mention that this miracle is the second 'sign-miracle'.

Attention is therefore drawn to the author's purpose and thus we are advised to pay close attention to what the sign-miracle reveals. By now we know that the

sign element of Jesus' miracles tells us something about Him which leads to faith. So what is the John trying to convey in this second of Jesus' sign-miracles?

John 4:47: "When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to Him and **begged** Him to come and heal his son, who was close to death."

- The scene unfolds in this verse regarding the nature of the miracle we are about to observe. An official of King Herod had a seriously ill son whom he earnestly begged Jesus to come and heal. Indeed the son was near death. This point is important because he was virtually raised from death, as the story will unfold.

John 4:48: "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

It seems there was a test of faith for the official too. In addition, does Jesus' seeming lament carry a meaning that signs and wonders are indeed necessary for faith? Are we to understand by his lament that faith may come about only when revelation occurs through, as in this case, the sign revealed in the miracle (cf. 1 Cor 2:9-11)? John 4:49: 'The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

- The official was not daunted by Jesus' lament that faith would not arise unless people saw signs and miracles. He merely asked again and more urgently.

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St. Marks Sunday School Bible Study.
Year 1 and 2
HEALING THE NOBLEMAN'S SON
(JOHN 4:46-54)

MEMORY VERSE:

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FILL IN THE BLANK:

1. "So Jesus came again to _____ of Galilee where He had made the water wine..."

JOHN 4:46

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

2. "...And there was a certain nobleman whose son was (**LIVING, SICK**) at Capernaum." **JOHN 4:46**

3. "When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and (**HEAL, MEET**) his son, for he was at the point of death." **JOHN 5:47**

TRUE OR FALSE:

4. "The nobleman said to Him, 'Sir, come down before my child dies!' "**JOHN 4:49 (TRUE OR FALSE)**

5. Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." But the man did not believe the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. **JOHN 4:50 (TRUE OR FALSE)**

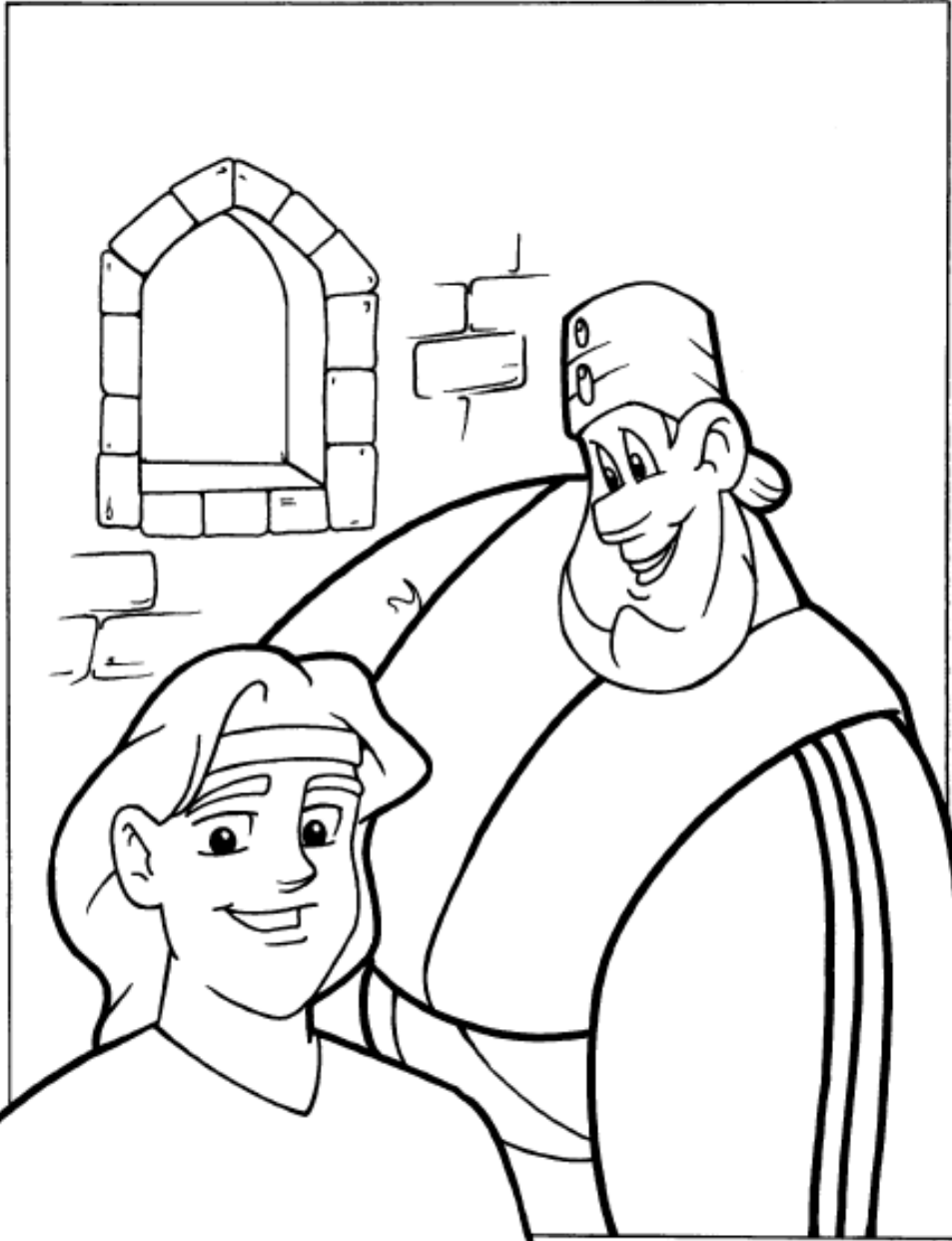
CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

6. "And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, 'Your son (**LIVES, DIED**)!' "**JOHN 4:51**

7. "Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, ' (**TODAY, YESTERDAY**) at the seventh hour the fever left him.' "**JOHN 4:52**

8. "So the father knew that it was at (**A DIFFERENT, THE SAME**) hour in which Jesus said to him, 'Your son lives.'..." **JOHN 4:53**

Color in the Picture:



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