



WEEK THREE – MARCH 2026 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Centurion | Matthew 8:5-13*

Key Question: *Who is amazing?*

Bottom Line: *Jesus is amazing.*

Memory Verse: *“We have seen amazing things today!” (Luke 5:26 NLT)*

Series Overview:

An all star is someone who stands out because they can do things no one else can do, and this month, we are celebrating the greatest “All Star” of all—Jesus! Jesus is God’s Son, and everything He does shows us how amazing He is. From turning water into wine to calming storms and walking on water, Jesus does what no one else can do. So all month long, we are telling preschoolers true stories from the Bible that teach this big truth: Jesus is amazing! As we finish our “All Star” month, let’s remember what the Bible says: “We have seen amazing things today!” (Luke 5:26 NLT). The people who saw firsthand the miracles Jesus performed were amazed! And that is what we want for preschoolers this month. Every story we are telling will show them that Jesus really is amazing—He has power like no one else, and He loves us more than we can imagine. So, let’s celebrate Jesus, our All Star,

and pray that children and parents will see how amazing He is in their own lives each day.

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: Centurion Shuffle Card Set

What You Do:

- Gather kids to sit down in a circle.
- Place all cards face down in the center of the group.
- Instruct kids to take turns flipping over 2 cards at a time.
- When one of the colorful centurion cards is found, encourage all kids to stand up and march 5 times in place.
- Repeat until all kids have had a turn and as time allows.

What You Say:

Look at all these soldiers. (show the soldier game cards) But 2 of them are special. The special soldiers are called “centurions”. (show the 2 colorful soldiers) They are in charge of the other soldiers!

Let’s play a game. We will put all the card face down on the floor. When it’s your turn , flip 2 cards over. If you find one of the centurions, we will all stand up and march in place 5 times...like soldiers!

Today, in our Bible Story, we’ll hear about an important soldier called a Centurion. He needed Jesus’ help to make someone better. Let’s go hear how Jesus helped.

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: An important soldier called a centurion goes to Jesus for help because he KNOWS Jesus can make a young man in his house all better. Jesus is ready to go to the young man, but the centurion believes Jesus' power is so great that Jesus doesn't need to come to his house. Jesus is amazed at his faith and says: "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened" (Matthew 8:13 NLT). And right then, the young man was healed. Jesus is SO powerful that all He has to do is speak! Jesus is amazing!

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

POWER PASS

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: Pocket Dice; Color Cards

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Put colored paper in the pocket dice to match the color key below:
 - **Blue** = Say the Memory Verse -- "*We have seen amazing things today*" Luke 5:26
 - **Red** = Make a heart with your hands
 - **Green** = Fist bump a friend
 - **Yellow** = Clap three times
 - **Brown** = March in place 5 times
 - **White** = Shout the Bottom Line - "Jesus is amazing!"
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*

- Gather the children in a circle and demonstrate how to play
- Choose one kid to roll the dice.
- Encourage entire group to do the motion of the corresponding color.
- Continue until all kids have a turn.
- Repeat as time allows.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, we’re going to play a game called Power Pass! I put colorful paper on this dice, and each color means something different. (*Turn the dice to the blue side.*) The blue side means we’ll say our Memory Verse. The red side means we’ll make a heart with our hands. The green side means we’ll fist bump a friend. The yellow side means we’ll clap three times. The brown side means we’ll march in place 5 times. And the white side means we’ll shout the bottom line, ‘**Jesus is amazing!**’”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “When the dice comes to you, roll the dice and do the color’s action! I’ll remind you what your color means as we play our game. [Child’s name], here comes the dice. (Give them the dice.) What color is showing?
 - Explain for each color what action they should do.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “You listened and followed directions, just like soldiers follow their leader. In our Bible Story today, we heard about a very important soldier, a centurion, who believed that all Jesus had to do was say the word and something amazing would happen, and it did! [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing?** [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus is amazing!**”

STORY SEARCH

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: “Story Search” Activity Page

What You Do:

- *Before the Activity:*
 - Copy “Story Search” on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Hide the pictures around the room.
- *During the Activity:*
 - Walk around the room together with the children to find the story pictures. Once all the pictures are found, review the story as you put the pictures in order.
- *After the Activity:*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *Before the Activity:*
 - “Hi, friends! It’s so good to see you today. We heard an amazing story about how powerful Jesus is, and I have a fun way for us to tell the story together.”
- *During the Activity:*
 - “First, we need to find our story cards. Let’s take a walk and look for them. *(Pause.)* Look, there’s a card. Let’s pick it up and take it with us. *(Pause.)* Great, let’s keep walking and looking. *(Pause.)* Oh! We found another one. *(Continue until you’ve collected all the cards.)* Now that we’ve found all the story cards, let’s sit down and put them in order as we tell the story.
 - “Our first story card has a picture of the centurion. The centurion was a very important soldier and he led a lot of soldiers. Let’s lay this picture down here; it’s the first part of our story. *(Pause.)*
 - “The second story picture is the young man who worked for the centurion. He was sick and had to stay in bed. The centurion knew Jesus could help the young man because Jesus is the Son of God and **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.** This is the second part of our story. We’ll lay this picture beside the first picture. *(Pause.)*
 - “This picture is the centurion talking to Jesus about the sick young man. We’ll add this picture next. *(Pause.)* Jesus said He would go and make him better. But the centurion knew that Jesus was so powerful that all Jesus had to do was speak and the sick man would be all better. Jesus told the centurion to go home because he believed. And the young man was all better!

- “See the centurion and the young man who was all better? *(Pause.)*
That’s our last picture, and we’ll put it here at the end. *(Pause.)* Wow,
[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!”
- *After the Activity:*
 - “All Jesus had to do was speak, and the young man was all better.
That is amazing! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?**
[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!”