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MYOCN PEW PALS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

TRUSTING JESUS' WORD WITH FAITH

In today's Gospel (Matthew 8:5-13), we hear about a Roman centurion who loved and trusted Jesus very much. His servant was very sick, and the centurion believed that Jesus could heal him – even without being near him. Jesus was amazed by the centurion's great faith and said that his servant would be healed because he truly believed in Jesus' power.

This story teaches us that faith is very important. We don't have to see Jesus with our eyes or be close to Him to believe He can help us. When we trust Jesus with our whole hearts, He listens and helps us, just like He helped the centurion's servant.

Family Homework

Trust Walk Game: set up a short obstacle course. One family member wears the blindfold. Another gives directions to complete the course.

How did it feel to trust someone's words when you couldn't see? The centurion trusted Jesus' word even though he couldn't see the healing.

Memory Verse

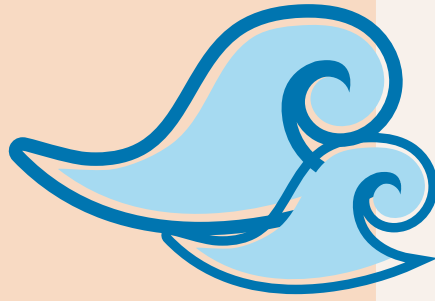
**"Go! Let it be just as
you believed it
would."
Matthew 8:13**



CRAFT – Faith Waves

MATERIALS:

White Cardstock
Watercolor Paints
White Crayon/Oil Pastel
Paintbrush
Water & Paper Towels



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. On the white paper use a white crayon to draw waves radiating outward like a ripple. In the center write hidden words like “Faith, Jesus’ Word Heals, Only say the Word” – you won’t be able to see it yet – it’s invisible.
2. Brush watercolor paint over the paper. The hidden white crayon designs resist the paint and become visible.
3. Cut out or draw a small centurion figure in the corner and a reminder of his faith.

The centurion trusted Jesus’ word—even though he couldn’t see the healing. This craft uses watercolor to show how Jesus’ unseen power can spread out like invisible waves.

DISCUSSION PROMPT

Why do you think Jesus was so happy with the centurion’s faith? How can we show faith like the centurion in our own lives?

SAINT STORIES

SAINT EUPHEMIA THE GREAT MARTYR

St. Euphemia was a young Christian woman who lived in Chalcedon (near modern-day Istanbul) during the early 4th century. She was known for her deep faith and courage.

When the Roman authorities demanded she stop believing in Jesus and worship the Roman gods, Euphemia refused, boldly confessing her love for Christ. Because of her unwavering faith, she was imprisoned and tortured, but she never gave up on Jesus.

According to tradition, her prayer and faith were so strong that God helped her endure suffering. Saint Euphemia’s life teaches us that no matter what challenges we face, strong faith and trust in Jesus can help us stand firm. Like the centurion in today’s Gospel, she shows us how powerful faith can be.

