

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Centurion's Servant

from Matthew 8:5-13.

God's grace is for everyone; Jesus healed the centurion's servant.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Appeal
- Worthy
- Authority
- Heir
- Outer darkness
- Gnashing

A centurion was a Roman military leader who was in charge of 100 soldiers.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 290-291

Spark Bible pages 1066-1067

Family Prayer

Dear Lord, you offer grace and forgiveness to all. Please help us accept your love with trust and faith. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1 Who is in charge of you? Why? What gives them the authority to tell you what to do?
- 2 Jesus speaks of "heirs to the kingdom." Who does he mean? Why would they be flung into the "outer darkness"?
- 3 The centurion trusted and put his faith in Jesus. Name some other things that people often trust (and should not).
- 4 Play a trust game with your family. Take turns blindfolding and leading. The leader must safely guide the blindfolded family member from one chosen place to another.



Eye Spark

Look for hands being held. Let them remind you to put your faith in God.



Ear Spark

Listen for the words "I believe..." "I trust..." and "I think..." When you hear them, consider what the person is putting faith in. Remember to put your faith in God.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Look through a magazine, a newspaper or at a TV segment. Pay particular attention to the advertisements. Talk together about what they are asking you to believe. Do you trust them?

For younger kids

Talk to your parents about who you should go to when you need help.

For older kids

Make a list of emergency contact people and agencies with the appropriate phone numbers. Show your family the list and put it up where everyone can use it in an emergency. Talk with a parent about what you should do if you need help, but you cannot reach them right away.