

When the captain heard that Jesus was coming, he sent some of his friends to meet Jesus. The captain had them tell Jesus, "I am not good enough for you to come into my house. That is why I sent others to speak to you for me. I know that you have the power to make my servant well without even coming to my house and touching him. All you have to do is say a word, and my servant will be healed. I am only a man, but even my word has power. I can make my soldiers obey me. You can do much more. You are God, so your

words have much greater power than mine."

When Jesus heard the captain's words, he was very pleased. He said to the people nearby, "I have not found anyone with such a strong faith even among the people of Israel!"

Jesus told the captain's friends, "Go back to the captain and tell him that I will heal his servant, just as he believed I could."

When the captain's friends returned to his home, they found that the servant was no longer sick. He had been healed at the exact time that Jesus had said it would happen.



Today we heard how a captain went to Jesus for help when his servant was sick. The captain trusted that Jesus had the power to help him with this trouble.

Trouble comes to everyone at one time or another. God has not promised that we as Christians will have trouble-free lives. However, he has promised to help us in every time of trouble. When troubles sadden your child, encourage him to speak a simple prayer asking for God's help. He might find that a good time to include such special prayers is after speaking his regular bedtime prayers. Assure your child that Jesus wants us to come to him with our troubles and that he will help in a way that is best for us.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, make our faith strong. Help us remember that we can always come to you with our troubles. We trust that you have the power to help us. Amen.



### \* Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart.

### \* The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

### \*\* Hymn 422:1

Jesus, lead us on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow, calm and fearless.  
Guide us by your hand  
To our fatherland.