



WEEK
THREE
FEBRUARY 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. LOVED

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Loved" Activity Page; cardstock; washable markers; glue sticks; red or pink yarn; hand wipes; and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Loved" on cardstock, one per child. Cut yarn into 12-inch lengths, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children color Jesus, the centurion, and his servant then glue the heart line. Help children follow the line with their piece of yarn.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit with me at the table. I have another love craft for you to make today!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Who do you see on your paper? (Pause.) I see Jesus, and I see the centurion with his servant. Look at the line between them. (Pause.) The line makes a heart! Color Jesus, the centurion, and his servant. (Pause.) Great! Now take your glue stick and follow the heart line with it. (Pause.) Super-duper! Now lay your yarn down on the line to glue it to the heart. (Help as needed.) Amazing friends! You did such a good job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story, we heard how the centurion, who was a powerful and important leader, needed Jesus' help. He knew that Jesus was more important than him and could do amazing things. The centurion's servant was very, very sick at home, and he wanted Jesus to make him better. He knew that Jesus was so powerful that He could just say it and the servant would be better. Jesus told the centurion to go home and that his servant would be better. And that's exactly what happened! Jesus loved the centurion and wanted to help him and his servant. Jesus loves you and wants to help you, too! Jesus loves you! And He wants to be your friend forever. **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me and wants to help me.

THE CENTURION
MATTHEW 8:5-13

MEMORY VERSE

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

WHAT YOU DO:

Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Since Jesus loves us and wants to help us, let's make a list of things we need help with. When I say your name, tell me one thing you need help with. (*Write each child's name and what they say in the journal. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"Thank you for telling me what you need help with. Now let's pray about it! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love us and help us. Please help [child's name] with (*what child listed*). Please help [child's name] with (*what child listed*). Please help . . . (*continue with each child*). We trust You to give us what we need when we need it. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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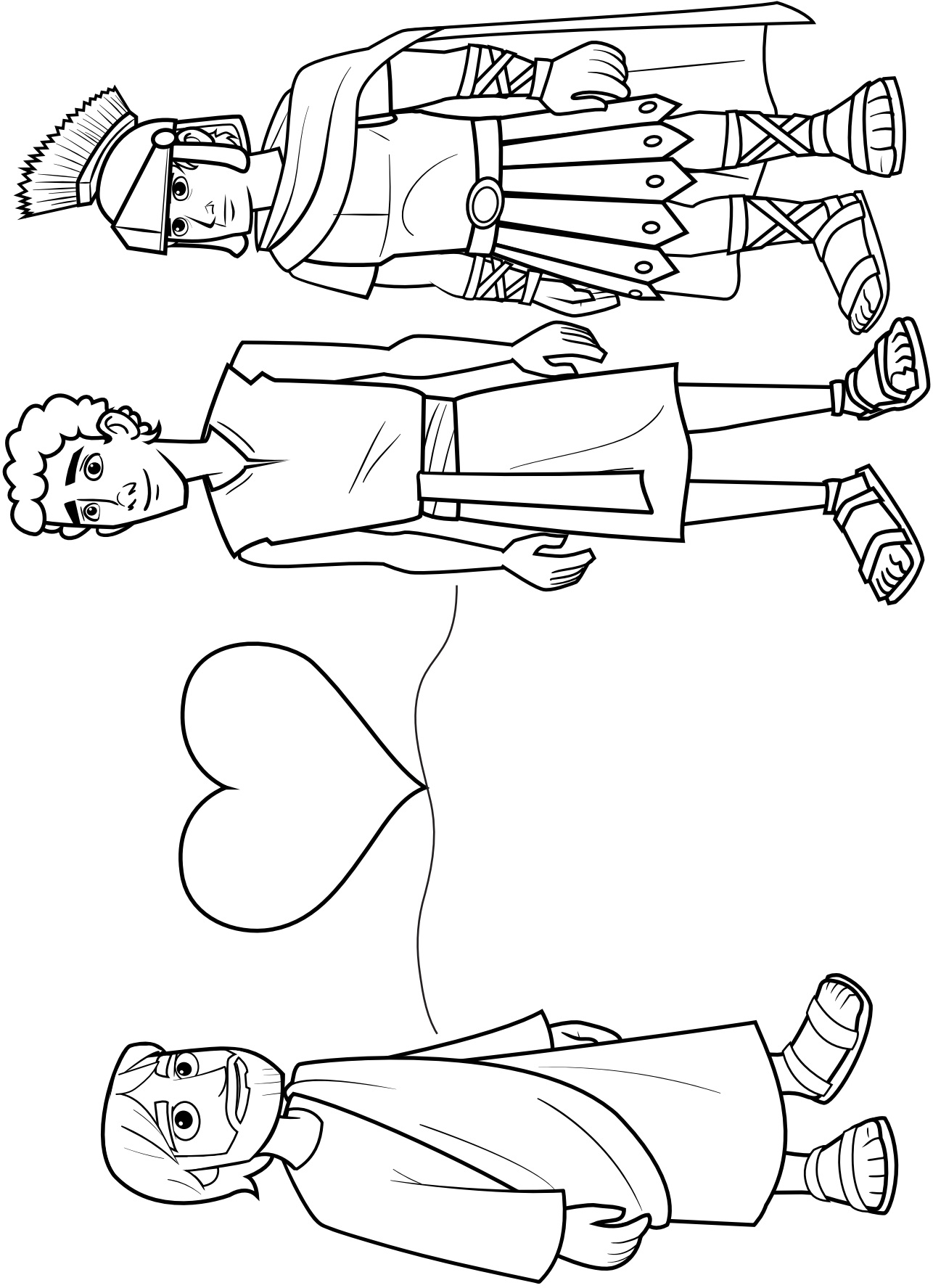
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