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Series: Jesus Takes Care of Me
Winter Year 2, Lesson 38

The Captain's Faith

Take Home Point: *WHEN I AM WORRIED
...*I trust Jesus.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Luke 7:1-10

We will help children know:

- The Bible Event of Jesus healing the captain's servant.
- We can trust Jesus with all our problems.
- Trust is believing what you cannot see. Even if we cannot see how God is caring for our problems, we can believe that he loves us and takes care of us.




We will help the children feel:

- Confidence in Jesus' love.
- Faith in Jesus' power.
- Trust that Jesus cares for them.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: Painted Cross.
- Snack: Captain's Snack.
- Game: Captain Says.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: WHEN I AM WORRIED...*I trust Jesus.*
- Sing and Pray.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 5	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bubba puppet holding a picture of his mother (can be from internet.) Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 child sized Biblical costumes mat or sleeping bag microphone
Small Group Application 	8 9 10 11	Activity 1: Craft-Painted Cross Activity 2: Snack-Captain's Snack Activity 3: Game-Captain Says Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A copied on cardstock, one page per two children paint brushes watercolors crayons newspapers to cover table <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups, water or juice stick pretzels Option 1: fruit cocktail spoon squat cups Option 2: buttered bread cut into 1" pieces plastic knife <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> none
Large Group Wrap-up 	13 13	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Bubba puppet holding a picture of his mother; Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Bubba. (Children call "Bubba".)

Bubba: (Replies in a sad voice) Hi everyone.

Presenter: Hi, Bubba. What's the matter?

Bubba: I am soooo worried.

Presenter: Why?

Bubba: My mother is sick. She never gets sick. She is coughing, she has a sore throat and she can't breathe very well.

Presenter: I'm sorry to hear that Bubba. Why are you worried?

Bubba: I'm afraid she won't make me lunch or take me to my friend's house or give me a goodnight kiss at bedtime.

Presenter: Mothers do lots of things for us.

Bubba: I wanted to bring her to Kingdom Quest so Jesus could help her.

Presenter: Why would you need to bring your sick mother to Kingdom Quest so Jesus could help her?

Bubba: Last week in our Bible event, some men brought their friend to Jesus so he could help him walk.

Presenter: Bubba, you do not need to bring your sick mother to Kingdom Quest for Jesus to help her. Jesus is powerful enough to help her wherever she is.

Bubba: Are you sure?

Presenter: Yes. In our Bible event today, a captain in the Roman army has a sick servant. The people tell the captain that Jesus can make his servant better.

Bubba: Did they take the sick servant to Jesus?

Presenter: No. Jesus was going to the captain's house to help the sick servant. Then something amazing happened.

Bubba: What? What happened?

Presenter: The captain sent a message to Jesus not to come to his house.

Bubba: Why would he do that?

Presenter: Because the captain believes that Jesus can heal the sick servant even if he is far away.

Bubba: Did Jesus heal him?

Presenter: Yes. Jesus was so amazed by the captain's faith in him that he healed the servant from far away.

Bubba: Can Jesus help my mother?

Presenter: Bubba, you can trust Jesus with your worries about your mother. Jesus cares for her and can help her, no matter where she is.

Bubba: Wow! That is really good news. I feel better already.

Presenter: Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Bubba: Yes I would.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Bubba: OK

Presenter: *WHEN I AM WORRIED.....now you say, "I trust Jesus."

Bubba: I trust Jesus.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Bubba: Sure.

Presenter: OK everybody, *WHEN I AM WORRIED...

Bubba: (and everyone): I trust Jesus.

Presenter: One more time. *WHEN I AM WORRIED...

Bubba: (and everyone): I trust Jesus.

Presenter: Wonderful. Say “goodbye” Bubba.

Bubba: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Imagination Theater

Supplies: 5 child sized costumes; mat or sleeping bag; microphone

Presenter holds the Bible

Let's put on our imagination caps. Today we are going to pretend that you are characters from today's Bible event. Five of you will dress up as characters on stage. The rest of you will be Roman soldiers. Your job is to follow the command that is given to you. First we will practice the following commands:

March: March in place.

Halt: Stop marching.

Salute: Put right hand to forehead, visor style, then bring it straight out.

On Guard: Pretend to draw a sword out and prepare to strike.

Call five children onto stage and dress them to look like the following characters: Jesus, Captain (Roman army officer), Jewish leader, sick servant, and friend. Have Jesus stand on one side of the stage and the rest of the characters on the other side of the stage gathered around the sick servant who is lying on mat or sleeping bag.

Begin telling the story into the microphone:

One day Jesus walked to the town of Capernaum. “Jesus” walks to the presenter.

In that town lived a Roman army officer called a captain. This captain commanded a hundred soldiers. That’s an important job! “Captain” steps forward a couple steps. **His job was to give the orders to his soldiers. When he said, “March!” the soldiers marched in place.** Audience marches. **When he said, “Halt!” they stopped marching.** Audience halts. **When he said, “Salute!” they saluted.** Audience salutes. **And when he said, “On guard!” the soldiers prepared to strike with their weapons.** Audience pretends to pull out swords and

take a strike position. **The soldiers did whatever the captain told them to do.**

The captain had a big job, but he also had a big problem. His favorite servant was sick. Servant wipes forehead. The captain was worried that his servant was going to die.

Now there were some Jewish leaders in Capernaum who wanted to help the Captain. Jewish leader steps forward a couple steps. They liked the captain because he helped build their synagogue and he loved the Jewish people. So, the Jewish leaders set out to find Jesus. Jewish leader walks over to Jesus. When they found Jesus, they said, (Jewish leader repeats underlined phrases into microphone) "The captain is good to us. Please heal his servant."

Jesus left with the Jewish leaders to go to the captain's home. Jesus and Jewish leader walk halfway to captain and sick servant, then, stop

When Jesus was near the captain's house, the captain saw him. He told some friends to give Jesus a message. He told the friends to tell Jesus that his soldiers followed his commands. When he said, "Forward, march!" the soldiers marched. Audience marches in place. When he said, "Halt!" they stopped marching. Audience halts. When he said "Salute!" they saluted. Audience salutes. And when he said, "On guard!" the soldiers prepared to strike with their weapons. Audience pretends to pull out swords and take a strike position. The soldiers did whatever the captain told them to do. In the same way, Jesus could give orders for the sickness to leave. Jesus did not need to go to the captain's house. The captain told his friend to tell Jesus Captain repeats underlined phrase, "Jesus, I trust you."

The captain's friends found Jesus and gave him the message. Friends walk over to Jesus. When Jesus heard the message, he was surprised by the captain's faith. He told the friends (Jesus repeats underlined phrases), "Go! His faith has healed his servant."

The friends returned to the captain's house. Friends walk over to Captain. When they got there, they saw that the servant was healed. Servant jumps out of bed.

Faith and trust are believing in what you cannot see. The captain trusted Jesus could heal his servant even though the captain could not see Jesus and Jesus could not see the servant. When we are worried, we can trust and have faith Jesus is powerful enough to help, even though we cannot see him. When we cannot see how Jesus is helping us with our problems, we can trust that Jesus loves us and takes care of us. He showed us his love when he died on the cross to take away our greatest worry, sin. Jesus showed us his

power when he won against death and rose from the grave. We can trust Jesus with our worries.

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. ***WHEN I AM WORRIED.../ trust Jesus.**

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
When we are worried,
Help us trust you.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Frere Jaques*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

I trust JE-sus.
I trust JE-sus.
YES i DO.
YES i DO.
WHEN I AM wor-RIED
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I trust HIM.
I trust HIM.

Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: *Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.*

Activity 1: Craft “Painted Cross”

Supplies: *Copies of Appendix A on cardstock, one per two children; crayons; paintbrushes, watercolor paints; newspaper to cover tables*

Before class, cover the table with newspaper.

Boys and girls, today we are going to color and paint a cross. You might be surprised when you see what happens to the paint.

First I want you to color the cross. Make sure you press down hard with your crayon and try to cover the whole cross.

Now we will paint over the cross. What is happening? Is the paint sticking to the cross?

We can trust Jesus with our worries because Jesus loves us a whole lot. In fact, he loved us enough to die on the cross and take away our greatest worry, sin. He was powerful enough to win against death and come back to life. Just as the paint did not stick to the cross, our worries do not have to stick to us. We can give our worries to Jesus and trust in him.

Review the Bible Event.

Why did the captain know he could trust Jesus? *(He knew that he could tell his soldiers to do something and they would and that Jesus was even more powerful than him.)*

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Activity 2: Snack "Captain's Snack"

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; straight pretzels; Option 1, fruit cocktail, spoon and squat cups; Option 2, butter on bread cut into 1" pieces, plastic knife

***CAUTION: <i>Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.</i>

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to pretend our pretzel is a sword. The captain in our Bible event carried a sword. I will give you your food and you will use the pretzel to "spear" the food and eat it.

Review the Bible event.

How did Jesus act when he learned about the captain's trust? (*He was amazed at the captain's faith, and he healed the servant.*)

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Activity 3: Game "Captain Says"

Supplies: none

Boys and girls, today we are going to play a game called "Captain Says". First let's practice the commands we learned in the Bible event.

March:	March in place
Halt:	Stop marching
Salute:	Put right hand to forehead, visor style, then bring it straight out
On guard:	Pretend to draw a sword out and prepare to strike
About face:	Quickly turn around 180 degrees
At ease:	Slump arms, shoulders and head

1. "Captain Says" is played in the same manner as "Simon Says." If a command is preceded with the words "Captain Says," the players must follow the command. If the words "Captain Says" do not precede the command, the players must not follow the command. If a player does not correctly follow the commands, he or she must sit down. The last player standing wins.
2. Play the game a second time, but with a twist. Every time a command is given, it is preceded with the words, "Captain Says," and every time the leader acts out the command. Only, sometimes the leader acts out the command that has been said. Other times, the leader gives one command and acts out another command. The children must do what is said and not what is acted out. This will be difficult for the children. Their instinct will be to copy the actions, not the words.

Faith and trust are believing what we cannot see. Sometimes, when life is hard, it seems as if Jesus does not care for us. When we do not look at what is happening and instead listen to God's word, we know that we can trust Jesus. The Bible tells us that Jesus loved us so much he died on the cross so that some day all our troubles will be gone forever, including our sin. Jesus loves us. We can listen to his voice and trust his love.

Review the Bible event.

What are some worries you have? (*Answers will vary but may include worrying about someone who is sick, worrying about a robber breaking into their house, or worrying about a doctor appointment.*)

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Prayer Time

When you are worried, what can you do? (*Trust Jesus.*)

How do we know we can trust Jesus? (*He loved us enough to die on the cross and was powerful enough to rise from the grave.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: **We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming.**

(If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: **Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is a Painted Cross. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.**



Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***WHEN I AM WORRIED...**

...I trust Jesus.

***WHEN I AM WORRIED...**

I paint pretty purple pandas!

Presenter:

Albie, look at the snack we ate. We called it a Captain's Snack. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***WHEN I AM WORRIED...**

...I trust Jesus.

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I eat wiggly white worms!

Presenter:

Albie, today we played a game called Captain Says. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***WHEN I AM WORRIED...**

...I trust Jesus.

***WHEN I AM WORRIED...**

I run around and around in circles until I fall down!

Presenter says: **Albie, listen one last time.**

***WHEN I AM WORRIED...**

Kids response: ...I trust Jesus.

Presenter: (says to Albie): ***WHEN I AM WORRIED...**

Albie's response: (Warms up his singing voice with "Mee, mee, mee, mee..." and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

***WHEN I AM WORRIED...I trust Jesus.**

Presenter says to Albie: **Good job, Albie!**

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants you to trust Jesus when you are worried.

