

A Roman Officer Demonstrates Faith Luke 7:1-10; Matthew 8:5-13



A Roman officer asks Jesus to heal his dying servant. He recognizes that Jesus has authority over everything and compares it to his limited authority over his soldiers. He knows Jesus has so much authority that he can just speak and heal the man without having to travel to him.

“Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed” (Luke 7:7).

Through the Week

- Assign each family member a day of the week.
- Decide what decisions each family member gets to make on his or her day. For example, you could let that person decide what’s for dinner, what family activity to do, and what bedtime story to read. You can set rules if you think they’re needed, but try to give your kids as much authority as you can.
- Let them take charge! With authority comes responsibility. They’ll need to make dinner, make sure everyone gets ready, and so on.
- When their authority day is over, ask your kids what they liked or didn’t like.
- Talk about how people can use authority to help and protect us. For example, police officers make sure people don’t speed so that they don’t get hurt in an accident.



Talk About This...

- Tell about a time you wished you had authority over someone or something.