

# Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON TITLE: Healing the Nobleman's Son**

**THEME: Jesus believed is salvation**

**SCRIPTURE: John 4:46-54**



# Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about the time when Jesus **healed the Nobleman's son**. The Nobleman had faith in Jesus. He trusted in Him to take care of his son and Jesus healed him. We learn from this story that we can trust in Jesus for everything. We can trust in Jesus for our salvation, to be healed and even to help us when we are afraid.

The theme for this week is **Jesus believed is salvation received!** What a wonderful truth! Let's look at how we can believe in Jesus, first of all for our salvation and then to live our lives each day in a way that gives Him all of the glory.

The section of scripture that we studied was **John 4:46-54**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

# Trust and Friendship

**Text:** Psalm 125:1 - "Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever."

**Also read Matthew 9:27-31**

John was starting to wonder what might be happening. For the last few days his best friend, Nathan had not come to school; and when he called, he only got the answering machine. Early on Saturday morning John was cleaning his front yard when he saw Nathan and his dad driving home in their car. John thought Nathan looked upset; so he walked over to his house. John said "Hi" to Nathan's dad and asked if he could talk to Nathan. He said he could "just for a minute," because they had to go back to the hospital. Now John knew that there was definitely something wrong. Nathan told John that his mom was very sick. She was in the hospital and the doctors were giving her medicine. She could not talk and she did not know who Nathan was. John listened to Nathan and then asked him if he had prayed for his mom. Nathan said he had forgot to pray. John reminded Nathan how that Jesus did many miracles of healing when He was here. "Remember all those people Jesus healed?" John asked. "Let's ask Jesus to help your mom every time we think about her, starting right now." "OK," Nathan replied. So the boys prayed together.

When Nathan's dad came into the room he found the two friends on their knees beside the bed praying for his wife. His heart was touched to see the two boys praying. He knelt down beside them and added his prayers to theirs. That very night Nathan's mom started asking for Nathan and his dad. Over the next few days she began to talk and move around and after a few days she got to come home. Every day the two friends prayed together for Nathan's mom. Nathan and John believed and trusted that Jesus would take care of Nathan's mom.

The Bible teaches that the Lord can perform mighty miracles, even raising people from the dead. Nathan and John went to church together and learned more about the miracles that Jesus did. God wants us to trust and believe in Him.

- Why do you think John knew he should pray?
- Do you know someone sick who needs your prayers and encouragement?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Healing:** When someone who is sick is made well.

Day Two

# Believing in Jesus

**Text:** John 4:50b - "So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way."

**Also read John 4:46-54**

Sandy often went over to Tara's house to play with her. Tara had trouble walking because of a handicap and Sandy enjoyed helping her. One day Sandy came home and told her mother she was never going to Tara's house again. Sandy's mom was quite surprised and asked her daughter what happened. Sandy shared that Tara's mom refused to let Tara come to her birthday swim party. She also shared that her feelings were hurt so she planned to never go back. But Sandy didn't realize that Tara's mom was just being careful and was worried about her daughter being near a swimming pool with her handicap.

Sandy's mom just listened as Sandy shared what happened. When Sandy finished, her mom simply asked Sandy to pray with her. Sandy's mom asked Jesus to help her daughter not to be angry. Then she asked the Lord to work out any problem that Tara's mom might have about the swim party. Sandy's mom encouraged Sandy to just trust in the Lord and to think again about whether she should never go back to Tara's house.

The following day there was a knock on Sandy's door and there was Tara with her mom. "Can we come in?" Tara's mom asked. "When you asked if Tara could come to your swim party I didn't think it would be OK, but I decided to check with the doctor. He said it was okay if Tara came to swim. She needs to exercise her legs so they can get stronger and stronger. I was just concerned that she would not be safe. You are such a good friend to Tara. Thank you for inviting her." Sandy asked for forgiveness for getting angry and later thanked the Lord for working everything out.

Sandy learned a valuable lesson about trusting the Lord. She didn't understand that Tara's mom was only concerned about Tara's safety. That is why she didn't want her to come to Sandy's swim party. Sandy learned that often when we get angry we may not understand the big picture. She also learned that she can pray and allow the Lord to work out any situation for His good. We can also learn the same lessons.

- Have you ever been angry because something didn't go your way?
- What can you learn from this story?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Believe:** To put your faith or confidence into someone or something.

Day Three

# Jesus Is My Best Friend

**Text: 1 Samuel 17:45** - "Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.'

**Also read 1 Samuel 17:32-50**

Jenny was lonely for a friend. Every time she made friends with someone it seemed like her dad had to move to a new town. She never seemed to stay in the same place long enough to know someone very well. Jenny was sad about this and she decided that this time she just wouldn't make any friends at all. Jenny's mom and dad felt bad for her and they weren't even sure what to do to help her. Even when they went to church Jenny didn't talk to other kids much because she was afraid that if she got to know someone she would just have to move again. One night Jenny woke up in the middle of the night. She noticed that her parents' light was on in their room and their door was open. She walked quietly towards their room, looked in and listened as her parents prayed for her. "Please Jesus help Jenny to see we are only following Your direction when we move. Lord give her the friendship she desires in You. We believe that You will fulfill all of her needs. We know You love her even more than we do. Lord, be her best friend." A tear began to run down her cheek. Jenny knelt beside her parents and prayed that Jesus would be her best friend. Then she gave her parents a big hug.

David had a special relationship with the Lord. The Bible says that he was a man after God's own heart. David was a friend of God's. When we read the Psalms we can see the special relationship that David had with God. God wants to have that same kind of close relationship with each one of us. It begins when we ask Him to come into our heart and will continue our whole life. No matter how lonely we may be, Jesus is a friend who will stick closer than a brother.

Maybe you know of someone who needs a friend. Maybe the Lord would have you reach out to them or at least pray for them that they would come to Jesus.

- Did you know that Jesus is a friend who you can always trust?
- Can you think of a time when you felt like you did not have a friend?
- Do you pray daily and read God's word so you can talk to your best friend Jesus?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Friend:** Someone who is always there for you .

Day Four

# Don't Be Afraid

**Text: 2 Kings 5:14** - "So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

**Also read 2 Kings 5:1-14**

Ronnie was a Christian and loved to read his Bible and pray. But Ronnie would not pray at school because he was afraid. There were two boys at school that made fun of kids who prayed, and one kid he knew named Jimmy, was even pushed to the ground by the two boys. Ronnie wanted to pray at lunch and felt bad about not praying, but he felt that it was safer not to pray. One day, Ronnie's mom was dropping him off in front of school and she asked him to pray for her because she was going to drive to his grandmother's house. Ronnie told his mom he would pray for her later when no one was looking because he didn't want the bullies to hurt him.

Ronnie's mom asked him about these two boys and he shared about what happened to Jimmy. When Ronnie was through his mom prayed with him for wisdom, strength and that the Lord would help him to not be afraid. Then his mom picked up her Bible and read Ronnie a story from 2 Kings about a leper who believed and trusted in God. The leper, Naaman, was the captain of a great army from Syria. The Syrians were enemies of Israel. At that time there was peace between the two nations but they still didn't trust each other. Ronnie's mom explained to her son that a servant maid told Naaman about a great prophet of God who could heal him of leprosy, a disease that no doctor can cure.

Naaman went to the King of Israel with a letter from the King of Syria to be healed by this prophet. The king of Israel thought it was a trick, but Elisha a mighty prophet of God, knew that the servant maid was right. Elisha would be used by God to heal Naaman. Elisha sent Naaman to the river and told him to dip seven times in the river and he would be clean. At first Naaman was angry at Elisha but he had to trust God. Ronnie's mom said the bullies were like Naaman and that Ronnie needed to be like Elisha. The bullies were sick with the disease of sin, and Ronnie needed to tell them how to be healed. Ronnie's mom said it might take time but that Ronnie, Jimmy and anyone else who wanted to pray should pray together at lunch for the bullies and share the love of Jesus with them. They did begin to pray for the two boys and sure enough the Lord opened up an opportunity to share with them. The Lord also protected Ronnie and Jimmy from getting hurt.

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Bullies:** Other kids that can be mean.

# Chariots of Fire

**Text: 2 Kings 6:17** – “And Elisha prayed, and said, 'Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

**Also read 2 Kings 6:8-23**

It was a serious situation! God's people were under attack by Syria. Syria had vowed they would kill the King of Israel and capture the city. Somehow the plan to attack and kidnap the King was foiled...many times. The King of Syria heard about Elisha and vowed he would capture the prophet in the city of Dothan. One day Elisha woke up early in the morning and the army of Syria had surrounded the city. Elisha's servant was afraid. He thought all was lost but the prophet Elisha believed and trusted that God would protect and save him. He told his servant, “Fear not for they that are with us are more than they that are with them.”

The prophet of God believed that the Lord's power was greater than the King of Syria. Elisha prayed that his servant's eyes would be opened to see that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha. God is our protector and He watches us always, even when we sleep. God knew what the King of Syria had in mind.

Elisha trusted God and believed he would be saved. Elisha then bowed his head and prayed that God Himself would strike the army of Syria with blindness. Then Elisha trusted God even more. He went to the army that wanted to kill him and led them to the King of Israel and prayed for their healing. The king asked the prophet what to do next -should he kill the army? But Elisha said to the king that would not be good, that these were his captives and the king of Israel should feed the army and then let them go. The armies no longer came into the land of Israel after that. How we need to trust in the Lord to help us in our times of needs. We don't need to be afraid of anything, just simply trust in the Lord for everything.

- Do you believe and trust that God knows if you are in danger and He will help?
- Do you see a picture of Jesus in the way Elisha told the King to treat the enemies?

## Kid's Prayer Time



This week when you pray ask the Lord to help you to trust in Him in every area of your life. To give you salvation, to heal you when you are sick and help you when you are afraid. We serve a great God!

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your son lives.' So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way."

Third Grade and Above

"Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your son lives.' So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way."

**John 4:50**