

## Signs and Wonders (7/24/22)

**Main Verses:** John 1-5 (4:46-54)

**Key Verse:** John 4:50

**'Takeaway':** John's Gospel calls us to believe in Jesus in light of the miraculous signs he performed, even though we didn't see them with our own eyes.

**Getting Started:** How do you know the wind which you can't see, is real?



**READ** the main verses—John 4:46-54 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What do we know about the official and his son?
- Can you think of any “signs and wonders” (miracles) you’ve heard about in the Bible?
- What did Jesus say was the purpose of the “signs and wonders”?
- What was the miracle Jesus did in our verses?

Elementary:

- Who was the official? Why is that important?
- Why do you think the Bible records the miracles Jesus did? How did seeing them help those around Jesus?
- What does this miracle tell us about God?
- What was different about this miracle than the others Jesus did?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- The official was most likely a Gentile Centurion, not a Jewish leader.
- Jesus healed his son from a long ways away, showing again how powerful God is, and how special Jesus was..
- The purpose of the signs and wonders were to point people to Jesus as Messiah.

Elementary:

- The official was most likely a Gentile Centurion, pointing again to the idea that God was going to provide a way for salvation for all people who believe in Jesus, not just the Jewish people.
- Signs and wonders that people saw or heard about showed them Jesus was the Messiah.
- With five words (“Go...your son will live”), Jesus healed the official’s son. The official’s response (“the man believed him”) reminds us that we need to believe in Jesus, confident because God always keeps his word.
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God, and as such, we too should believe in Jesus in light of the miracles and signs he performed.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking Hm for his Word which tells us about Jesus and the signs and wonders he did. Ask him to help you believe in him and to love and live for him each day.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for his Word which tells us about Jesus. Thank him for the ability to learn about the amazing things Jesus did when he was on earth, and especially for his going to the cross and rising again so we can know him and live for him each day.