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Jesus and the Centurion. (Matthew 8:5-13)



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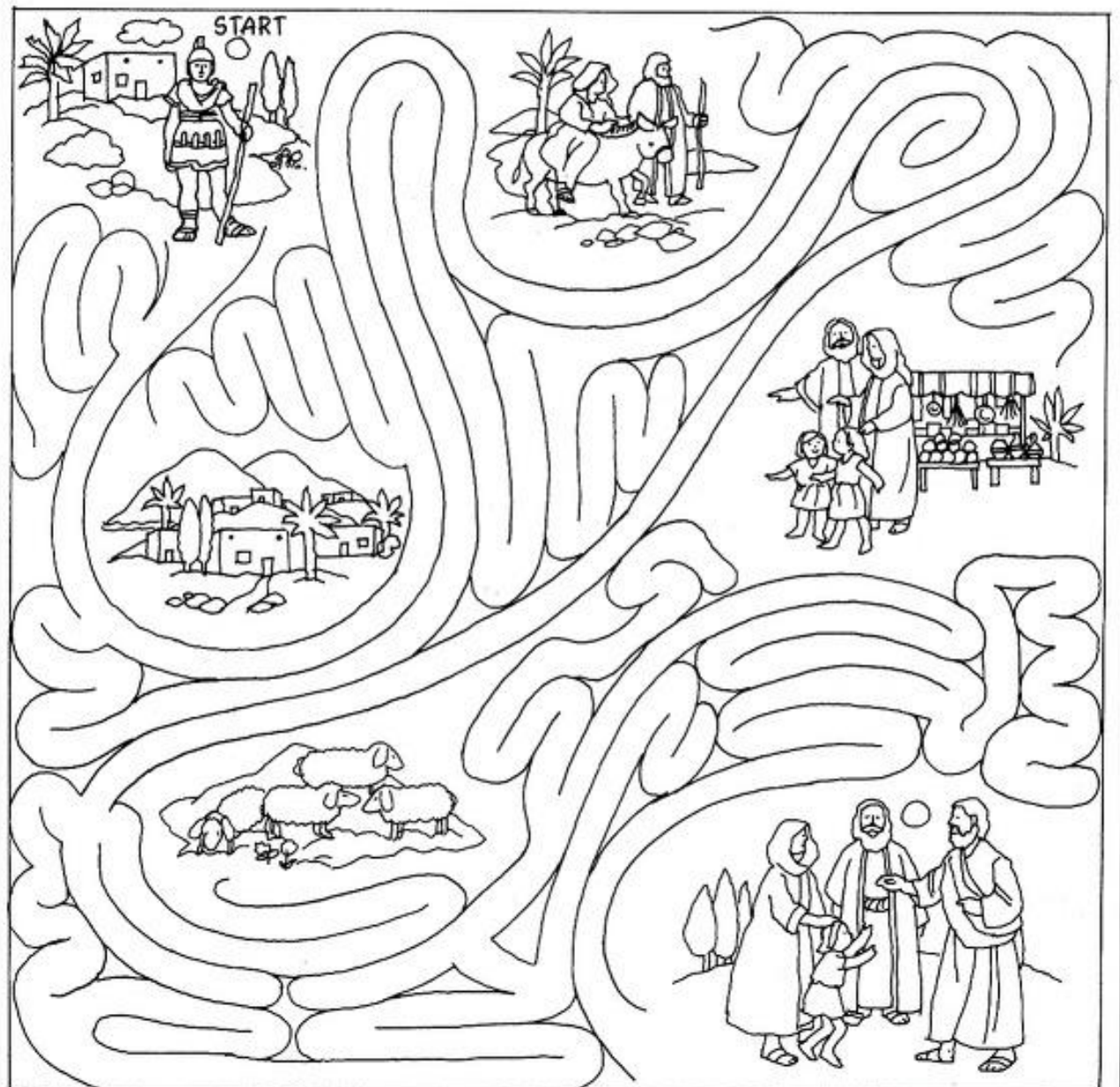
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A Centurion Has Faith in Jesus' Power

The servant was healed after Jesus and the centurion talked about Jesus' great power.

Read about this in your Bible (Matthew 8:5-13)

 **Then, lead the centurion through the maze to find Jesus in the city.**



Devotional: Jesus According to Centurion

Read the Scriptures: **Matthew 8:5-13**

Background:

Jesus went throughout Galilee, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness among the people. He then entered Capernaum and a centurion approached Him.

In ancient Rome, “centurion” meant “captain of 100”. A Roman centurion was captain over 100 foot soldiers in a legion.

Observations:

1. Why did the Centurion approach Jesus? (Matthew 8:5-6)

2. What did the Centurion tell Jesus when He said “I will go and heal him”?
(Matthew 8:8-9)

3. What did Jesus comment about the Centurion’s faith? (Matthew 8:10)

4. What happened to the Centurion’s servant? (Matthew 8:13)

Interpretations:

1. From the passage, the Centurion claimed, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof.” Why did he say so? (Refer also to Luke 7:6-7 & Acts 10:28)

2. From Matthew 8:9, we learnt that the Centurion is a man with authority. The soldiers under him obeyed and did according to all his commands.
Now, imagine the Centurion asking Jesus to “say the word, and my servant will be healed” (Matthew 8:8)

What was the Centurion trying to say about Jesus' authority? (Refer also to Matthew 28:18, Colossians 2:10)

3. Did the Centurion believe in Jesus' ability to heal his servant? (circle your answer)
- YES or NO

Which verses in the passage say so? (Hint: Refer to the words spoken by Jesus)

- a) _____
- b) _____

Application

We've learnt from Matthew 8:5-13 that:

- a) Jesus holds high authority and power
- b) The Centurion believed in Jesus' power to heal and his servant was healed.

1. Think about your understanding of Jesus.

On the scale of 10 (being 1 = do not believe at all & 10 = believe fully), how much do you believe Jesus as Someone with the highest authority (as stated in Matthew 28:18 & Colossians 2:10)? Circle your answer.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why do you select this number? _____

2. Is there someone you know who is unwell? The Centurion believed and asked Jesus to heal his servant. Pray for your friend by believing and asking God to heal him / her.

Name of your friend: _____

Sickness: _____

Prayer request:



3. Finally, memorise the Scriptures below to remind yourself that Jesus is willing to heal those who are sick and He has the ability to do so!

Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." Matthew 8:7