

Childrens Story - Mission Awareness Sunday 2024

Faith Is the Key

Faith is the key that unlocks the power of God.

Scripture Luke 7:1-10

Show a key ring

Keys come in all different shapes and sizes. I have a lot of keys on my key ring. There is a key to my house, the key to my garage. I have a key to my car, to the church for when I am janitor. Another to unlock the file cabinet where I keep my important papers. There is a key to my post office box, and a key to my safe deposit box at the bank. Most of us use keys every day, but today we are going to talk about a key that we may never even think about. It is a key called FAITH. Now faith isn't a key that is made of metal like these keys on my key ring, but it may be the most important key, because it is the key that unlocks the power of God.

There is a bible story that tells us about a man who used his faith to heal someone that he cared for very much. One day Jesus was in a town called Capernaum. There was a centurion, a Roman army officer, who had a servant who was very sick and about to die.

The centurion heard about Jesus and sent some men to ask Jesus to come and heal his servant. The men came to Jesus and pleaded with him to heal the centurion's servant, so Jesus went with them.

Before Jesus even arrived at the house, the officer sent some men to say to him, "Don't even go to the trouble to come to my

house, because I am not worthy of such an honour. Just say the word and my servant will be healed."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He turned to the crowd of people that was following him and said, "I haven't seen faith like this in all of Israel!" The officer's friends turned and went back to the centurion's house. When they arrived, they found the servant completely healed.

The centurion believed that Jesus could heal his servant without even entering his house. And that is just what Jesus did. Just like the faith of the centurion in this story, our faith can unlock the power of God in our lives.

But exactly what is Faith you might ask.

Faith is believing in God and trusting in His plan for you, even when you don't understand it and certainly can't see it. Faith is about living as God wants us to live. We live our faith through obedience to God and acts of kindness.

Let us Pray

God you are great, strong and mighty. There's nothing you God can not do for us. Heavenly Father, help us to remember that no matter what obstacles we may face, our faith in you is the key that unlocks your mighty power. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.