

# Jesus helps a soldier

The soldier was very upset. One of his servants was ill – so ill, not even the doctors could help.

The soldier was very upset, but what could he do?

'Excuse me, sir' said one of his men.

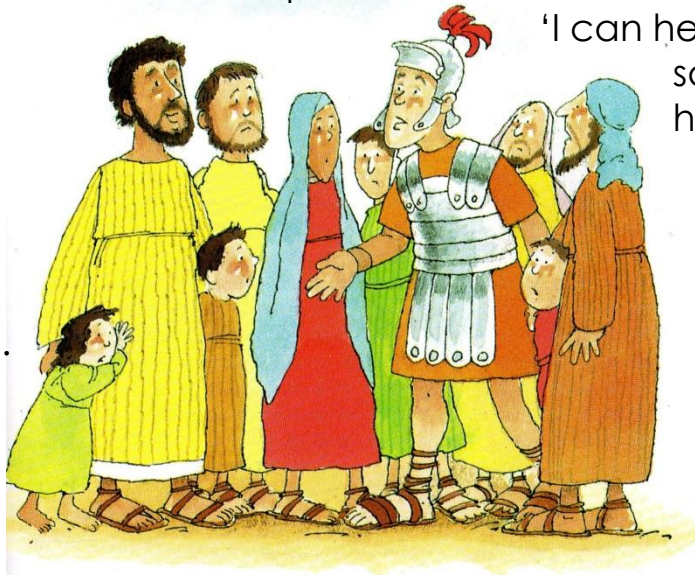
'Have you heard about Jesus?

They say he can cure all kinds of illness.'

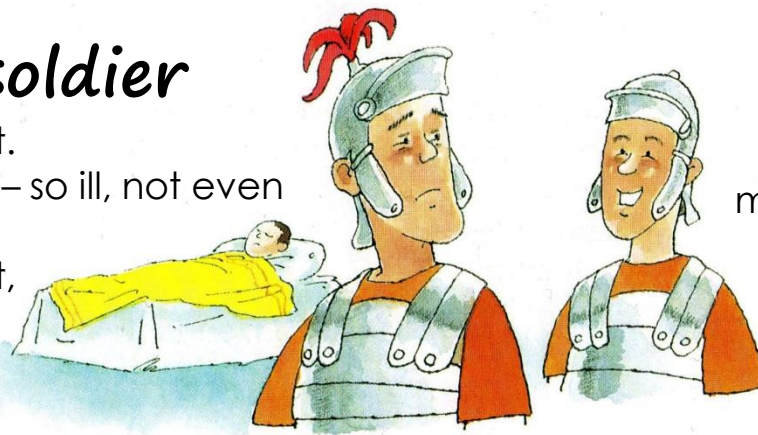
'Then I must find him at once', the soldier said.

'There's no time to lose.'

The Soldier hurried off. He found Jesus with a crowd of people around him. 'My servant has a bad pain,' the soldier said to Jesus. 'He is so ill, not even the doctors can help him.'



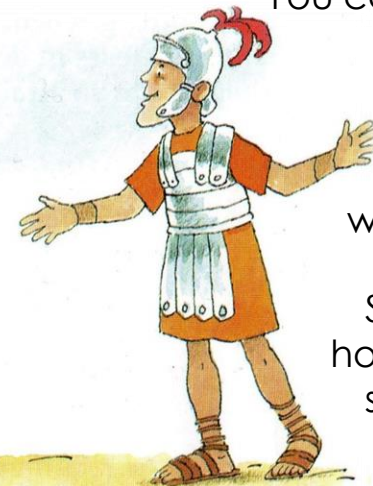
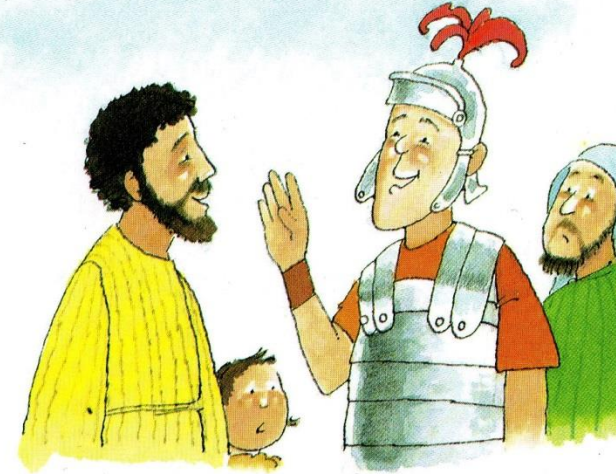
'I can help him,' Jesus said. 'I'll come home with you now, and make him better.'



'Please don't go to all that trouble. I just don't deserve it,' the soldier replied. 'Just say the word. When I give an order, my men all do as I say (he was a Centurion – a Roman army officer in charge of 100 soldiers). So I know my servant will get well if you just say the word.'

He was so sure that Jesus could make his servant better!

Jesus was very surprised. He had never met anyone quite as sure as this Roman soldier.



'You can go home now,' Jesus said to him. 'You will find your servant well again because you were so sure I could make him better.' So the soldier went home and found his servant well again, just as Jesus said.