



LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus Heals a Gentile

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Before group, choose a kid to come up to make requests and then tell them that you want them to whine and stomp their feet when you say no. Have them ask you if they can have some candy and to watch a movie. Each time, respond with a no or not today.

Before we jump into our lesson this week, I have a question for you. What is something you ask your parents for a lot and their answer is usually no? (allow kids to answer). How do you typically respond? (allow kids to answer). Yeah, it's not fun when we hear no to a request. We would much rather hear yes, right? (If you used the Leader Tip, ask the kids how it looked when the kid whined and complained.)

Well in today's lesson, we are going to learn about a story of a woman who asked Jesus to do something and when he seemed to say "No", her response was really surprising and we can learn a lot from it.

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

Song

Song #1

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: When we stay humble before God, he will lift us up. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Why was it weird for this woman to talk to Jesus? (She was a Gentile)

- How did the woman respond when Jesus didn't seem to want to help? (She was humble and trusted Jesus.)
- True or False: God knows what's best for us so we should trust his answers. (T)

This is really important for us to remember, especially when we're praying really hard for something. In our prayers, we come to God thinking we know the right answer and we expect God to do what we want him to do. But, God is smarter than we are and he knows what we need, when we need it. Our job is to make requests but then trust in God's answers.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"Humble (bow your heads) yourselves before the Lord (point up), and he will lift (lift hands up to sky) you up in honor." James 4:10 *(Repeat)*

Humble is just a fancy word for respecting God and his authority. It's putting him first in our lives and trusting in his ways. This is what the Gentile woman showed in our story today. She knew Jesus had the power to heal her daughter so she came and asked him to heal her. When Jesus seemed to say "No" to the request, the woman responded in humility. She worshipped Jesus and trusted his answer. She didn't yell and scream and demand her way. In the end, Jesus did heal her daughter!

So kids, let's learn from the Gentile woman. Let's be humble before the Lord and trust his answers, even when they aren't the answers we want to hear.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

When we stay humble before God, he will lift us up. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.