

ROCK THE WORLD
The Centurion & The Great Physician
THE MIRACLES OF JESUS
February 21, 2010

<u>CHARACTERS-PEOPLE-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
WORSHIP LEADER	Jennifer	Debbie/Rachel	RoseAnne	Cathy
PROFESSOR Lewis Clives	Jeff C	Gene	RoseAnne	Cathy
JESUS	Rob	Juan	Randy	T. Ray
CENTURION	Josh C	Brian	Ryan	T. Paul
DISCIPLE #1	Karen	Al	Mariah	Ashley
DISCIPLE #2	Matthew W	Jeanette G	Cathy	Alyssa
DISCIPLE #3		Savannah A	Johnathan	Denesha
RABBI	Zac S	Anthony	Frankie	Alyson
SOLDIER	Zac C	Friend	Friend	Sean
SICK SERVANT	Kyle	Krista	Sarah	Tanyr
SERVANT	Cecilia	Sarai	Shaunean	Kyla

CHARACTERS-PUPPETS

STUDENT 1	Kristy	Sarah Koes	Chelsea	Birdie
STUDENT 2	Valentina	Hannah VP	Nathan	Erin

PROPS:

a podium

Stone or stucco background where the players gather on CENTER stage.

Desert backdrop

Apostles & Extras to dress in Jewish Period Costume

Centurion outfit

soldier in "Gladiator Gear", helmets, shields, swords etc...

Rabbi dress w/ priest hat

Mat, pillow and blankets and wash cloth

SONGS-

I'm Keeping My Eyes on Jesus

The Lord is my Helper (SonCanyon)

I'm Keeping My Eyes on Jesus & I Walk By Faith

SOUND FX- see script, too numerous to mention

BACKGROUND AND THEME MUSIC

NOTE: References; Luke 7: 1-10 and Matt 8: 5-13 (see below)

WORSHIP LEADER: GOOD MORNING! IT'S A GREAT DAY TO PRAISE THE LORD, JESUS. LET'S STAND UP AND PRAISE HIM!

[01] OPENING SONG—I'M KEEPING MY EYES ON JESUS
Im Keeping My Eyes On Jesus.WAV

[02] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC SNIPPET –GENTLE JEWISH MUSIC
Song Of Complaint.wav

WORSHIP LEADER: FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON JESUS AND THE MANY MIRACLES HE DID WHEN HE WALKED THIS EARTH! DO YOU REMEMBER THE LAST MIRACLE WE SAW ACTED OUT ON THIS STAGE? HINT: WAVES, WIND,BOAT....

KIDS: JESUS WALKED ON WATER!

WORSHIP LEADER: YES, JESUS WALKED ON WATER AND SO DID PETER! BUT, PETER STARTED TO SINK DOWN.... WHO LIFTED HIM UP?

KIDS: JESUS!

WORSHIP LEADER: THAT'S RIGHT. PETER WAS FREAKED OUT AT THE WIND AND HE TOOK HIS EYES OFF OF JESUS! TODAY WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE STORY ABOUT JESUS AND A SICK SERVANT. WHAT'S EVEN MORE AMAZING IS THE FAITH OF THE ROMAN SOLDIER WHO CARED SO DEEPLY FOR HIS SICK SERVANT. LET'S GO TO PROFESSOR LEWIS CLIVES. MAYBE HE CAN SHOW US MORE ABOUT THIS!

PROFESSOR: KIDS, WHEN YOU ARE HURT OR SICK ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS WHAT?

KIDS: GET BETTER.

PROF: RIGHT! YOU WANT THE PAIN TO STOP! OUR BIBLE STORY TODAY IS ABOUT A VERY SICK SERVANT; BUT IT'S NOT THE SERVANT WHO COMES LOOKING FOR JESUS.....IT'S HIS MASTER –A ROMAN CENTURION-- COMMANDER OF A HUNDRED SOLDIERS.

STUDENT #1: UM, EXCUSE ME...BUT I DON'T GET IT!

PROF: GET WHAT?

STUDENT #1: THE SERVANT IS JUST A SLAVE. I'M SURE THIS ROMAN SOLDIER DUDE HAD LOTS OF SLAVES. WHY WOULD HE BOTHER TO HELP THIS LOWLY SERVANT?

STUDENT #2: YEAH! THE ROMAN CENTURION IS THE BOSS—HE'S A BUSY GUY! I MEAN..... IT WOULD BE LIKE MY BOSS AT TACO BELL DRIVING ME TO URGENT CARE BECAUSE I HAVE A TERRIBLE PAIN IN MY TUMMY THAT ISN'T GOING AWAY.

STUDENT #1: I REMEMBER THAT--- YOU ATE 16 TACO'S IN ONE MINUTE BECAUSE THE CHURRO LADY DARED YOU TO BEAT HER RECORD!!

STUDENT #2: EH, I COULD ONLY EAT 15!

PROF: (a little annoyed) LET'S LEAVE TACO BELL; AND LET'S WATCH AND SEE IF WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHY THIS ROMAN CENTURION HELPED HIS SICK SERVANT.

******CURTAIN OPENS******

SCENE opens to reveal a room: the servant is in bed, the Centurion is on stage with a soldier)

<p>[03] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: JEWISH THEME SONG MUSIC MaryGoesToJesus clip.wav</p>
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THE CENTURION: With cloth to wipe the servant's forehead, leaning over the bed speaking to his servant) HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

(The servant does not move)

THE SOLDIER: SIR, HE/SHE HAS BEEN GETTING WORSE BY THE HOUR,HE/SHE MAY NOT MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT!

THE CENTURION: WE MUST SAVE HIM/HER.

THE SOLDIER: SIR, THERE IS NOTHING ELSE THAT CAN BE DONE; IT WOULD BE A MIRACLE IF HE/SHE SURVIVED NOW.

THE CENTURION: THERE IS ONE WHO CAN SAVE HIM/HER, HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE NAZARINE NAMED JESUS?

THE SOLDIER: YES SIR, PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN MUCH ABOUT HIM. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT HE IS CLOSE TO HERE, IN CAPERNAUM.

THE CENTURION: THEN THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE. GO TO CAPERNAUM IMMEDIATELY AND SPEAK TO THE ELDERS OF THE JEWS. THEY ARE FRIENDS OF MINE. ASK THEM TO REQUEST THAT JESUS COME HERE TO HEAL MY SERVANT.

THE SOLDIER: (immediately, stand at attention, respond, then go) YES SIR! I WILL LEAVE FOR CAPERNAUM NOW! (salutes and runs off stage /left)

THE CENTURION: (Once more leaning more over the servants bed) THERE THERE, OLD FRIEND, HELP IS ON THE WAY. (after curtain closes go to back of room.)

******CURTAIN CLOSES******

[04] CUE SONG: THE LORD IS MY HELPER

STAGE SET UP: The set needs to be quickly changed –to the old Jewish township- the servant & bed are to be moved offstage

WORSHIP LEADER: WELL, KIDS, LETS CHECK IN ON THE CLASS...

PROFESSOR: SO WHAT DO THINK ABOUT THIS CENTURION?

STUDENT #1: HE CARES ABOUT HIS SERVANT.

PROFESSOR: AND WHAT ELSE? DOES HE HAVE FAITH IN ANYONE?

STUDENT #2: HE HAS FAITH IN JESUS.

PROFESSOR: HOW DO WE KNOW THAT?

STUDENT #2: HE SENT ONE OF HIS ROMAN SOLDIERS TO GET JESUS TO COME HEAL HIS SERVANT.

PROF: OH MY....SOMEBODY WASN'T LISTENING CAREFULLY. (to the audience) KIDS, DO **YOU** REMEMBER WHO THE ROMAN SOLDIER WAS TOLD TO FIND FIRST?? IT WASN'T JESUS.....

KIDS: THE ELDERS OF THE JEWS....

PROFESSOR: THE JEWISH ELDERS! NOW, DURING THIS TIME, THE ROMANS RULED OVER ISRAEL. DID THE JEWS LIKE THE ROMANS BEING IN CHARGE?

KIDS: NO

PROF: THE JEWS HATED THE ROMANS AND USUALLY, THE ROMANS DIDN'T LIKE THE JEWS EITHER. SO, WHY DID THE CENTURION ASK HIS SOLDIER TO LOOK FOR THE JEWISH ELDERS?

KIDS: THEY WERE THE CENTURION'S FRIENDS! THEY COULD GO TO JESUS.

PROF: AH-HA! THAT'S RIGHT. THE CENTURION HAD JEWISH FRIENDS IN THE SYNAGOGUE. IN FACT, THE CENTURION HAD SUCH A GREAT RESPECT FOR THE JEWISH LAND AND FOR THE JEWS AND THEIR GOD THAT HE BUILT A SYNAGOGUE—A CHURCH-- FOR THEM WITH HIS OWN MONEY. HE OBVIOUSLY HAD A HEART FOR WHOM?

KIDS: GOD!

STUDENT #1: DID THE CENTURION WANT THE JEWISH GUYS TO ASK JESUS TO COME BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID JESUS WOULD SAY NO TO A ROMAN COMMANDER?

PROF: MAYBE! LET'S WATCH AND SEE IF WE CAN FIND OUT!

******CURTAIN OPENS******

RABBI: (Enters from temple synagogue on stage right)

SOLDIER: (Entering from stage right) RABBI, RABBI, THE CENTURION HAS SENT ME TO SEE YOU ABOUT AN URGENT MATTER.

RABBI: YES, YES WHAT IS IT?

SOLDIER: RABBI, THE CENTURION'S SERVANT IS SICK AND MAY DIE SOON, AND HE HAS SENT ME TO ASK YOU TO REQUEST JESUS TO COME HEAL HIS SERVANT.

RABBI: THIS IS NOT A SMALL THING YOU ASK, BUT THE CENTURION IS MY FRIEND; AND HE MUST HAVE FAITH IN JESUS. LOOK! (Pointing stage left) HERE IS JESUS NOW.

**[05] CUE MUSIC-Passion Snippets
Resurrection clip.wav**

JESUS: (Comes in from stage left with his disciples behind and around)

RABBI: JESUS, WELCOME TO CAPERNAUM, A ROMAN CENTURION HAS ASKED FOR YOU TO HEAL HIS SERVANT WHO IS VERY SICK AND MAY DIE. THIS CENTURION HAS BEEN KIND TO US AND IS DESERVING, FOR HE LOVES OUR NATION, AND HAS BUILT US A SYNAGOGUE.

SOLDIER: WILL YOU COME?

JESUS: I WILL COME AND HEAL HIM.

SOLDIER: PLEASE LET US LEAVE NOW – WE MUST HURRY IF HE IS TO LIVE. (beginning to point where they should go)

THE CENTURION: (Entering from center stage come up to Jesus and bows and then rises & speaks) LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD COME UNDER MY ROOF. BUT ONLY SPEAK A WORD, AND MY SERVANT WILL BE HEALED. FOR I ALSO AM A MAN UNDER AUTHORITY, HAVING SOLDIERS UNDER ME. AND I SAY TO THIS ONE, 'GO,' AND HE GOES; AND TO ANOTHER, 'COME,' AND HE COMES; AND TO MY SERVANT, 'DO THIS,' AND HE DOES IT.

JESUS: (Turns to the others behind and around) ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, I HAVE NOT FOUND SUCH GREAT FAITH, NOT EVEN IN ISRAEL! AND I SAY TO YOU THAT MANY WILL COME FROM EAST AND WEST, AND SIT DOWN WITH ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BUT THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE CAST OUT INTO OUTER DARKNESS. THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. (turning to the Centurion) GO YOUR WAY; AND AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED, SO LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU.

CENTURION & SOLDIER: (bows center stage and walks back down center aisle)

JESUS: (turns and exits out stage right)

ALL: (exit and follow Jesus)

******CURTAIN CLOSES******

**[02] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC (Short snippet) JEWISH SLOW
Song Of Complaint.wav**

WORSHIP LEADER: WOW, KIDS, WE HAVE SEEN INCREDIBLE FAITH, LETS CHECK IN ON THE PROFESSOR CLIVES AND HIS CLASS...

PROFESSOR: (once again to stand in center stage) YOU HAVE JUST WITNESSED INTERCESSORY PRAYER! THE CENTURION WAS AN INTERCESSOR!

STUDENT 1: WHAT IS AN INTERCESSOR?

PROFESSOR: A PERSON WHO STANDS BETWEEN GOD AND SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP AND ASKS GOD TO HELP OR INTERCEDE, IF YOU WILL.

STUDENT 2: CAN YOU GIVE US AN EXAMPLE?

PROFESSOR: SURE, LIKE WHEN MOSES PRAYED FOR THE HEBREWS, OR WHEN YOUR PARENTS PRAY FOR YOU, OR MAYBE YOU HAVE PRAYED FOR SOMEONE TO GET WELL.

STUDENT #1: WHO WERE THE INTER—INTER---CESSORS IN THIS STORY?

PROFESSOR: THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION! THE 1ST INTERCESSOR WAS THE CENTURION WHO PLEADED THE CASE OF HIS SICK SERVANT WHO WAS OBVIOUSLY TOO SICK TO ASK FOR HELP ON HIS OWN". KIDS, WAS THE SOLDIER SENT TO THE JEWISH ELDERS---WAS HE AN INTERECESSOR?

KIDS: YES

PROF: WAS THE RABBI AN INTERCESSOR?

KIDS: YES!

PROF: THAT'S RIGHT! HE WAS PLEADING WITH JESUS ON BEHALF OF THE CENTURION.

STUDENT #2: YOU SAID THAT WE SAW **MOST** OF THE STORY, SO WHAT HAPPENED, DID ANYONE GET HEALED?

PROFESSOR: LETS WATCH!

**[06] CUE TO JEWISH THEME SONG MUSIC (Short snippet-from the Passion?)
Resurrection ending.wav**

******CURTAIN OPENS******

THE STAGE: (sick servant is in bed, sitting up , the other servant is tending to him.)

CENTURION & SOLDIER: (enters from center stage/aisle, jumps up onto stage))

THE CENTURION: WHAT NEWS?

SERVANT: (The servant helps the sick servant up and he begins to move around, stretching walking etc...) SIR, YOUR SICK SERVANT WAS HEALED WHEN THE SUN WAS HIGHEST IN THE SKY! .

THE SERVANT: (Walking a little weak but walking) SIR, I AM HEALED!

THE CENTURION & SOLDIER: (look at each other)

SOLDIER: SIR, THAT IS EXACTLY THE TIME THAT JESUS SAID HE.....(pause)
IT'S A MIRACLE, SIR!

CENTURION: TRULY A MIRACLE! WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR; THE LORD, JESUS HAS HEALED MY SERVANT....(grabs his servants hand to help him walk) JUST AS HE SAID.

SERVANTS & SOLDIER: (agree)

******CURTAIN CLOSES******

PROF: RIGHT NOW, OUR PERFECT INTERCESSOR IS JESUS. HE IS THE GO BETWEEN FOR US AND HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN. BECAUSE OF JESUS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE ON THE CROSS FOR US, WE ARE ALLOWED TO WALK INTO HEAVEN'S GATES. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT JESUS PRAYS FOR US EVEN NOW AND REPRESENTS US TO THE FATHER! HE IS OUR ADVOCATE!

STUDENT #1: WOW! THAT MEANS JESUS IS ON OUR SIDE! LIKE THE CENTURION WAS ON THE SIDE OF HIS SERVANT! HE WANTED HIS SERVANT TO LIVENOT DIE!

STUDENT #2: YEAH! AND JESUS DOESN'T WANT US TO DIE IN OUR SINS... HE WANTS US TO LIVE FOREVER WITH HIM IN HEAVEN!

PROF: THAT'S RIGHT! GREAT CLASS TODAY, KIDS. I THINK THAT BELL IS ABOUT TO RING. SEE YOU NEXT TIME.

**[07] CUE SOUND FX—0- SCHOOL BELL sound
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WORSHIP LEADER: KIDS, THIS BIBLE STORY TELLS US THAT JESUS WAS "WOWED" BY THE ROMAN CENTURION'S FAITH! WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT FOR JESUS TO LOOK AT US AND SAY: WOW!

REPEAT AFTER ME:

KIDS: AFTER ME

***WORSHIP LEADER:** (for the Bigger Kids)

**THEREFORE HE IS ABLE
TO SAVE COMPLETELY
THOSE WHO COME TO GOD
THROUGH HIM,
BECAUSE HE ALWAYS
LIVES TO INTERCEDE FOR THEM.
HEBREWS 7:25**

****WORSHIP LEADER:** *(for the littler Kids)

**THERE IS SOMEONE IN HEAVEN
TO STAND UP FOR ME
AND TAKE MY SIDE.
JOB 16:19**

**CUE CLOSING SONGS:
[01] I'M KEEPING MY EYES ON JESUS
[08] I WALK BY FAITH**

The Lord is my helper
I will not be afraid
The Lord is my helper
I will not be afraid

Peter's boat was a rocking
Then Jesus came walking
Saying do not be afraid

The Lord is my helper
I will not be afraid
The Lord is my helper
I will not be afraid

When the thunder comes crashing
And the lightning is flashing
And the rain comes pouring down

The Lord is my helper
I will not be afraid
The Lord is my helper
I will not be afraid

I will not be afraid

(Luke 7:1-10)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,⁶ saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

⁷ And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!¹¹ And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go

your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

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(Matt 8:1-13)

Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.² And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.³ So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,⁵ "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

⁶ Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.⁷ Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.⁸ For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

⁹ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"¹⁰ And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

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