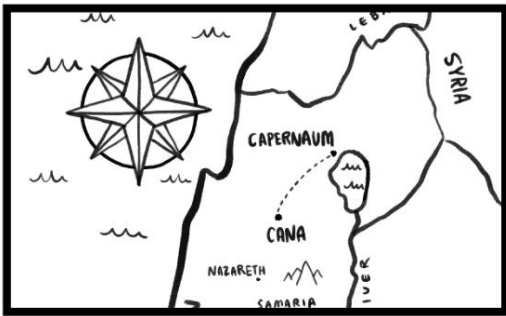


Bible Story Page (4-5)



I'm going to tell you a story from the Bible that shows how we can use the Helmet of Salvation God gives us. As I read, I'm going to tell you when to color each picture!

One day, Jesus was in a town called Cana. Also in Cana was a royal official from Capernaum (pronounced "kuh-purr-num"), a town about eight hours away. Everyone color the picture of the map on your comic strip. It shows where Cana and Capernaum were!

Now, the official's son was at home, very sick. What do you think the official is going to do? (Allow responses)



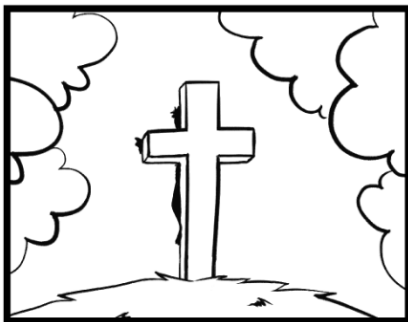
The official went to Jesus and begged Him to heal the boy. So, on your comic strip, color the picture of Jesus talking with the official. This father loved his son and wanted him to be saved from sickness. In the same way, God loves us and wants us to be saved from our sin. How can we be saved? (By deciding to follow Jesus and believing He is God's Son)

Well, Jesus told the official to go back home because his son was going to live! As the official left Jesus, he could have doubted if Jesus had really saved his son from dying. But instead, he **BELIEVED** what Jesus said. He believed that Jesus loved him and would heal his son.



Do you ever forget that God loves you? (Allow responses) We all do sometimes, and that's why God gives us the Helmet of Salvation. You can suit up with the Helmet of Salvation by believing that God will always love you! Now, let's find out what happened to the official's son!

As he was walking home, some men who worked for the official ran out to tell him that his son was healed! The official found out that his son was healed at 1:00 in the afternoon, the exact minute that Jesus said his son would live! To celebrate this, color the picture of the official talking to his men. Would you say that Jesus showed His love for the official's son? (Yes)



Just like the official believed that Jesus could save his son from death, we can believe that Jesus will save us, too! Everyone color the cross on your comic strip. Does anyone remember what Jesus did on the cross? (Died to take away the punishment for our sins)

God's love saves us from receiving the punishment we deserve for the wrong things we do. This is called "salvation." And when we put on the Helmet of Salvation, we believe that Jesus will always love us, just like the official in the Bible Story we read! What are some ways we can know that Jesus loves us? (He says so in the Bible, He gives us what we need, etc.)