

## Jesus' Miracles - Awesome Bible Adventures

*A centurion came to Jesus, appealing to Him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with 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." When Jesus heard this, he marveled ... Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment. Matthew 8:6-9, 13*

*Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. John 21:25 NIV*

Jesus did many miracles in the Bible. He healed people, raised the dead, fed thousands of people from a small amount of food, and even walked on water. Jesus could do these miracles because He is the Son of God. His disciples also did miracles because they obeyed Him and believed in Him.

Do you think miracles still happen today? Have you ever seen a miracle?

The centurion explained to Jesus that he too was a man of authority and that he could command people to do things. He understood that Jesus had authority over diseases and illnesses - that He could just say the word and the servant would be well. There is power in words, especially when the words are God's words. During creation God spoke the words and the world came into being.

## David's Battle

*And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks?" Then David said to Goliath, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts. For the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hand." 1 Samuel 17:42, 43, 45, 47 ESV*

The giant, Goliath, challenged the army of Israel to send out their best soldier to fight him. All of the experienced soldiers were afraid. When David came to the camp to deliver supplies to his brothers he heard the challenge. "Who is this man who would dare to defy the living God?" David asked. Even though he was a youth, he trusted that God would help him defeat this giant who mocked Him.

Are there battles in your life? Ask God to help you.

Goliath was confident he could defeat any soldier because of his size and in his own strength. David's confidence was in God. Even though David carried only his sling and a few stones against Goliath's sword and armor, David was confident that he would win the battle.

God asks us to put our confidence in Him. The Bible tells us, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord Almighty." Zechariah 4:6 NIV Trust in Him to help you. He will always be with you.

Goliath laughed at David, but David won the battle. Sometimes there are giants in our lives that seem to laugh at us, but in the name of God we can overcome them. He tells us to not put our faith in our own might or power but to let His Spirit lead and guide us. The miracles of Jesus were amazing. The disciples were astounded at the things that Jesus did. The disciple John wrote that if all the things that Jesus did were written down that the world couldn't contain the books.

*Dear Lord, speak to us through Your word. Give us a love for the words of the Bible. Lead and guide us with Your Spirit so that we can stand up to the giants in our lives. Take away our fear of failure and give us courage. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*