



## E-Kids: At home with your family 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### **I live by faith** **Matthew 8:5-13** (Good News Translation)

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus entered Capernaum, a Roman officer met him and begged for help: <sup>6</sup> "Sir, my servant is sick in bed at home, unable to move and suffering terribly."

<sup>7</sup> "I will go and make him well," Jesus said.

<sup>8</sup> "Oh no, sir," answered the officer. "I do not deserve to have you come into my house. Just give the order, and my servant will get well. <sup>9</sup> I, too, am a man under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and I order that one, 'Come!' and he comes; and I order my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was surprised and said to the people following him, "**I tell you, I have never found anyone in Israel with faith like this.** <sup>11</sup> I assure you that many will come from the east and the west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But those who should be in the Kingdom will be thrown out into the darkness, where they will cry and gnash their teeth." <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the officer, "Go home, and what you believe will be done for you."

And the officer's servant was healed that very moment

#### **Intro**

Our truth to live by this week is **I live by faith**, the passage we are looking at in ekids is Matthew 8:5-13, the passage for the sermon, is Galatians 2:15-21.

Jesus says that the Roman Officer has faith, through reading what happens we get to see that the Roman officer trusted that Jesus had power to heal. So, to live by faith is to trust in Jesus. Trust in Jesus to have power to act, but also from Galatians 2:20, trust that Jesus loves us and died for us.

#### **Retelling the story,**

This is another chance to get the lego/duplo etc, out, and retell the story, this will help children to see that Jesus was in one place and the servant was in another, and hopefully help everyone to see how powerful Jesus is.

You can also find this story in the Beginners Bible under the title 'The Captain's Faith'.

The Roman officer understood that Jesus was Special, he had the power and the right to give orders. He trusted Jesus, and Jesus did what he said he would do.

Jesus says that the Roman Officer had faith

Jesus also says (v11) that those who have faith in Jesus are part of God's family, and will be in heaven

(Those who should be in the kingdom (v12) are those of Jewish descent who would have been looking forward to God sending someone special but didn't trust Jesus.

#### **How does this story help us?**

It reminds us how amazing Jesus is, that he has power to act, and that Faith is when we trust in his power.

The most amazing thing is that Jesus loves us and died for us.

Faith in Jesus is what we need to be part of his family. No exams to pass, no entry fee.

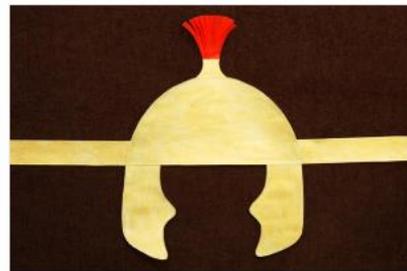
### Something to Pray

Thank you Jesus for showing us how powerful you are. Thank you that the bible tells us that you love us and died for us.

Sorry for the times when we forget to trust you, and think we need to do things to make you love us so that we can be part of your family.

Please help us to trust that you are powerful when we find it hard to.  
Amen

Illustrations for the Roman Helmet craft



# The Faith of the Centurion

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:9-10 (NIV)



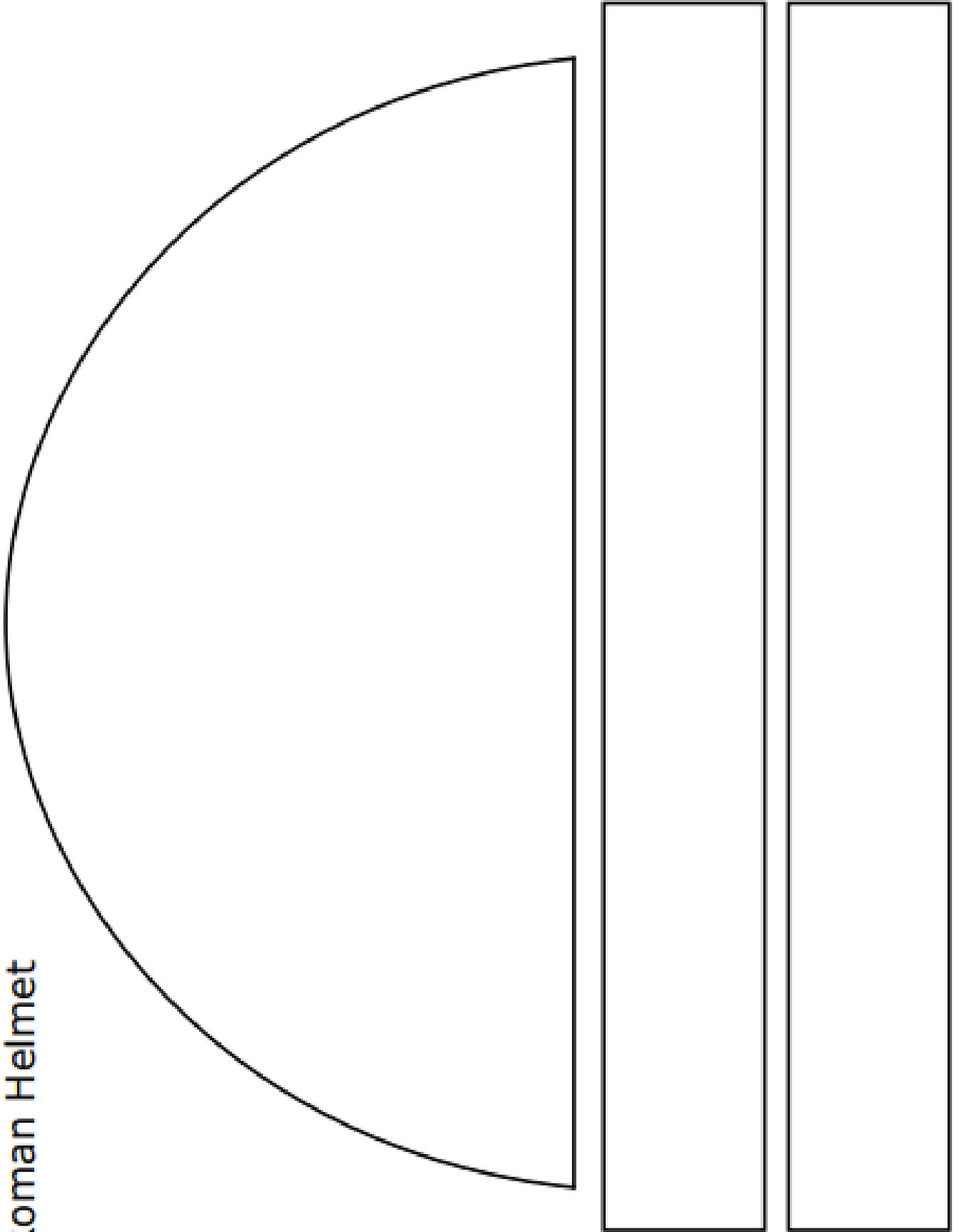
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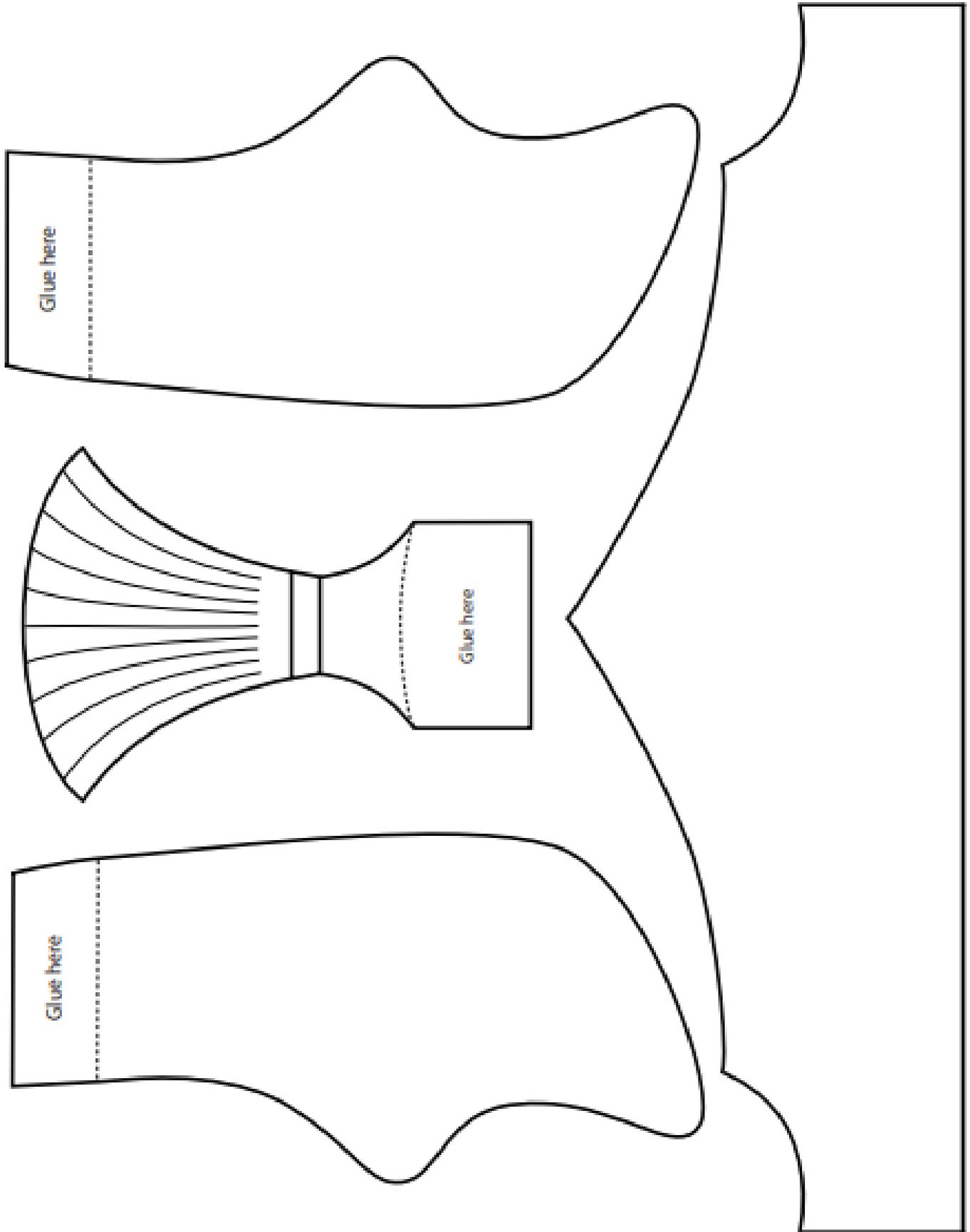
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Use the template below -or follow the link on the next page to get a clearer template and instructions. Write on one piece of the headband 'I Live by Faith', and on the other 'I trust in Jesus'

# Roman Helmet







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live by  
faith