# LESSON 6 "DEPENDABILITY" (page 1)



### **BIBLE CONNECTION**

Matthew 8:5-13 (pages 1034-1035)

### **CHARACTER WORD**

<u>Dependability</u> – trustworthy to do what I say I will do

### **TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

Like Jesus, I can be <u>dependable</u> to help others.

### **MEMORY LINK**

Matthew 8:13b

"As you have believed, so let it be done for you."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1035)

### SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

### **GET CONNECTED**

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

### **MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY**

Option 1: Jump rope or hula hoop Option 2: None

### **BIBLE CONNECTION**

Resource item

### SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

### MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Beach ball Option 2: Beach ball, painter's tape

## A Soldier Asks Jesus for Help

### WHAT'S THE POINT?

<u>Dependable</u> means that you are reliable, steady, and trustworthy. If people are able to count on you, then you are <u>dependable</u>. Being <u>dependable</u> is a difficult lesson to learn both for kids and for adults! This lesson addresses how the centurion was <u>dependable</u>, how Jesus is <u>dependable</u> and how He wants us to be <u>dependable</u>. The soldier (or centurion) in today's lesson understood the value of being <u>dependable</u>, and he recognized this quality in Jesus. While he didn't personally know Jesus, the centurion had heard about Him and His healing power.

### **GET CONNECTED**



Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

People who demonstrate <u>dependability</u> have a reputation of doing what they say they are going to do. When you persist in an activity or assignment, you do not easily give up. You continue until the job is done. This means you are <u>dependable</u>. Have you ever been asked to do something for someone else knowing they are counting on you? Everyday we <u>depend</u> on others to help us.

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's Character Word is depedability. What does that mean to you?
- Do you know someone who is <u>dependable</u>? (you can always count on them)
- What is it about their life that shows they are dependable?
- Do you depend on the bus driver to pick you up and drop you off on time?
- Do you <u>depend</u> on someone to wake you up in the morning?
- Who is counting on you to be <u>dependable</u>?
- Finish the sentence: I can show that I am <u>dependable</u> by \_\_\_\_\_\_.



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

### **WORSHIP TIME**



Pointing hearts toward God

Like the Roman Centurion, we can fully <u>depend</u> on God to keep His word. No matter what you are going through, God is always with you. "Lord, I Need You" by Matt Maher **(youtube.com/watch?v=LuvfMDhTyMA)** and "I Will Trust" by Elevation Worship **(youtube.com/watch?v=5JPT4u6hyb4)**.

### **MEMORY LINK**



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2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

### No supplies needed

### Focus on the Bible

Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bibles. Encourage kids to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total each week and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

### Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Today's Character Word is <u>dependability</u>. A person who is <u>dependable</u> follows through with what they say they will do. In today's story, you'll hear how a soldier who knew Jesus to be <u>dependable</u> puts his complete trust in Jesus. Jesus noted how strong the soldier's faith was. Today's Memory Link is what Jesus told the soldier. Let's read and see what it is.

Guide the kids to find and read Matthew 8:13b from the KBC Study Bible (page 1035).

Jesus promised to do what the soldier asked. He said He would go at once. Humbly, the soldier trusted Jesus to be <u>dependable</u> and keep the promise. You can know that Jesus is completely <u>dependable</u>. He is the perfect example for us of what it means to be <u>dependable</u>.

### Option 1 - FINISH THE VERSE

Jump rope or hula hoop

### **Prepare**

Form the jump rope into a circle on the ground, or lay the hula hoop on the ground in the middle of your Surf Team.

By Surf Teams, guide the kids to stand in a circle around the hula hoop or jump rope. Select one child to go first. He or she will step into the circle on the ground and say the first word of the verse ("As") and step back out. The person to her left steps in and says the next word ("you") and steps out. Continue around the circle until the entire verse and reference has been recited. After the verse is completed, repeat the game increasing speed. Challenge kids to see how quickly they can recite the verse in this way. Continue as time permits.

### **Option 2 - CENTURION SAYS**

No supplies needed

### **Prepare**

Write verse on board or poster as a visual for the students during this activity.

Similar to the game "Simon Says," have a child be the Centurion and call out several commands (A centurion was in charge of a large army and others listened to his commands. His army depended on him to keep them safe and get the job done). After several commands: hands on head, clap once, march in place, the Centurion will command students to say the Bible verse. Allow each child to give 3-4 commands before switching to someone else.

### Matthew 8:13b

"As you have believed, so let it be done for you."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1035)

### **Teaching Tip**

Remind students that the Memory Link is found in God's word. Be sure that you always read the scripture from the KBC Study Bible to help reinforce that they have access to God's word just like you do.

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### **BIBLE CONNECTION**



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Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Resource item

### **Set the Stage**

Today's Character Word is <u>dependability</u>. As we've already discussed, a person who is <u>dependable</u> is someone that can be trusted to do what they say they will do. If you like to play or watch sports, you will notice that it takes a group effort to score points and to beat the opponent. Being part of the team requires one to be <u>dependent</u> on another to play his/her position well. The New England Patriots are a pretty well-known football team. Their coach Bill Belichick provided an interview with Rich Garven to discuss how he determines who plays for him and how often. Belichick was asked if reliability and <u>dependability</u> are as important as potential. His response: "We like to say that <u>dependability</u> is more important than ability, put it that way." In today's lesson, we will discover someone who is even more <u>dependable</u> and can be trusted even more than team members and coaches. That person is Jesus! If He says He will do it, then we only need to trust and <u>depend</u> on Him for the results.

### Tell the Story

Jesus lived in Israel, which was ruled by the Romans in those days. There were Roman soldiers all over Israel to enforce the laws and maintain Roman rule. A centurion was a commander over a group of 100 Roman soldiers. Centurions were accustomed to being in charge and expected others to immediately obey their commands. Jesus traveled from town to town teaching about God and healing the sick. Jesus became well known and would draw great crowds. Today's story tells about a time a centurion asked Jesus for help.

Invite kids to find Matthew 8:5-13 (pages 1034-1035) in their KBC Study Bibles. Explain that you will read this short story aloud as the kids follow along. Read slowly and with great feeling.

Jesus was teaching and sharing the good news of the kingdom of God to the people of Israel who were under the rule of the Romans. One day a Roman centurion came and knelt down before Jesus. He told Jesus that he had a servant whom he dearly loved who was paralyzed and in great pain and suffering. Jesus offered to go to the centurion's home to heal the servant.

I imagine the servant trusted the centurion to be <u>dependable</u>. That servant counted on the soldier to help him. I also imagine the centurion believed that Jesus was <u>dependable</u> when he asked Him for help.

After Jesus offered to come to the centurion's home to heal the servant, the centurion refused and explained what it meant to be <u>dependable</u>. The centurion told how he trusted the soldiers under his command to be <u>dependable</u> and do exactly as he said. The centurion trusted that if Jesus commanded his servant to be healed, then the servant would be healed! The centurion had great faith in Jesus to keep his promises.

### **Teaching Tip**

Do all you can to help students stay focused on the Bible story. You don't have to call on every student who wants to answer or ask a question. Keep discussions and questions to a minimum during the large group teaching time. Remind them they can ask their surf team leader questions following the Bible story.

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Jesus was amazed with the faith of the centurion. Jesus even said that the centurion's faith was greater than the people of Israel, who as God's chosen people, were supposed to be the most faithful of all. Then Jesus turned to the soldier and said, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." At that exact moment Jesus spoke, the Roman soldier's servant was healed!

Invite kids to read aloud Matthew 8:13 to review what Jesus said to the centurion and identify today's Memory Link.

The centurion <u>depended</u> on Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus was <u>dependable</u> and healed the servant as the centurion asked. Nothing is too difficult, too small, too large or too messy for God. God revealed this great love for us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, who went to the cross for us, was buried and rose from the dead giving us victory over sin, death and evil so that we could live eternally with Him.

### **Application**

As you choose to follow Jesus, there will be lots of opportunities to learn to be <u>dependable</u>. The more we learn to <u>depend</u> on Him, the more we learn how we can grow so that others can <u>depend</u> on us, too.

### **Gospel Connection**

You can <u>depend</u> on God to keep His promises. God offers forgiveness from sins and new life through Jesus Christ. God's word is <u>dependable</u> because it is true and relevant. The Bible teaches us His plan for how people can become followers of Jesus. God offers everyone the free gift of eternal life. Accepting that gift is as simple as A-B-C: ADMIT, BELIEVE and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW. ADMIT you're a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus' sacrifice paid the debt for your sin and then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by turning away from your sin and choosing God's way rather than your own way. If you have never made this decision, today can be the day for you to depend on Him for your eternal life.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their forever friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

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### Gospel Tip

Make it a point to introduce those who ASK Jesus to be their forever friend in Beach Club and rejoice with them. Celebrate! It's a **BIG DEAL!** Remember to complete a decision card on each student and enter each profession of faith (POF) in the KiDs Online Management System so proper follow up can be made. Review "Professions of Faith" on pages 16-18 in the **KBC** Leadership Manual Volume 3: Record Keeping Made Easy.


### **SURF TEAM TIME**



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Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

### Today's Bible Lesson [

- Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible Connection leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story?
- What do you think the servant and the Centurion talked about after he was healed?
- Connect the Memory Link to today's story. Ask the children to identify the person who spoke the words in today's Memory Link. (Jesus) What did Jesus say caused the servant to be healed? (The centurion's belief)
- How did the centurion show he <u>depended</u> on Jesus? How did Jesus prove himself to be <u>dependable</u>?
- How can you <u>depend</u> on Jesus? Review the A-B-Cs of how to become a Christian.

### Use the Bible

Give each child a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

### **Hang 10 Pages**

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Day 3 of your Hang 10 challenges you to list some ways you can be <u>dependable</u> in little things, like doing chores and completing homework. It also challenges you to list ways you can be <u>dependable</u> in big things, such as keeping a promise to a friend. What are some ways you can be dependable?

### **Pray**

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask someone to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your Surf Team this week.

Dear God, thank You for being our <u>dependable</u> friend. Help us every day to trust Your ability to do what You say You will do. We are thankful that nothing takes You by surprise and that You are always with us. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

### **Teaching Tip**

Now that all the students have recieved their KBC Study Bible, allow them to ask questions about it. If you have any new students for the semester be sure to give them their own copy of the KBC Study Bible.

### **MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME**



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Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

### **Option 1 - UP FOR GRABS**

### Beach ball

Guide all the kids to sit in a large circle. Number off the kids 1-8. Tell the kids to remember their number. Place the beach ball in the center of the circle. The Review Game Leader will call out a number from 1-8. Every child in the circle with that number will race to the center of the circle to get the beach ball. The student who gets the beach ball gets to answer a review question. Continue until all questions are answered or time runs out.

### **Option 2 - DEPEND ON ME**

Beach ball, painter's tape

### **Prepare**

Put two pieces of painter's tape on the floor about 10-15 feet apart.

Instruct the children on each Surf Team to line up behind one of the pieces of tape. Have the first child put the beach ball between their knees and run to the other line and back. When they get back, ask them the first question. The second child has to depend on the previous child to bring the ball back to them so they can do the same thing. Continue until all questions have been asked, or until time is called. Have the children who are waiting for their turn (or that have already gone) cheer for others while they wait.

### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (dependability)
- 2. What does it mean to be <u>dependable</u>? (Trustworthy to do what I say I will do)
- 3. Where is today's Memory Link located? (Matthew 8:13b)
- 4. Say today's memory link. ("As you have believed, so let it be done for you." Matthew 8:13b)
- 5. What did Jesus offer to do when the centurion asked Him to heal his servant? (He offered to go to his house)
- 6. What was Jesus' reaction to the centurion's faith? (He marveled and said He had not seen such great faith in Israel)
- 7. When was the centurion's servant healed? (At the exact moment Jesus said so)
- 8. What does A-B-C stand for? (Admit, Believe, Choose to Follow)
- 9. Name one way you can be <u>dependable</u> for your family and friends.
- 10. Name one way you can depend on God.

### **Teaching Tip**

Sometimes it is fun to involve your Surf Team leaders in the game. Consider calling on them in your game today to allow the kids to cheer for their leaders or invite leaders to demonstrate how a game is played. Kids like to see their leaders be silly and have fun, so be sure to include adults in the review game action. Kids will love it and leaders may not admit it, but they'll love it, too!


# "As you have believed, so let it be done for you."

Matthew 8:13b

