

Jesus Christ, True God

My dad said that Jesus is just a myth,” Eric boasted.

Turning and looking straight at Eric, Mark said, “I do believe in Jesus, because I believe the Bible is true.”

The Bible teaches us about the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Today we begin a new lesson book on the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, the Article of Redemption. In this Article, we learn about the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ, God’s only Son. God declared that Jesus is true God when He said, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

In the Second Article, we confess what Jesus did because He loves you. Jesus came to earth as a man. Mary was His mother on earth, and God has always been His heavenly Father. Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb by God the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins with His blood. He saved us in order to restore our relationship with God the Father. This is why we call Jesus the “Redeemer.” In fact, the name Jesus means “*Yahweh* saves.” In the Second Article, we also confess that Jesus ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and is coming again. All true Christians believe what the Creed says about Jesus Christ.

Because Jesus is true God, He has all the *attributes* and powers of God. When Jesus lived on earth, He did miraculous things. He healed

sick people. He made blind eyes see again, and He brought dead people back to life. These miracles proved to the people that He was God. Most importantly, as the Creed says, Jesus died on the cross, rose again, and is still alive and all-powerful today.

The power and *authority* of Jesus are seen in Matthew 8:5–13. One day when Jesus

Lesson 1



entered the town of Capernaum, a Roman **centurion** came to Him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying **paralyzed** at home.”

Jesus replied, “I will come and heal him.”

“Lord,” he said, “I am not worthy for you to come under my roof, but just say the word and my servant will be healed. For I know that you have authority over sickness just as I have authority over the soldiers under my command.”

Jesus was amazed at the centurion’s faith and said, “Go; it shall be done for you as you

have believed.” The servant was healed at that very moment. The centurion returned home. How thankful he must have been! Jesus the Son of God had done what no other man could do.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? In the Bible, God has declared that Jesus truly is His Son. In the story of the centurion’s servant, we see Jesus’ power and His love. Jesus promised that He will always be with His children to help them, forgive them, and bring them to heaven to live with Him.

ACTIVITY 1

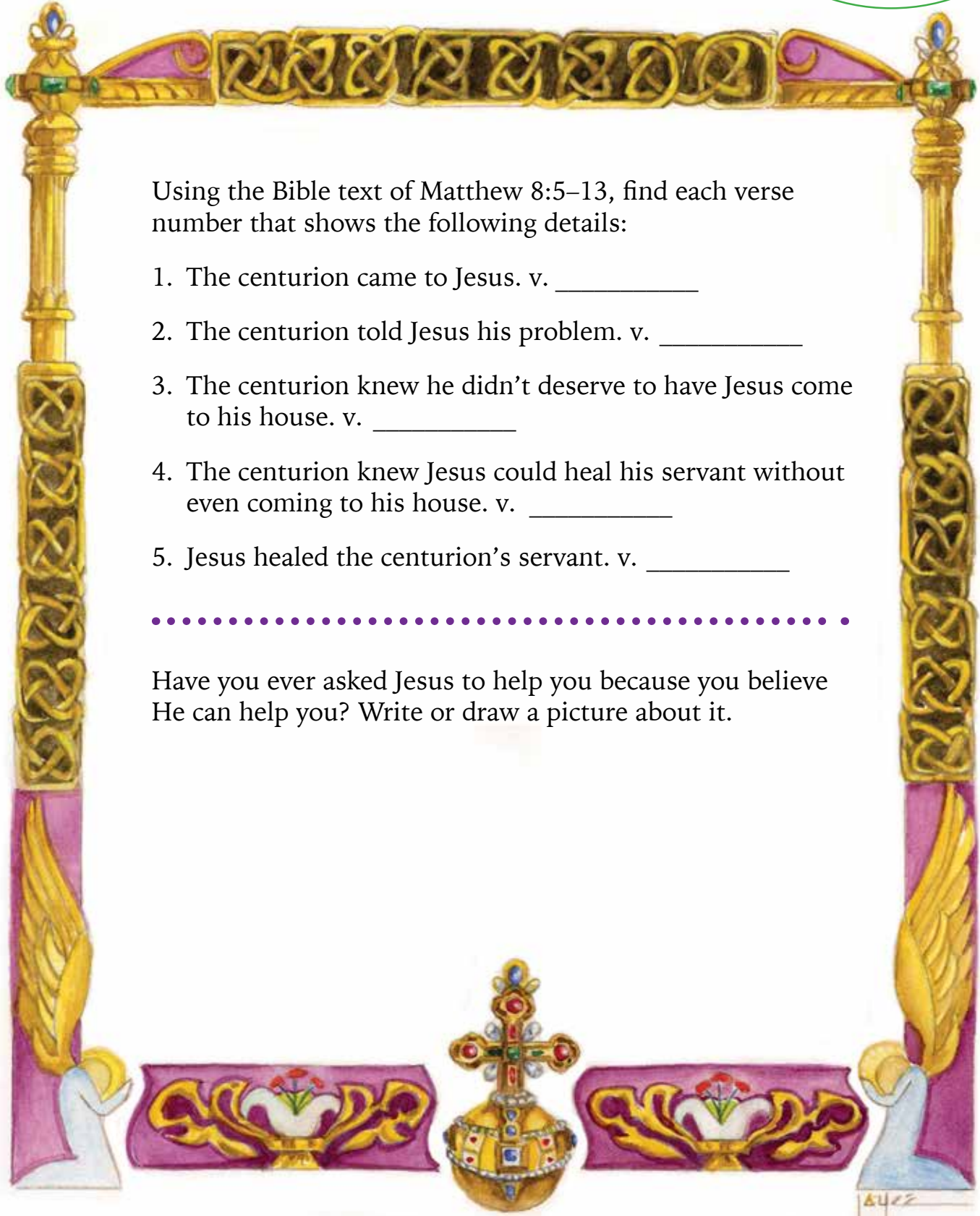
Which Verse?

Using the Bible text of Matthew 8:5–13, find each verse number that shows the following details:

1. The centurion came to Jesus. v. _____
2. The centurion told Jesus his problem. v. _____
3. The centurion knew he didn't deserve to have Jesus come to his house. v. _____
4. The centurion knew Jesus could heal his servant without even coming to his house. v. _____
5. Jesus healed the centurion's servant. v. _____

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Have you ever asked Jesus to help you because you believe He can help you? Write or draw a picture about it.



ACTIVITY 2

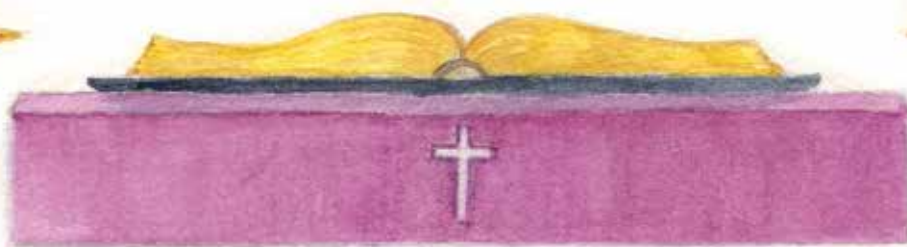
Jesus Is True God

Write the answers in the blanks below.

1. Jesus came to _____ as a man.
2. Jesus made _____ eyes see.
3. Jesus' _____ proved He was God.
4. Jesus _____ for our sins.
5. Jesus _____ again.
6. Jesus _____ our relationship with God.
7. Jesus is _____ today.

Unscramble the letters from the highlighted boxes to complete this sentence:

Jesus is my _____.



Catechism

The Second Article of Redemption

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, . . .

Memory Verse

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

—I John 4:9

Enrichment Memory Verse:
Matthew 3:17