JESUS MEETS:
THE ROMAN CENTURION

WEEK 18 | YOUTH

Here are a few things to help you unpack the theme further:

CHAT:

Use the following questions to chat and think about the story of Jesus meeting the Centurion:

What sort of things do you find easy to believe in?

What sort of things do you find difficult to believe in?

The Centurion's faith was so great that it even amazed Jesus. How would you describe 'faith'?

Do you believe God can do anything? Why/why not?

Why do you think it can sometimes be hard to have faith?

PRAY:

This story shows Jesus' incredible power when He healed the Centurion's servant from a distance. Knowing this, think about the following questions:

'If you could ask God anything, what would it be?'

'If you could ask God to do anything, what would it be?'

Take a moment to pray and ask for these things and have faith that God will answer. However, we also need to acknowledge that God doesn't always answer our prayers with a 'yes' or in the way we might like. Not because He's mean, but because He knows what the best possible outcome for us is (even if it doesn't make sense to us).

DO:

Grab a piece of paper and draw a line down the middle.

Set a 2-minute timer and, on one side, write down as many ideas as you can think of about how to look out for, care for and love, others.

Then, set another 2-minute timer and, on the other side of the paper, write down all the people who are often looked down upon, counted out or seen as ‘different’. Think about those seen this way in our society, in church and also who you view this way.

Using what you have written, put together an action to do something caring for someone who is normally marginalised or overlooked. Talk to a grown-up you trust about your idea and get going!