



Have fun learning and playing
with your preschooler!

Activity

Centurion Says

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Say, "Today, we're going to play a game of 'Centurion Says.' I will be the centurion, and when I say, 'Centurion says, touch your toes,' you will touch your toes. Listen for 'Centurion says.' What if I just said, 'Touch your toes?' That's right! You will stay still.

"Let's do a practice round. Remember to listen for 'Centurion says.' Okay! Centurion says, 'Clap your hands.' (Pause.) Yay!

"Okay, listen closely. Touch your toes. (Pause.) Nice! Centurion says 'Hop up and down.' (Pause.) Centurion says, 'Freeze.' (Pause.) Centurion says, 'Give a friend a high five.' (Pause.) Sit down. (Pause.) Did I say, 'Centurion says'? (Pause.) Okay, here we go. Centurion says, 'Rub your belly.' (Pause.) Centurion says, 'Turn around.' Good job!"

Repeat as long as interest allows.

Say, "Today in our Bible story, we heard about a centurion. A centurion is someone who leads a lot of soldiers. He was powerful and important, but he knew that Jesus was even more important. And he needed Jesus' help. Jesus loved the centurion and wanted to help him. Jesus loves you and wants to help you, too! That's right! Jesus loves you! And He wants to be your friend forever. Who loves you? Jesus loves me."

Bible Story

The Centurion
(Matthew 8:5-13)

Remember This

"How wide and long
and high and deep is
the love of Christ."
Luke 2:47, NIV

Say This

Who loves you?
Jesus loves me.

Prayer

"Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus. He helped the centurion and his servant, and He will help us, too, because He loves us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."