

A Man of Faith



Just for fun

Fill in the blanks with the missing words. Read Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV) if you need help.

1. A _____ came to Jesus, asking for help.
2. The centurion said, "My _____ lies at home paralyzed."
3. _____ said that He would go and heal the servant.
4. "Just say the _____, and my servant will be healed," the centurion said.
5. Jesus said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great _____."
6. The centurion's servant was healed at that _____.

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FAITH IS

Look forward, backward, up, and down to find each of the words in Hebrews 11:1.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

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A MAN OF FAITH
 centurion, servant, Jesus, word,
 faith, moment

FAITH IN THE DARK

by Doris Schuchard

Aidan and his classmates followed the guide into Fisher's Cave. They walked down stairs, around rocks, and squeezed through narrow passages. After many twists and turns, they entered a large, open room.

"Mr. Fisher discovered this cave a hundred years ago when he chased a bear inside," explained the guide. "Let's pretend Mr. Fisher is showing you the cave. Lanterns will light the way."

The guide had everyone turn off their flashlights. Aidan looked around. He could just barely see his friends' faces. The path back to the cave entrance was darker than night.

"It's scary when you don't know where you're going," the guide said. "You would have to trust Mr. Fisher. He figured out where all the cave's paths led."

After school Aidan rushed home. "Hey, Mom, we went on the best field trip," he started to say. Then Aidan saw them. Boxes piled to the ceiling in every room. Aidan had almost forgotten they were moving

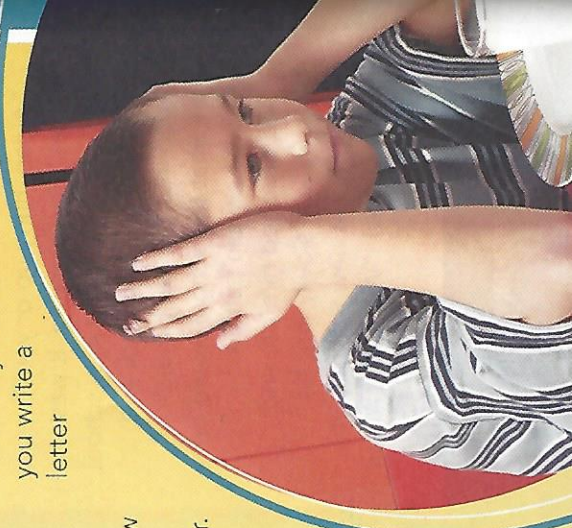
next week.

Aidan slammed his backpack on the kitchen table. "I don't want to move! I want to play ball with my friends this summer."

Mom handed Aidan a glass of milk. "Dad found a good job in Capetown. He bought a nice house. And he's even visited your new school."

"But I've never seen Capetown. How do you know I'll like it?" asked Aidan.

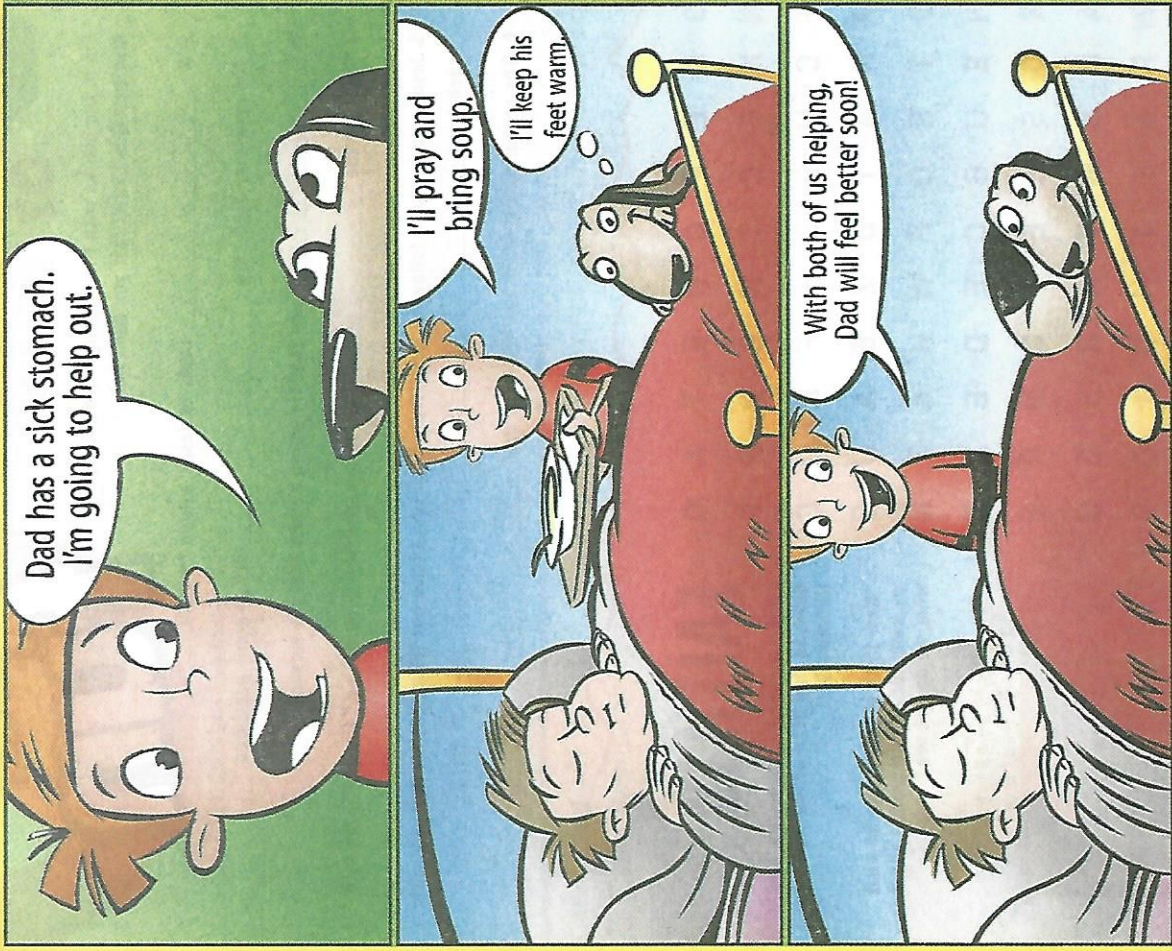
"I know it's hard to believe this will all work out. . . . I have an idea. Why don't you write a letter





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TOON TIME



Here's where you'll sit."

Aidan walked to his desk and couldn't believe his eyes. There in a big pile were 23 letters. Each of his new classmates had written to him. They told about school, about Capetown, about things they like to do.

"Thank you," Aidan said shyly. "I think I'm going to like it here."

And thank You, God, Aidan thought. Thanks for nice surprises and for being here first. *In Jesus' name, amen.*

to your new classmates?" Mom suggested.

I don't know how that will help, Aidan thought. But later Aidan got out a pencil and paper. He wrote, "Dear class, My name is Aidan. I'm 9 years old. I like baseball. My favorite subject is science. What do you like to do for fun? See you soon."

The week flew by. Soon the moving van was loaded. Aidan waved to his friends as he drove away. Moving is scary, Aidan thought sadly. Then he remembered what the cave guide had said. *I need to trust someone who's been there. Well, Dad has been to Capetown and he likes it. And God is there too. He knows what's best for me, Aidan decided.*

"Aidan, hurry up or you'll be late!" Dad shouted. It was Aidan's first day in the new school. He grabbed his backpack and jumped into the car. He didn't know what this school would be like, but he wasn't afraid.

Dad dropped him off, and Aidan walked slowly into his classroom. His new teacher, Mrs. Bartels, smiled. "Welcome, Aidan.

How did Aidan show faith in God?



How can you show faith in God?



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