

*Immediately the father of the child cried out,
“I believe; help my unbelief!” (NRSV)*

1. The father in this story was at his wits' end. With his child desperately ill, and nowhere else to turn, he turned to Jesus. And when Jesus told him healing would come if only he could believe, he asked for help believing. For what do you need Jesus' help to believe today?

2. Scripture doesn't record the father's reaction in this story, but we can imagine his joy. Remember that God is your Everlasting Father, and reflect on the fact that He rejoices over you.

3. It was desperation and humility that drove the father in this story to plead for his son – and for himself – before Jesus. Who could you intercede for today?



Dear Lord: Thank you that you are my Everlasting Father, and that your mercy, love and compassion never fail. Today I ask you to help _____ who needs you. I believe you hear and answer prayer. Help my unbelief. For I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.