Peter Visits Cornelius
Lesson Aim: To know God loves everyone the same.

THE WELCOME

TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS
- COLORING CENTER: Peter's Dream
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Animals of Every Kind
- PUPPET CENTER: God Made Us All
- DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: Peter's Visit

THE WORSHIP

THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

It's Praise Time! Before we begin, let's talk to God. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear God, thank You for making each of us special in our own way. Thank You for loving us as we are. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: The Adventures of Delbert & Lello puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." 2 Corinthians 5:17a

THE WORD

PETER VISITS CORNELIUS

CLASSROOM PROMISE

Yawn and stretch. Hug the stuffed animals to you. I brought some of my animals friends with me today. Let's see if you can tell me what kind of animals they are. Hold up each animal and have the children name what it is. Do you have stuffed animals, dolls, or toys you sleep with at night? What is your favorite? Let several of the children tell you their favorite stuffed animal, doll, or toy. Each one of you named a different favorite toy, didn't you? (Yes.)

Are you each different? Point out differences in gender, hair color, eye color, etc. God made each of us different. Does God like any of us better than others? (No.) We are each special to God and He loves each of us the same. Jesus' friend Peter had a dream about that. Let's listen. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 10:24b.

WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 10:9-12, 15, 22-35

Read poem. Display visual.
- God gave Peter a dream one day,
- Of a sheet coming down from above.
- This sheet full of animals of every kind
- Showed Peter about God's love.
- An angel told Cornelius,
  "Ask Peter to visit today."
- Cornelius called his family and friends,
- To hear what Peter would say.
- Peter told them "God loves you.
  You can follow Jesus, too.
  For God loves everyone the same,
  Just as He loves me and you!"

Just as God made the animals to be different, God made people to be different, too, but He loves us all the same. Who loves you? (God.) Who loves everyone? (God.)

THE WAY

GOD LOVES EVERYONE

CRAFT: Cornelius' House

GAMES: God's Family, God Loves Everyone

SNACK: Love Snack

FINAL FIVE MINUTES
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Acts 10:9-12, 15, 22-35

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: New Hearts, "New Creation"

Ball Toss

STORY TIME