



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 2, Lesson 9

Peter Visits Cornelius

Lesson Aim: To know God washes away the sin of anyone who believes in Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite animal?

GAME: Loads of Animals

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 51:2.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

THE WORD PETER VISITS CORNELIUS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God restored Tabitha's life.

If a Bible Timeline is available, point out Peter Visits Cornelius. **Before today's story took place, Peter thought Jesus came only for the Jews. Let's see what Peter learned about Jews and Gentiles. A Gentile is anyone who is not a Jew.** Point out Joppa, Israel. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 10:11-12, 15, 34-36, 43-45. Pray.

An angel told a Gentile named Cornelius to send his men for Peter. God gave Peter a surprising vision. Read Acts 10:11-12.

Peter heard a voice tell him to hunt and eat the animals. Peter knew the Jewish rules called some of these animals unclean or impure. Listen to what the voice told Peter. Read Acts 10:15.

Peter went with the men to visit Cornelius. Read Acts 10:34-36, 43-45.

THE WAY ALL WHO BELIEVE ARE CLEANSED

Seat children on the sheet. **God gave Peter a vision about different kinds of animals. Do you have a favorite or a least favorite animal? Peter's vision taught him something about different kinds of people. Just as we may feel differently toward different animals, we may feel differently toward different people. Here are some pictures of people who are different from you in some way. Give**

children pictures of different people. **How are you different from the people in these pictures? How are you different from the children sitting on this sheet with you? Just as the sheet from heaven had many different animals, this sheet has many different people. The pictures remind us that God forgives all different types of people.**

Peter learned God has no favorites. Anyone who believes in Jesus is forgiven and made clean in God's eyes. We become part of God's family which is filled with boys and girls, young and old, and people from every race. No matter who we are, where we are from, what we have done, or what we look like—as soon as we believe in Jesus, we are forgiven and belong to Jesus forever.

A Gentile is a person who is not Jewish. Just as it was hard for Peter to imagine Jesus washing away the sins of the Gentiles, it may be hard for us to imagine God washing away the sins of certain people. Do you think there is any person on this sheet or in these pictures whose sins are so terrible that Jesus could not wash them away? (No, nothing is impossible with God.) God told Peter three times, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." Let's say that three times just as Peter heard God say it. Lead the children in repeating the phrase three times. If anyone in these pictures believes in Jesus, then Jesus will wash away that person's sins. God will make his or her heart clean. That's true for anyone who believes in Jesus, because God has no favorites.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

More than 700 years before Peter learned Jesus came to save the Gentiles as well as the Jews, Isaiah promised that God would do that very thing! Let's find it in the Bible. Reveal Isaiah 49:6. Read.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Cloth strip
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Peter's vision of animals on a sheet
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Ham on a Blanket

GAMES: Balloons in the Sheet, Song of Caesarea

CRAFT: Hands Around the World

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Erase It, Then Say It; Balloon Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW