



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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. **Peter thought Jesus came only for the Jews. A Gentile is anyone who is not a Jew.** Point out Joppa, Israel. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Pray. Read. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 10:11-12, 15, 34-36, 43-48. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 10:43. 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. He knew Jewish laws called some of these animals unclean or impure. Read Acts 10:15.

Peter went to see Cornelius. Peter was a Jew and Cornelius was a Gentile. Everyone knew it was against Jewish law for a Jew to visit the home of a Gentile. But, God had shown Peter he was not to call any man impure or unclean. Read Acts 10:34-35, 43-48.

THE WAY ALL WHO BELIEVE ARE CLEANSED

Seat children on the sheet. **God gave Peter a vision of different kinds of animals. It taught him something about people.** Give children pictures. **How are you different from these people? How are you different from the those sitting next to you? Just as the sheet from heaven had many different animals, this sheet has many different people. The pictures remind us that God forgives everyone.**

Do you think God has a favorite or least favorite person from the pictures? (No.) God has no favorites. 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.

What does the word Gentile mean? (Anyone 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.) What did God say three times to Peter in the vision? ("Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.") If anyone in these pictures believes in Jesus, then Jesus will wash away their sins. God will make his or her heart clean.

The Holy Spirit came on all who heard Peter's message. What did they do next? (They were baptized.) Baptism is a special ceremony where those who believe in Jesus are dipped in or sprinkled with water to show Jesus has washed away their sins (wrongdoings). When we believe in Jesus, He washes our sins away so our hearts are clean and pure in God's eyes. He sees us all the same—with clean hearts that are ready to love Him.

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. Find It First. Highlight. 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

GAME: Balloons in the Sheet

CRAFT: Hands Around the World

DISCUSSION: Peter, Paul, and John

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW