



Unit 31, Session 1

Peter and Cornelius

Acts 10

Story Point: The gospel is for all people.

One afternoon, Cornelius saw an angel of God in a vision which frightened him. The angel told Cornelius to send for a man named Peter, who was in the city of Joppa. So Cornelius sent two of his servants and one soldier to Joppa.

The next day, Peter went up on the roof of the house to pray. Peter saw a vision of something like a large sheet coming down from heaven. In the sheet were all kinds of animals, reptiles, and birds. A voice said to him, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat!”

“No, Lord!” Peter said. “I have never eaten anything that is unclean.” Again, a voice said to him, “God has made these clean. Do not call them unclean.”

Then Cornelius’ men arrived at the gate. The next day, Peter went with the men to Caesarea.

When Peter got to Cornelius’ house, he explained to Cornelius that God does not consider some people to be better than others. God had sent good news to the Israelites: Jesus is Lord of all. Peter said, “Everyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven.”

As Peter said this, the Holy Spirit came down on those who heard the message—not just the Jews, but the Gentiles, or non-Jews, too. The Jewish believers were amazed.

Christ Connection: God showed Peter that just as there is no “clean” and “unclean” food in Christ, there are no “clean” and “unclean” people. God calls believers to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus is the Lord of all.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Choose five of the Scripture references to find and read in your Bible. Draw in the sheet the animals mentioned in the verses: Leviticus 11:7; Genesis 22:13; Deuteronomy 25:4; Leviticus 1:14; 2 Samuel 22:34; John 1:29; Judges 14:5; Luke 5:6; Proverbs 17:12; Genesis 8:8.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What happened when Peter preached to the Gentiles?

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APPLY the Story

- What is forgiveness?
- Why do people get baptized?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be Lord?

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APPLY the Story

- Find 1 Chronicles 16:31 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for sending Jesus to rescue sinners.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 1:8-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 3:11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 28:19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 28:28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 3:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3:14 |