

# Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

## Upcoming reminders:

Rummage Sale: June 3rd & 4th

VBS - August 12th

\*With enough participation...  
hand chime extravaganza - early  
Summer.

Sunday, April 23, 2023

## PETER'S VISION

Acts 10:1-17, 34-48

### **Key Verse:**

“I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears [God] and does what is right is acceptable to [God].”

Acts 10:34-35

### **The Point:**

We are called to share the gospel with all people.

### **Making Connections:**

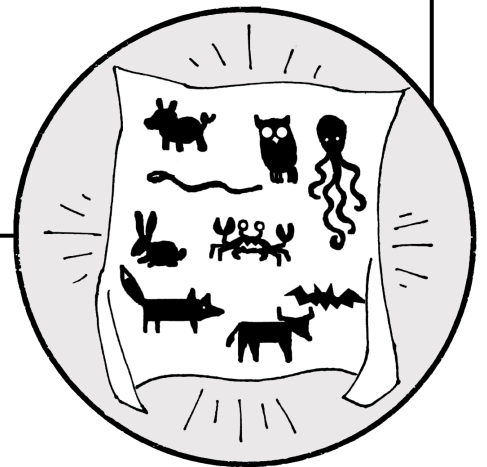
Called to Share

### **Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

Gentiles

### **Spiritual Practice:**

Prayer



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**So much MORE to the STORY. Please read in preparation for Kids Corner.**

**Story Summary:*****Peter's Vision***

At the beginning of today's story, an angel comes to Cornelius and instructs him to find Peter. After the angel departs, Cornelius sends three men to search for Peter and to bring Peter back to his house so that he can hear the message Peter has for God's people. Meanwhile, Peter has a vision of animals lowered on a sheet. Thinking that he is being tempted with unclean food, he refuses to eat the animals. However, God tells Peter that anything that God has made is good.

Before his vision, Peter may not have openly welcomed Cornelius and his followers because they were Gentiles and he was a Jew. However, through the vision, God helped Peter realize that no one is shown favoritism or partiality by God. After having this vision, Peter welcomes the three men before journeying to Cornelius' house. Then, once in the presence of Cornelius and his other followers, Peter shares with them the good news of forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ.

**Put a check by all of the people named:**

- Cornelius
- Jesus
- Mary
- Paul
- Peter
- Solomon

**The Point**

**We are called to share the gospel with all people.**

Every day we interact with people who are different than us and who many might say we will not get along with. However, God reminds us that we should welcome and love all people and invite them to be in community with us. When we accept and include people who differ from ourselves, we learn something more about God or about us.

**Have YOU had a chance to include someone recently?  
Think about it for sharing during Kids Corner. <3**





Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism."

Acts 10:34

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Unscramble each word then use the marked letters to reveal the secret word.

HERE IS A CLUE IN CASE YOU NEED HELP!

All of the scrambled words except the final answer are colors. "They are precious in his sight!"

# All the Children of the World

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. Acts 10:34-35



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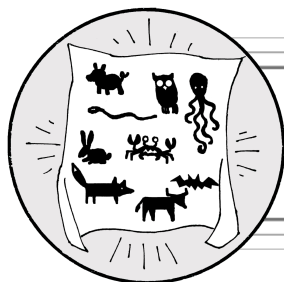
**Jesus loves children all around the WORLD. But let's start easy.**

**Challenge:** Color in every state you've been to

**Bonus Challenge:** Correctly label all US states



**AND JESUS LOVES THEM ALL!**



# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
3RD-6TH**

**NL**

**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**

Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2022-2023)

**Lesson #1-30**

Acts 10:1-17, 34-48

## LAST WEEK

Jesus rises from the grave, showing that his kingdom will have no end. He commissions his disciples and promises to be with them always (Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20).

## THIS WEEK

Peter takes the first step toward bringing the gospel to nations outside of Israel by baptizing and teaching the household of a Roman centurion (Acts 10:1-17, 34-48).

## STORY SUMMARY:

An angel comes to Cornelius and instructs him to find Peter. Cornelius sends men to search for Peter and to bring him back. Meanwhile, Peter has a vision of animals lowered on a sheet. Thinking that he is being tempted with unclean food, he refuses to eat the animals. However, God tells Peter that anything that God has made is good. Peter welcomes the men into his home before journeying to Cornelius' house. Peter is able to share with them the good news of forgiveness with Cornelius and his followers.

## PRACTICE: PRAYER

In today's story, both Cornelius and Peter pray. Cornelius's prayers are answered by an angel, while Peter experiences a vision. We may not receive angels or visions as answers to prayer, but God hears and answers our prayers in both big and small ways. Write down your prayers this week. At the end of the week, look back and see how God answered those prayers.

## THE POINT

We are called to share the gospel with all people.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *Gentiles*

Jesus and the disciples were Jewish and followed Jewish customs and traditions. "Gentile" is a word for anyone who is not Jewish. As the church grew, non-Jewish people became a part of the faith community. There were laws and traditions that caused separation between the two groups (see John 18:28), and there came with this prejudice and antipathy between them. The integration of Gentiles into the Jewish church was one of the biggest controversies of the early church.

## NEXT WEEK

Paul and Barnabas encounter some difficulties as they heal and proclaim Christ to Gentiles who follow other gods (Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18).

### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text speak to our theme of trusting in God's promises?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read Acts 10:1-17, 34-48**

Peter's vision.

Place stuffed animals in the middle of a sheet or towel as this story is read.

#### **Monday—Read Acts 11:19-26**

Proclaiming Jesus in Antioch.

Look online to find a map of some of these ancient cities.

#### **Tuesday—Read Acts 12:1-5**

Herod vs. the church, part 1.

Pray for people in prison.

#### **Wednesday—Read Acts 12:6-11**

Herod vs. the church, part 2.

Act out this exciting jail rescue.

#### **Thursday—Read Acts 12:12-19**

Herod vs. the church, part 3.

Who would you be most surprised to have knock on your door?

#### **Friday—Read Acts 12:20-25**

Herod vs. the church, part 4.

In what things do we mistakenly put too much trust?

#### **Saturday—Read Psalm 146:1-7**

Trust God, not rulers.

Gather food to share with those who are hungry.