

Parent Guide

Elementary: June 28

BIBLE STORY:

Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius
Acts 10

BOTTOM LINE:

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.

ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

What you need: <https://vimeo.com/432233747>

FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

What is your favorite way to show someone that you love them?

Say• In today's Bible Story, we learned about someone who broke some rules to show love.

ACTIVITY: What you need: scenario list

Take turns acting out scenarios for others to guess:

- Giving someone a hug
- helping with the dishes
- playing with your brother/sister
- playing basketball with a friend

Say• What do these all have in common? They are actions to show someone that we love and value them. There are LOTS of ways to show love to others. Can you think of some more?



ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

A man Cornelius was praying when God sent an angel in a vision to him. The angel said to send men to bring Peter to him. So, Cornelius called two of his servants and a soldier. He sent them to Joppa to find Peter. Cornelius wasn't Jewish but his family worshipped God.

That day, Peter had a vision. He saw heaven open up. There he saw something that looked like a large sheet being let down to earth. It had all kinds of animals on it. The voice told him to kill them and eat them. Peter replied, "I have never eaten anything that is not pure and 'clean'". (Jews were not allowed to eat the meat of any of these animals, because they were called 'unclean'.) Peter wondered what the vision meant.

Soon, the men sent by Cornelius arrived. God's Spirit spoke to Peter and told him to go with the men. Peter began to understand what the vision meant. It was forbidden for Jewish people to eat certain foods and it was also forbidden for Jews to enter the homes of non-Jews. God was showing people something important about the story of Jesus. He wanted Peter to see that what Jesus had done wasn't just for Jewish people. It was for EVERYONE.

Peter went to Cornelius's house and Peter went inside. Peter shared with everyone in the house how God had sent Jesus to share God's love. While Peter spoke, God sent his Holy Spirit to Cornelius and his family. Peter learned that God's love is for ALL people, not just Jewish people. Peter had a new picture of God's story.

Pray: God, thank you for sending Jesus-not just for some people-but for the whole world. Help us see others like you do. We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen.

