

Lesson 76: Peter Visits Cornelius

[Acts 10:1-44](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/QHXL1-d692A>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/igUWT_GWCrl

Worship Theme: God accepts all who believe in him.

Memory Verse: Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism." (Acts 10:34)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Jesus Loves Children https://youtu.be/8iUI62Zo_Co
2. He came to Give Us Life <https://youtu.be/PXQCMUWh9RY>
3. Good News Mission <https://youtu.be/T1WMFhM4Sxk>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Animal Groups



1. Divide the children into 4 groups.
2. Ask each group to choose one animal and the sound the animal makes.
3. When the teacher points to the group, they have to respond by making the animal sound for their group.
4. If anyone in the group makes the wrong animal sound, their group loses the game.
5. (Optional) Each group can select a leader and take turns with other leaders to call out other groups.
6. After the game, explain to the children though all animals are different and make different sounds, God loves them all equally. In the same way, even though people are all different and speak different languages, God loves them all.

Introduction:

God loves all people, and God wants everyone to know him. God accepts all people who believe in him. When we say "all people," we mean everybody in this world! God loves Cambodians! God loves Thai! God loves Vietnamese! God loves Africans! God loves all people! It's our job to tell others the good news about Jesus so that others can come to know and believe in Jesus. Today, we will learn about Peter who had to learn that God loves all people, not just the Israelites!

Bible Story:

Jesus told his disciples to tell everyone about him. But some of his disciples thought Jesus meant only certain people called the Jews—the people of Israel. If you were Jewish, they would preach to you; if you weren't Jewish, they didn't think you were important. If you were not a Jew, they were called gentiles, and the Jews thought gentiles were impure and not important. Jews would not eat with gentiles or visit their houses. That is showing favoritism. But God doesn't show favoritism because God loves all people.

There was a man named Cornelius who wasn't Jewish. He was a gentile. But he believed in God and prayed every day to know more about God. God heard his prayers and sent Peter to see Cornelius. But first God told Peter that he must teach everyone—not just the Jewish people—about Jesus. God told Peter, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean" (Acts 10:15).

So Peter went to visit Cornelius at his house even though he was a gentile and told him

all about Jesus. All the gentiles there believed and was baptized. Peter finally understood that the gospel was for everyone—not just the Jews. In Acts 10:34-35, Peter said, “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”

God doesn't separate people the way we sometimes do. He doesn't have favorites. It doesn't matter whether you're a boy or girl, young or old, tall or short, rich or poor, dark skin or light. He accepts everyone who believes. God gives his gift of salvation to everyone who believes in Jesus! Let's not show favoritism and share the Good News with everyone because God loves all people!

Questions to discuss:

1. What did Jews call people who are not Israelite? (Gentiles)
2. How did Jews treat gentiles? (Jews would not share about Jesus, would not eat with them or visit their house)
3. Was Cornelius a Jew or a gentile? (Gentile)
4. What did Peter do when he visited Cornelius' house? (Peter told Cornelius all about Jesus)
5. Who does God love? (all people!)

Game: Rock, Paper, Scissors (New Version)

1. Explain to them that we will play “rock, paper, scissor” by using our mouth.
 - a. Rock: close your mouth
 - b. Paper: open your mouth
 - c. Scissors: stick your tongue out
2. After giving the explanation, have each child find a partner.
3. Each partner has to stand back to back.
4. When the teacher says, “rock, paper, scissor, shoot,” then the children have to turn around and face their partner with their choice of rock, paper, scissors using their mouth.
5. Play until one of the partners win 3 times.
6. After the game, explain to the children that we must use words to share the gospel to our family, friends, and even strangers.



Memory Verse:

“Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism.” (Acts 10:34)

Craft: “God Loves All People” - Coloring Page

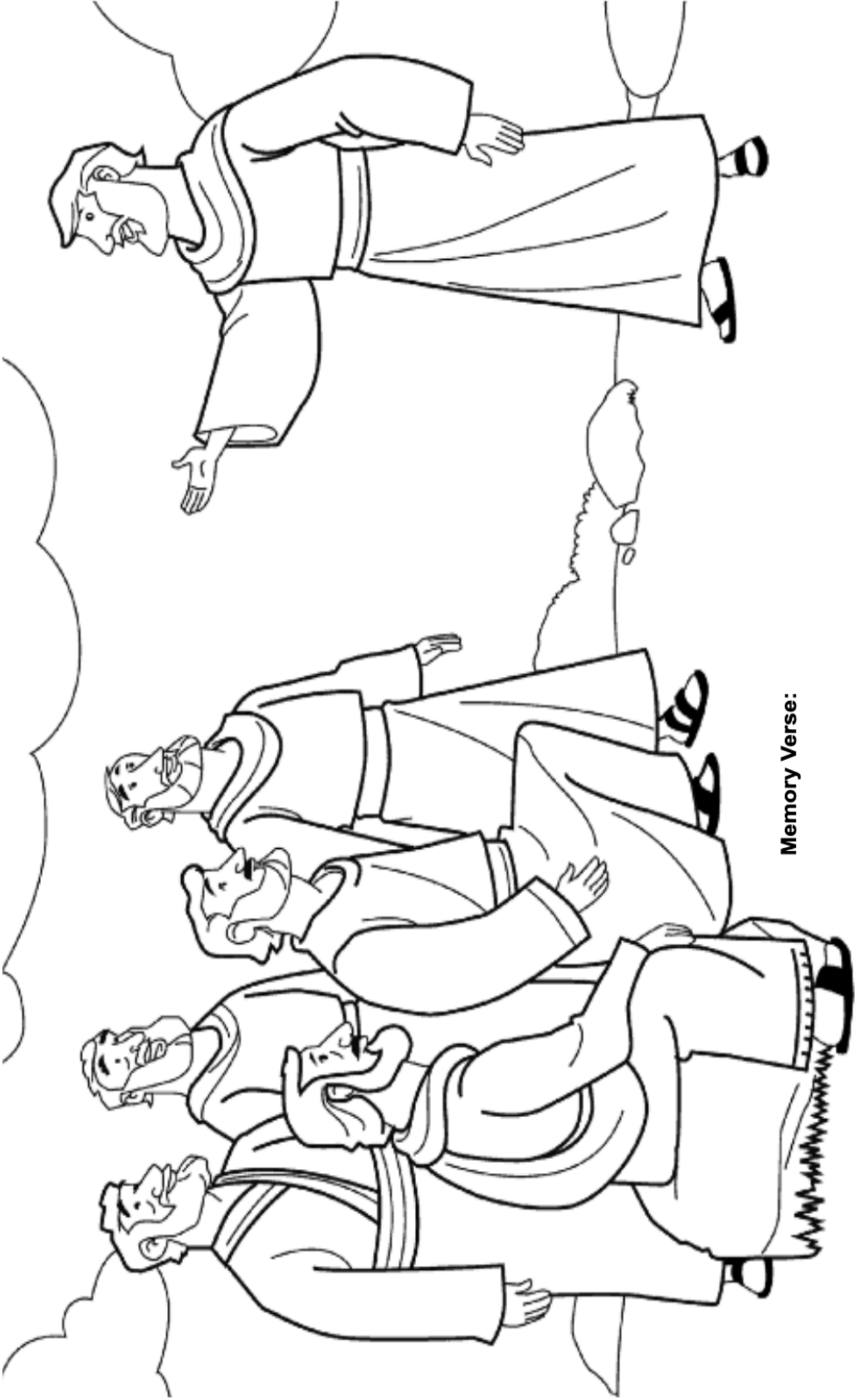
Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Friendship with Jesus is not only for a few people—all people are welcome. You can tell others about your friendship with Jesus and change their lives! Do you know a person who is like Cornelius—people who have questions about God? How can you be like Peter and point that person to Jesus? Write the name of your “Cornelius” on a sticky note, and post it near your bed. Each time you see it, pray. Be ready to act when God asks you to take action.

God Loves All People



Memory Verse: