



Week 4: Generosity with Our Faith

Peter and Cornelius - Acts 10

Lesson Overview:

Today's Point: My faith is a gift from God that I can use to help build His kingdom.

Key Verse: Hebrews 13:16 (NLT)

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Videos:

Giving Song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apAJh7T_fFw

Peter Video:

https://youtu.be/_Kx_ioknMSA?si=jRg6MkutsJpKZb4P

Read the scripture passage to familiarize yourself with the story.

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Peter's vision of a sheet with animals teaches him that God does not show favoritism. Everyone who chooses to follow Jesus is welcomed into God's family. Peter visits Cornelius. Cornelius and his family choose to follow Jesus.

Here are some lessons to be learned from this story:

- God is always talking. If we listen, we will hear from God.
- God's children are GOD's children. "Don't judge a book by its cover."
- God will go before you when He sends you.
- We co-labor with God for the sharing of the gospel.
- God's perspective is always on eternity.



Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

What would you do if you went to a friend's house for supper and they served you snake for supper?

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

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Bible Story (15 min.)

Preteach the story of the Peter and Cornelius. Help the students understand that God isn't concerned about how what we look like, who our parents are, or how much money we have. He wants every person to be a part of His kingdom. Explain to the kids that God gave the Jews laws that were meant to protect them and teach them to commit to Him. However, many of their leaders had started to worship the laws more than God. When Jesus came, He taught us that the most important law is to love God and love others.

Have one of the kids look up and read **Matthew 22:37-40** 37 Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all



your mind.’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Help the kids understand that when we love God with all of our hearts, we will want to obey Him, and we will want to tell others about His kingdom. We can be disciples that make disciples that make disciples.

Watch Peter and Cornelius video:

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Review questions:

- Why was Peter afraid to eat the food he saw in his dream?
- What did Peter learn about God’s kingdom?
- Who can you share your faith with, even if you are nervous like Peter was?
- How can you help your friends know that God loves everyone, no matter what they look like, who their parents are, or how much money they have?

M&M’s Activity (5 min.)

The same on the inside: Have M&M’s divided into separate colors. Have the kids pick 5 each. Ask kids why they picked the color(s) they picked. Have them taste each M&M color and ask which one tastes the best. Obviously, they all taste the same, because they have the same thing inside. Explain that this is how people are. We look different, but we are all people and all have similar needs. (I will have some Skittles available in case we have a child with an allergy to milk.)

**Bible verse review (5 min.)**

Divide the children into boys against the girls and have them race to get the verse cards in the correct order. After they have done this a couple of times, give kids the chance to say the verse individually. Anyone who can say the verse earns a prize.

Ideas for time remaining:

Coloring sheet - talk to the kids about the lesson again

Sword Drills

Free play



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Peter preached the Gospel to a Gentile named Cornelius, and Cornelius' whole household became followers of Jesus! Peter and the disciples realized that God wanted them to preach the Good News to Jews and Gentiles anyone who wasn't a Jew). Acts 10