



**Peter told Cornelius to
believe in Jesus.**

Acts 10



☆Let's Talk

SAY God showed Peter that it was time for him to preach the good news about Jesus to Gentiles as well as to Jews. Even though Jews and Gentiles were different from each other and did not spend time together, Peter did as God told him. He went to the town where Cornelius, a military officer, and his family lived.

ASK *What do you see in the picture?*

SAY Cornelius and his family were Gentiles. But Peter entered his home, where he found everyone waiting to hear the message the Lord had given Peter.

ASK *What did Peter say?*

SAY "God does not have favorites," Peter said. "He has called people from every nation to be part of his family. God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of Jews and Gentiles. Jesus was nailed to the cross for our sins, but God raised him from the dead. The living Savior told us to spread the good news about him to all the world."

ASK *What happened to Cornelius and his family when they heard about Jesus?*

SAY Cornelius's household believed in Jesus and began praising God. God had saved the military officer and his household, and Peter said they should be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Jewish Christians were amazed when they saw God's love and grace poured out on Gentiles. After this, Peter stayed with Cornelius for several days!

☆Let's Play and Pray

- 1 Print the names of places around the world and near home on separate **index cards**. Give each child a card and make sure he knows the name of the country or region on his card. Sit in a circle.
- 2 Say **We're going to play a game to help us remember places around the world where people live who need to hear about Jesus**. Call out the name of one place and a way to move (skip, tiptoe, baby steps, giant steps, and so on). The child holding the card moves around the circle in the manner called and then returns to her place in the circle. Repeat, naming a different place and way to move until everyone has had a turn.
- 3 Pray for missionaries who take the message of the gospel everywhere. Ask God to help us love those who are different and share the message of Jesus with them.