LESSON 9

PETER'S MISSIONARY VISION



Aim: **To teach the children that the Gospel is for all people, of every tribe and race.**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 10:1–48, particularly verses 9–16**

Memory Verse: **Acts 10:35**
[God] accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Let's talk about dreams. Do you sometimes dream? **Describe a dream you have had.** Dreams often do not make sense. However, sometimes God uses a special kind of dream called a vision, to tell us something important.

MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON

1. God sent Peter a vision to teach him an important truth. (Peter was one of the original disciples of Jesus.) After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he gradually became the leader of the early church. **Explain the circumstances. Peter was hungry. It was lunchtime and he went to pray while the food was being prepared.** Maybe it was hot, so that Peter went up on the flat roof of the house, where it was cooler. While Peter was alone up there, God sent him a vision (10:9–10).
2. **Show Picture 9. Using the picture, tell in your own words what happen in verses 11–14.** Peter refused to eat those animals because God's law forbade the Jews to do so.
3. Peter was twice more told to get up and eat those animals that the law called impure or unclean (10:15–16). **Tell what happened each time.** Children like some repetition in a story and learn from it.
4. After the third time, Peter woke up, wondering what the dream meant. Just then he heard someone knocking and his name being called. **Describe what happened next (10:17–18).** Perhaps Peter wondered if he was going to be taken prisoner when he saw that one visitor was a soldier!
5. God's Holy Spirit told Peter to go with those people; they needed to hear about Jesus Christ (10:19–20). But they were Gentiles. Jews never had anything to do with non-Jews. They were considered unclean, because they were not consecrated to God. Then Peter saw why God had sent him that vision. In God's eyes nothing and no-one is unclean. The Gospel is for all humankind.

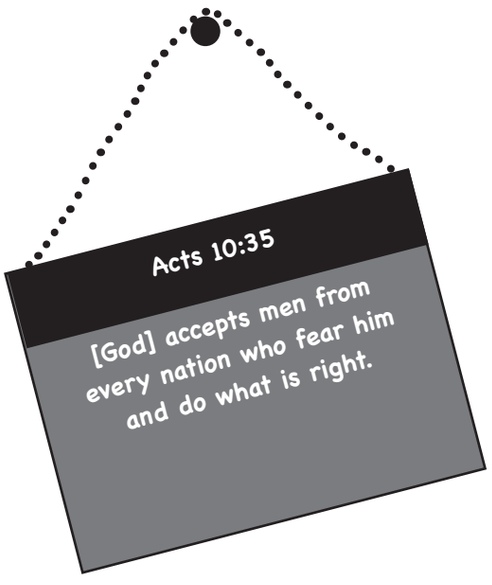
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Our Response to the Story

Mention certain kind of people who are unpopular or outcasts in your community. How can we take the Gospel to them?

Instil the Memory Verse



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