

# Everyone Is Welcome!

God used a miraculous way to show Peter that the Gospel is for the "whosoever will." Jesus died so that everyone could have a way to go to Heaven someday. The following verses tell us that very thing.

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons: But in every nation he that feareth [God], and worketh righteousness, is accepted with [God]." — Acts 10:34-35

"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." — Romans 10:12-13

Each of the underlined words can be found in the word-find below. Circle each one you find.



# NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

When Peter went to pray, God sent him a vision which would make a big difference in Peter's life as a preacher, and also in the lives of those who heard him. Read the following Bible text, then answer the questions below.

Acts 10:9-16 - "On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven."

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- ✗ Where was Peter when he saw the vision? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✗ What did Peter see descend from the sky? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✗ What things were on the sheet? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ✗ What did the voice tell Peter to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ✗ Did Peter obey immediately? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✗ Why did Peter not want to eat what was set before him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ✗ What did the voice tell Peter not to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ✗ A Christian is "cleansed" by God, so should any Christian be called "common" or not worthy? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ✗ How many times was the vessel shown to Peter before it was taken away? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✗ What did Peter finally realize was the meaning of the vision? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ✗ Who did Peter say would be accepted with God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Can you remember a specific time when God talked to you?

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2. Make a list of the different ways God speaks to people.

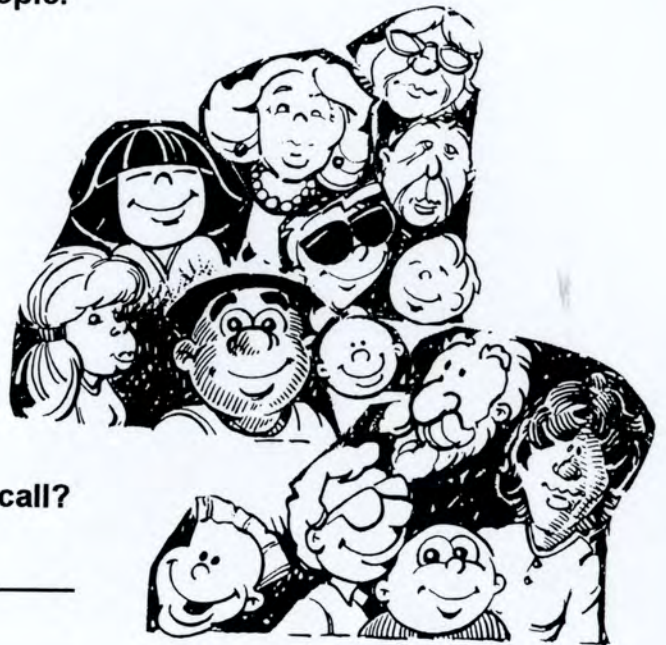
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3. What kinds of things cause people to reject God's call?

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4. Explain the key verse in your own words. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34

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## PETER and CORNELIUS

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### Read Acts 10

Next to each sentence write "true" or "false".

1. Cornelius was a good man who always prayed to God. (v. 1-2) \_\_\_\_\_
2. An angel spoke to Cornelius and told him to send for Peter. (v. 3-5) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Peter lived in the same town. (v. 1, 6-8) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Peter was eating dinner when God showed him a vision. (v. 9-10) \_\_\_\_\_
5. God showed Peter a big sheet full of things he did not eat. (v.11-16) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Peter understood right away what the vision meant. (v. 17-18) \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Spirit of God told Peter to go with the men to Cornelius.(v. 19-20) \_\_\_\_\_
8. When Peter arrived at Cornelius' house, Cornelius fell down and worshipped him. (v. 24-26) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Peter said that God showed him not to think of some people as different or some people better than others. (v. 28) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Cornelius said that his friends told him to call for Peter to come and speak to them. (v. 3, 30-32) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Peter preached to Cornelius and his friends about Moses. (v. 34-43) \_\_\_\_\_
12. While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all of them. (v. 44) \_\_\_\_\_
13. When Peter saw that Cornelius and his friends were receiving the Holy Spirit, he baptized them in water. (v. 45-48) \_\_\_\_\_



## **OBJECT LESSON**

### **Needed:**

**A small can of peas  
A bag of frozen peas  
Can opener  
Two bowls**

**Purpose: to demonstrate that we all look alike on the inside**

**(Show the two packages of peas.)**

**They look different, don't they?**

**Let's open them and see what they look like inside.**

**(Open each package and empty into bowl so children can see.)**

**This one is peas and that one is peas. Although they looked very different on the outside, on the inside they are the same. And if your mother were to cook them, they would taste the same.**

**Peter was a good man, but he had the idea that some people were different, that some people were better than others. One day God showed him a vision, and then Peter knew that God sees everyone the same. He doesn't look at the outside, but at the inside.**

**Peter found out that God's call is not based on appearance, family history, where you live or what you have done. God made it clear to Peter that the Gospel message of salvation was for everyone.**