

*When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.*

Program B-1

## Peter's Vision

Acts 10:9-48

Peter Series: Lesson #4

Bible Verse: Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved. Acts 2:21

Past Verses: We must obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29

Jesus said, "I am with you always." Matthew 28:20

Jesus loves me. Revelation 1:5

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: God wants us to love all people. Jesus came for all people.

Prop ideas: Dolls of different ethnicities

Variety of animals (Include previously designated unclean animals)

### SAMPLE STORY

Peter was staying at the house of a man named Simon the tanner, who lived by the sea. It was about noon and Peter went on the rooftop to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat. While the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. (He wasn't asleep, but he wasn't really awake either). While in this trance, he saw a vision from God.

He saw heaven open up and what looked like a sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four footed animals and reptiles and birds. A voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." Peter answered, "No, Lord! I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." You see, long ago when God first gave the Law to Moses, He said some foods were unclean and should not be eaten by the Israelites. Jews would not eat pigs, rabbits, ravens, lobster and much, much more because God had said that they were unclean.

The voice spoke to him again, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." This happened three times and then the sheet was taken back to heaven. While Peter was trying to figure out what the vision meant, some visitors came to the house looking for Peter. The Holy Spirit told Peter, "Three men are looking for you. Get up and go downstairs. Go with them, because I have sent them to you."

Peter obeyed and went downstairs. He told the men that he was the one that they were looking for and asked them what they wanted. They answered him, “We have come from Cornelius, the Centurion. (That means that he was a Roman Army Commander). He is a righteous and God fearing man. The Jewish people respect him, even though he is not Jewish. A holy angel told him to have you come to his house and hear what you have to say.”

Normally Jews would never go to a Gentile’s (non-Jew’s) home. The Gentiles were considered unclean. But, the Holy Spirit told Peter to go. Peter also knew the meaning of the vision now. Peter knew that not only could they eat any of the foods on the earth; but also, now the Gentiles could be made clean through Jesus. Jesus came not just for the Jews, but for everyone on earth! When Peter went to Cornelius’ house told them all about Jesus. Everyone who heard the message believed and received the Holy Spirit. Peter learned that anyone can be saved. Our Bible verse tells us:

Everyone who calls on the name of the **LORD** will be saved. Acts 2:21

That means you can be a Jew, a Greek, a Roman, an American, Asian, African or anything. Anyone and everyone can be saved.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

- Playing Parachute Game
- Playing w/ Play-Dough
- Cooking In Home Living Area
- Coloring Peter’s Vision Page

PICNIC

Materials: Sheet  
Chex mix  
Cookies  
Gummi Snacks  
Paper Plates  
Cups (In room)

Do: Lay the sheet out on the floor.  
Place the food in the center of the sheet.  
Have everyone sit **around** the sheet.

Talk about the Bible story as you use a cup to scoop up different kinds of food to place on paper plates for everyone.

Talk about: Peter saw a vision from God. He saw a giant sheet come down with all different kinds of 'unclean' animals on it. Jews would not eat 'unclean' animals. God told him that it was OK to eat these foods now.

**TIP: Please try to keep this sheet dry. (If serving water with snack) It will be used for the parachute game in the next hour. Please place in the next hour's bag when finished.**

TEACHER EXTRA: Bring additional picnic food. You could bring exotic or unusual food. Be certain to add your additional foods to the allergy alert sign by the sign-in sheet.

## I HAVE A GOOD FRIEND GAME

Materials: Ball

Do: Form a circle.  
Have everyone sit on the floor.  
Roll the ball to someone as you sing, "I have a good friend and Mary is her name."  
When Mary gets the ball, ask her whom she wants to roll the ball to. "John."  
Tell Mary to roll the ball to John as you sing, "I have a good friend and John is his name."  
Encourage the children to sing along. Be sure everyone gets a turn.

Talk about: Sharing. Taking turns. Being kind to one another. Loving one another.

## PLAY WITH ANIMALS

Materials: Animal figures (All varieties)

Do: Set out the animal figures either with the blocks or on a table. (Or place on the sheet to be used for the picnic).

Talk about: God made all types of animals. In a vision, God told Peter that it is OK to eat all types of animals. God also wanted Peter to know that we should love all different peoples as well. We should be kind to all of them and tell all of them about Jesus.

**TEACHER EXTRA:** Bring animal figures from home. (Dinosaurs, reptiles, beanie bag animals, etc.)