

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

Program B-2

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

First Session Classes will be:

Having a Picnic

Playing “I Have A Good Friend” Ball Game

Playing With Toy Animals & Blocks

PARACHUTE GAME

Materials: Sheet

(If not in your bag, check the bag for the previous hour as they used it for a picnic).

Newspaper

Do:

Have all the children grab the edges of the sheet.

Show them how to raise the sheet slowly together and let it drop slowly together.

Call out a name and let that child run under the sheet and try not to get touched by the sheet. Let everyone have a turn.

Have everyone vibrate the sheet quickly. Toss crumpled newspaper on the sheet and see how fast it pops off.

Place a ball on the sheet (check last hour's bag) and slowly roll it around trying to keep it on the sheet.

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

Peter saw a vision with a sheet coming down from Heaven. It had lots of different animals on it. God said that it was OK to eat all these animals: they were no longer unclean.

PLAY-DOUGH

Materials: Play-dough (In room)

Do: Divide the play-dough up into 5 or 6 small lumps. Help the children make animal shapes.

Talk about: Sharing with each other.
Taking turns if there are too many children playing with the play-dough at one time.
Do you know what Peter saw in his vision? (A sheet from heaven filled with lots of animals). What did God say? (It was OK to eat any of these animals).

TEACHER EXTRA: Make play-dough in class. (See below)
Bring extra play-dough 'tools': rolling pins, cookie cutters, and molds.

Teachers, bring a hotplate and pan from home, along with the ingredients listed below. Let the children help measure and stir. (They love helping!) Be sure to roll out Play-dough and allow it to cool before letting them play with it.

Play-dough Recipe:

2 C. Flour	2 C. Water
1/2 C. Salt	2 tsp. Food coloring*
2 Tbs. Cream of Tartar	2 Tbs. Oil

Mix dry ingredients in a medium pot. Add water, oil and food coloring. Cook and stir over medium heat for 3-5 minutes. When it forms a ball in the center, turn out and knead on a floured surface. Allow to cool.

* Try using 1 pkg. unsweetened Kool-Aid to give color and smell!

COOKING IN HOME LIVING AREA

Materials: Toy pots and pans (In room)
Play food (In room)

Do: Let the children 'cook' for you and others. Ask for special dishes and treats.

Talk about: What is your favorite food? What kinds of foods do you not like?

TEACHER EXTRA: Bring additional play food, pots and pans from home.

COLORING PAGE

Peter's Vision

Materials: Coloring Page
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color. Help them write names on the page.

Talk About: What do you see in "Peter's Vision?" Previously God had forbidden eating any of those animals. In Peter's Vision God told him that everything was OK to eat.