



**Bible Story:** Reach Out, I'll Be There (Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius) • **Acts 10**

**Bottom Line:** Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.

**Memory Verse:** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

**Life App:** Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

## 1. Bible Story Review

**What You Need:** Bibles, paper, markers

**What You Do:**

- **Read** **Acts 10**
- As a family to come up with 10 different words (names of people, places, or key words that describe actions or emotions) from today's Bible story and write them down.
- **Discuss**
  - What were some differences between Cornelius and Peter? What were some of the similarities?
  - What are some ways people are different from each other in today's world?
  - In what ways did God help Peter change the way he saw Cornelius? How did it show up in the way he treated Cornelius?
- **Help** kids apply the story.
  - Describe some of the changes that Jesus helps His followers make in the way we see and treat others.
  - How does the way we see others impact the way we treat them?
  - Why should those who know Jesus see others differently than those who don't?
  - If an angel from heaven could speak to us right now the way one did to Cornelius, what do you think he would tell us to change in the way we view others?

## 2. Discussion Questions

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

**Ask:**

- Why do you think it's hard to accept or love those who are different from us?
- How does it make your life better if you show love to someone who is different from you or that you wouldn't normally show love to? How does it make their life better?
- Looking back on this past week, did you act like you really believe God made everyone in His own image and loves each of us the same? What's one way you could live that out better this next week?

### 3. Seeing Differently

**What You Need:** Paper, markers or crayons

**What You Do:**

- Encourage kids to think of a person they can “see differently.”
  - Help kids unpack the concept by sharing a personal story and asking leading questions.
  - You can use the conversation below as a guide.
- Guide kids to fold a piece of paper in half. Have kids draw a picture of the person on one of their paper and a picture of how they can treat them the way they would want to be treated on the other side.
- When they finish, invite kids to share their drawings.
- Emphasize today’s Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.**

**What You Say:**

**[Make it Personal]** *(Tell kids about a time you “saw” someone differently. It could be someone who had different interests, someone you didn’t get along with, or someone you didn’t know well. Tell how God helped you see them the way that He sees them.)*

“Cornelius was not someone Peter would have become friends with if God hadn’t helped him see things differently. God wants us to love all people even if they’re different from us. He wants everyone to know Him. That’s why His rescue plan isn’t just for certain people—it’s for everyone!”

“So, who can YOU see the way God sees them? Is there a new kid at school? Is there someone you don’t get along with? Is there someone who acts differently than you? Is there someone who likes different things? (Pause.) Whoever they are, think about treating them the way that you’d want to be treated.”

### 4. Lesson Recap and Prayer Journal:

**What You Need:** Prayer journal, paper, something to write with

**What You Do:**

- As a family, **add to your prayer journal** or make a prayer journal if you have not already done so.
  - The Bible teaches us that the “the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (**James 5:16b**). We are encouraging you to make a family prayer journal. It can be as fancy or as simple as you want. An example is provided on our Kids at The Heights Facebook Page! A prayer journal can be a tool to record your prayer requests and thanksgivings. It can also help you grow your faith as you keep a record of how the Lord answers your prayers.
- Lead kids to compliment the other members in your family.
- Call out the name of one kid and invite two others to each say a compliment about that kid. Add your own compliment, too.
- Continue until each kid receives three compliments.

**What You Say:**

“Do you all look the same? Act the same? Talk the same? Like the same things? No! God made each of you special and unique. You are valuable to Him, and He loves you just the way you are! And just like God loves each of you exactly the way you are, God loves others exactly the way they are, too. Since God loves others, can you love them, too? Yes! Because **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.** And when you see others the way that God sees them, you can love them just like He does. Let’s pray.”

Lead kids in prayer, asking God to help kids see others the way He sees them and love others the way He loves them.