

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **May 16, 2021** Family Theme | **The Gospel Is for Everyone** Study Text | **Acts 10:1-48**

Objective: Help your children understand every human being is loved and valued by God. We are to view all people as God does and take the gospel to them, no matter their skin color, socio-economic status, or cultural background.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set during the first decade as the church was growing and spreading after the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. God began to send the gospel to the Gentiles, just as promised in the Old Testament.

Bible Basics: Review Deuteronomy 7:9 and John 17:3 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Acts 10:1-48

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that every person is loved by God. He wants us to value all people and share the good news of salvation with them.



Key Truth: God Wants Us to View All People as He Does (Acts 10:1-33)

At this point, Jews considered Gentiles as unclean and they were prejudiced toward each other. But it was God's desire that the Jewish believers take the gospel to all peoples (Acts 1:8). God used visions to bring together the apostle Peter and Cornelius, a Roman centurion. In preparation for this meeting, God showed Peter that there was no such thing as an unclean human being. God wanted to save all people, not just the Jews. God brought them together for Peter to share the gospel with Cornelius and other Gentiles gathered in his home. God has no preferences and plays no favorites. To God we're all created in His image, in need of redemption. He offers salvation to all equally, regardless of anything that may separate us like religious heritage, ethnicity, language, etc. For additional resources regarding the root of racism and what Scripture teaches about "race," check out the following resources: Go to bit.ly/racism-study or go to icr.org and search "racism".



Key Truth: God Will Save Anyone Who Responds to the Gospel in Faith. (Acts 10:34-48)

Since Peter finally understood that no one is unclean in God's sight, he proclaimed the good news of Jesus to a house full of Gentiles. We are all descendants of Adam and have inherited a fallen, sinful nature. We may use a variety of measurements to create categories of superiority, but we are all in the same condition and need a Savior. To suggest that people are of different value or quality based on skin tone, culture, or nation of origin reveals a woeful lack of knowledge of genetics, human history, and biblical teaching. Peter's audience responded quickly to his message. They were ready to believe and express faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. God confirmed their faith by filling the new Gentile Christians with the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What kinds of obstacles do we have to overcome to share the gospel with people who are different from us?
- How can we reach out of our comfort zones to reach people who are different from us?
- Why do you think God shows no partiality between people of various ethnic groups, education level, or economic status?
- What could you do this week to connect with or share the gospel with someone who is not like you?
- **For Elementary:** How did God show Peter that the gospel was to be taken to all people?
- **For Elementary:** What are three ways we can show respect to all people?

Everyday Extras

Conduct a mystery taste test for your family. Have two bowls of icing, and add a few drops of food coloring to one of them. Blindfold family members, and give them a taste from each bowl, asking them to select a preference. You might keep the results a secret, then try the test again without the blindfold to see if they choose differently. Talk together about the way prejudice works. We make assumptions that are not valid or true. That prejudice often makes us choose poorly. Ice some cupcakes together and rejoice that God knows our hearts and loves everyone!

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Andrew was with John the Baptist telling others about Jesus. When Jesus walked by them, Andrew left John the Baptist to spend time with Jesus. Just like Andrew did, **I Can Follow Jesus** and spend time with Him.