

162. Peter Preaches to Non-Jews (Acts 10:1-48)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You are full of mercy, more than we can understand. We deserve nothing good, but you are kind to everyone equally. You gave Jesus to die and rise again for everyone, so all people should believe in Jesus for eternal life. Help us not to favor people, but to show all people the same that Jesus is their Savior. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Acts 10:1-8.

- Who was Cornelius?
- What did the angel tell Cornelius to do?
- Did Cornelius know why he was supposed to get Peter?

Acts 10:9-16.

- Peter went on the roof to pray. While he was on the roof, what happened?
- Read Leviticus 11:1-31. What kinds of animals could the Jews eat? What animals could they not eat?
- A voice told Peter to kill and eat some animals. Why did Peter say no?
- Who was the voice? What did He tell Peter about the animals?

Acts 10:17-23.

- What did the Holy Spirit tell Peter to do? Did Peter obey?

Acts 10:24-33.

- Why did Cornelius gather all those people to wait for Peter?
- Peter partly understood the vision now. What did he learn about Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles)?
- Cornelius told Peter, “We are ready to hear God’s word from you.” How do you know when your friends are ready to hear about Jesus?

Acts 10:34-43.

- Now Peter understands more about the vision. What did Peter learn about how God thinks about people?
- Does God like Christians better than Jews? Does He like Americans more than Africans? Does God like men more than women? Or Jews more than Arabs?
- What did Peter tell them about Jesus? List the most important things that Peter told the group.
- When you tell a person about Jesus, do you have to tell them a long, complicated story about Jesus, or can you tell them something short and simple?

Acts 10:44-48.

- Why were the Jewish believers surprised?
- When Peter saw that the people had the Holy Spirit, what did he want to do right away? (Remember Philip and the eunuch from Ethiopia?)