



JUNE 2020 • WEEK FOUR

PRETEEN PARENT GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

Peter Goes to the
House of Cornelius
Acts 10

MEMORY VERSE

*Faith is being sure of
what we hope for. It
is being sure of 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

KEY QUESTION

What are some ways
people are different
from each other?

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others
the way I want to be
treated.

ACTIVITY: WHAT'S THAT SHAPE?

WHAT YOU NEED: Scrap paper

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask everyone to pair up. Give each person a sheet of paper. Invite one partner to begin slowly tearing his paper into an intricate shape without saying what it is. It can be a random design or a specific shape, such as the outline of a house or the state of Florida. Tell the other partner to begin tearing at the same time and try to follow along to create the exact shape. Trade roles and play again with another sheet of paper and a different partner.

WHAT YOU SAY:

It's interesting how your paper and your partner's paper turned out so differently. Same kind of paper. Same plan. Different results. It reminds me of the way God made people. He creates us in His image, and we're made of the same stuff. We have muscles, hair, bones, guts, brains, but each person is also different from another. That's the wonderful way God made us. Same, but different. As wonderful and amazing as it is, sometimes it causes problems. People don't always get along with those who are different from them. But God calls us to love everyone no matter how different they are from us. So, we need to find ways we can be more loving to the people who aren't exactly like us!



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GOSPEL MOMENT

God told Peter that He should give others a chance. He wanted Peter to reach out to Cornelius and his family, even though they didn't come from the same background. Because Peter did, Cornelius and his whole household put their faith in Jesus!

If you think about it, the reason that we know about Jesus today is because someone told us. God wants ALL people to know Him. His rescue plan is for all of us.

Way back at the beginning of the story, God promised Abraham that He would bless the entire world through Abraham's family. Fast-forward all the way to today's story, and we see how God showed Peter that His Story is for the world—just like He had promised to Abraham.

Remember: **Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think it's hard to accept or love those who are different from us?
2. 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?
3. 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?

PRAYER

Dear God, we want to be people who see others the way You see them. We know that You value each and every person You made. We want to value others, too—no matter what we might have in common or what our differences might be. Help us to see people as You see them and forgive us when we fall short of that. Thank You for loving us the way You do. In Jesus name, amen.