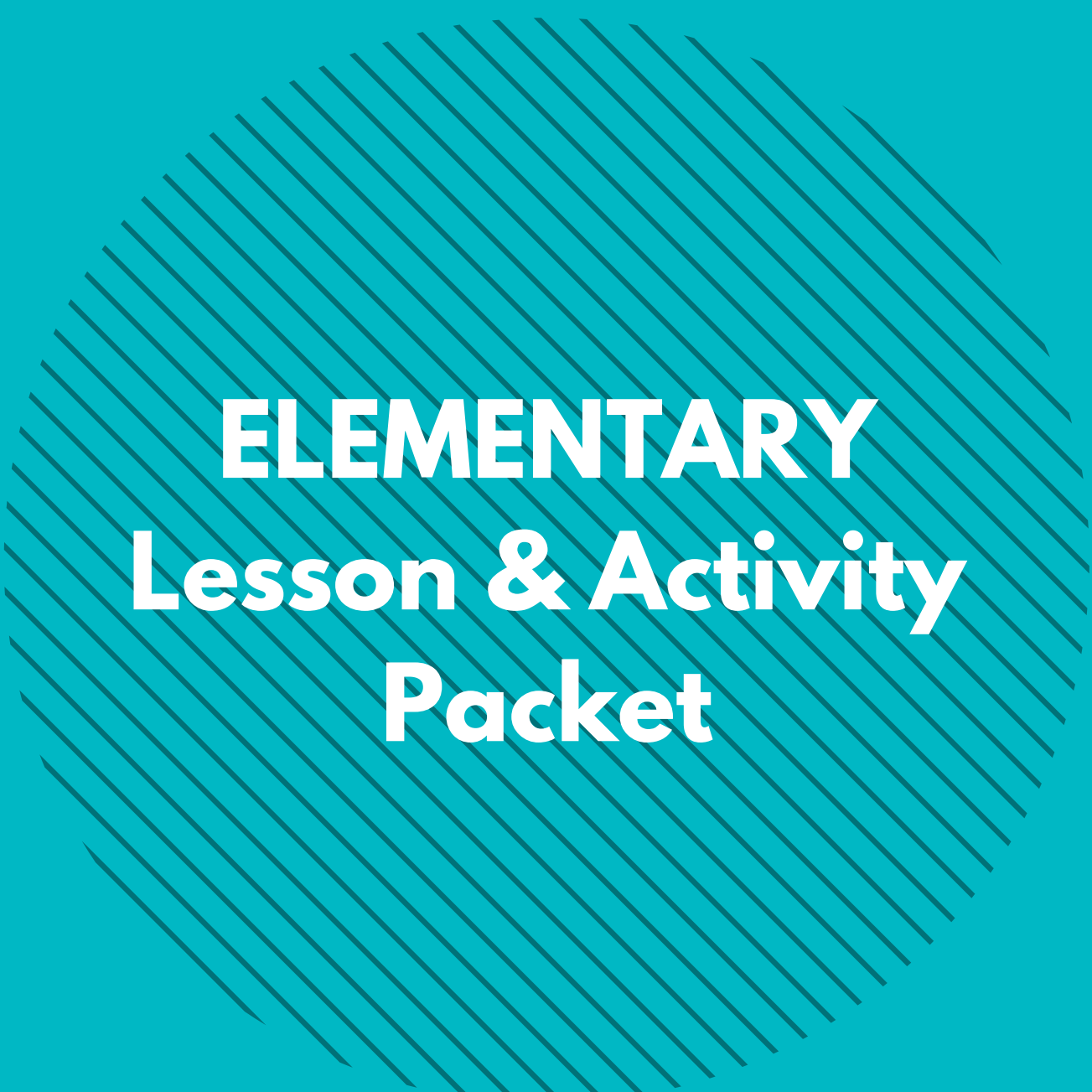


# Cottonwood Kids

CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY



## ELEMENTARY Lesson & Activity Packet

JUNE 2020

**JUNE WEEK 4**

# **BIBLE STORY OVERVIEW**

## **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**

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

## **BASIC TRUTH**

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

This Month's Theme:

**faith.**

# BIBLE STORY

Lately, we've been talking about the time just after Jesus died, rose again, then went to heaven to be with God. "As Jesus' followers spread the word about His death and resurrection, the number of believers grew—by a lot. As the early church grew, Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, traveled from town to town.

He was sharing the good news about Jesus, and healing sick people, too. "In the town of Joppa, Peter even raised a dead woman to life through the power of God's Spirit! As a result, many people in Joppa became believers. Peter stayed there for a while, to help lead these new believers.

He stayed with a man named Simon, who made things with leather.

Peter had spent time with Jesus. He knew about God's plan to save His people through His Son, Jesus, but it turned out that God's plan was even bigger than Peter imagined. "About 40 miles north of where Peter stayed, a Roman army commander named Cornelius was praying.

Cornelius wasn't Jewish, but he and his family worshipped God. They freely gave to anyone who needed help. "As Cornelius prayed, God sent an angel in a vision. The angel spoke to Cornelius. Let's listen to what the angel said."

Acts 10:4-6 (NirV)

Your prayers and gifts to poor people are like an offering to God. So he has remembered you. Now send men to Joppa. Have them bring back a man named Simon. He is also called Peter. He is staying with another Simon, a man who works with leather. His house is by the sea." (NirV)

When an angel shows up and tells you to do something . . . well . . . you do it, right? So, Cornelius called two servants and a soldier, and he sent them to Joppa.”

Around noon the next day, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He got hungry and wanted food. “While the meal was prepared, Peter had a vision

.Open the Bible to Acts 10:11-12 (NirV) and read.

**He saw heaven open up. There he saw something that looked like a large sheet. It was being let down to earth by its four corners. It had all kinds of four-footed animals in it. It also had reptiles and birds in it.’**

**Acts 10:13b (NirV).  
‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’**

“Peter said, ‘No, I’ve never eaten anything that isn’t clean.’ The voice spoke to him a second time. It said:

Acts 10:15b (NirV). “

Do not say anything is not pure that God has made ‘clean.’

This happened three times, then the sheet went back up to heaven. “In case you’re wondering about the ‘clean’ part, let me explain. According to God’s laws in the Old Testament, Jewish people were forbidden to eat the meat of any of these animals; they were called ‘unclean.’ So, it must have been confusing to Peter when God told him these animals were okay to eat. Peter wondered what the vision meant.”

Just then, the men sent by Cornelius arrived at the gate. They asked if Peter was staying there. Peter was still on the roof when they arrived, and God’s Spirit spoke to Peter. Here’s what the Spirit said.

Open the Bible to Acts 10:19-20 (NirV) and read.

**“Simon,” he said, “three men are looking for you. Get up and go downstairs. Don’t let anything keep you from going with them. I have sent them.”**

Peter obeyed the Holy Spirit and went downstairs to greet the men. He asked them why they had come. Here's what they told Peter.

Open the Bible to Acts 10:22 (NirV) and read.

**“We have come from Cornelius, the Roman commander. He is a good man who worships God. All the Jewish people respect him. A holy angel told him to invite you to his house. Then Cornelius can hear what you have to say.”**

Peter invited the men in to be his guests. We can imagine that Peter started to understand what the vision meant. Just like it was forbidden for Jews to eat certain foods, it was also forbidden for a Jewish person to enter the home of a non-Jewish person. But it seemed God was making new rules about what was 'clean.' The story of Jesus was not just for Jews, but for everyone!”

he next day, Peter, the three men, and some of the believers, set out from Joppa. By the following day, they arrived in Caesarea and went to Cornelius' house.

Peter had never once stepped inside the home of a non-Jewish person. Inside the home, Cornelius had gathered all of his relatives and friends to hear from Peter. The commander lowered himself to the ground before Peter as a sign of deep respect, but Peter told him to stand. He said he was only a man, just like Cornelius.

Cornelius explained to Peter everything the angel had told him: that God had heard his prayer, and that he should send men to Joppa to bring Peter back to his house. Cornelius told Peter that he and all of his family were ready to listen to Peter and learn what God had to say to them.

Then Peter shared with everyone how God had sent Jesus to share God's love. He explained how Jesus had taught and healed people through God's power. He shared how Jesus had been killed and how God had raised him to life again! "While Peter spoke, God sent His Holy Spirit to be with Cornelius and his family and friends.

The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were amazed. God had given His Spirit to these new believers, even though they weren't Jewish!

When Peter realized that God had given the Holy Spirit to Cornelius and his family and friends, he knew there was no reason they couldn't be baptized.

And that's just what Peter did. He baptized Cornelius and all of his family and friends in the name of Jesus. Then, he stayed with them for several days. He was so excited, because God had helped him look at other people in a completely new way!

That's because:

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

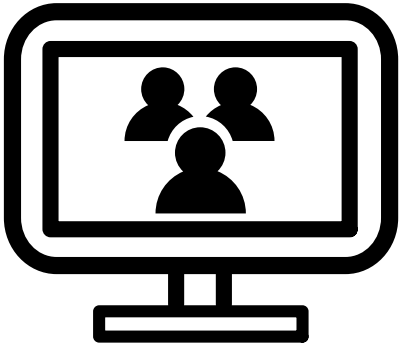
God loves each and every one of us. To Him, everyone is important! Let's thank God for that right now.

# prayer

**Dear God,  
thank You for loving ALL of us so much that You sent Jesus to be our Savior. We know that when we put our trust in You and follow after You, it changes EVERYTHING in our lives, including the way we see other people. Help us to see everyone we meet the way they really are: created by You, and LOVED by You. Help us to live like Jesus, and to treat others the way we want to be treated. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."**

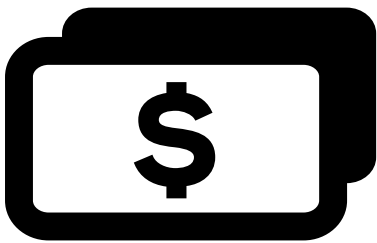


# HOW YOUR ELEMENTARY KID CAN STAY CONNECTED



## ONLINE SMALL GROUPS

Your child can join an online small group and connect with leaders & friends. Small Groups take place every Wednesday.



## BIBLE BUCKS

Your child can earn bible bucks each week by completing challenges or homework



## VIDEO LESSONS

Your child can learn bible stories and engage in worship

For more information, follow Cottonwood Kids on facebook and instagram ([cottonwood\\_kds](#)). You can also go to [cottonwood.org/kids](#) to find resources such as pinterest activity page, bible buck submission or join a small group.



# FAITH

TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE

BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE

WEEK 4  
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BOTTOM LINE: Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.

Read John 13:34-35

DAY

1

## Brand New!

When was the last time you received something new? Write your answer or draw it in the space below.

It's fun to receive new things, especially when something gets broken or totally worn out. Jesus gave a NEW command to His friends. What was it? (Look back at today's verse for help.)

YES! Jesus gave a new command or instruction to love one another. Why? Because when we love like Jesus loves, that's like doing something totally new! Ask Jesus to help you see the people around you the way he does so that you can love like He loves.

DAY

3

## I Can See Clearly Now

Do you wear glasses? Do you have a friend that does? Why do people wear glasses? Yes, to help them see clearly.

Jesus left heaven to come to earth to show everyone how much God loves them. Jesus gave His life, choosing to die on the cross, not just for you but for every single person ever! He came to help us see others the way HE does. Glasses can help you see more clearly. Knowing Jesus loves you can help YOU see others more clearly, too.

Grab some sunglasses (or your own glasses) and read today's verse again. Then walk around your house or your neighborhood. As you see people walk by, say, "That person is loved by God." Ask God to help you see others the way He sees them.

DAY

2

## A NEW Kind of Love

Is it easier to say you love or to show you love? Saying "I love you" is pretty easy. But showing love requires some work.

On another sheet of paper, write down some ways you could choose to show love in the following situations:

1. A girl in your class pushed to the front of the line, but you were there first.
2. Your little brother broke your brand-new LEGO® creation by accident.
3. A kid on the playground called you a mean name in front of everyone.

When someone isn't being loving to us, it's hard to show love back. But guess what? Love shouldn't be based on what others do. Our love should be based on what Jesus has done! Because Jesus loves you, you can show love to others. This week, when someone is unkind, quickly bow your head and ask God to help you show love instead of getting even. Ask God to give you faith to trust Him and love others with your actions and your words.

DAY

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## Fill in Your Name

Write your name in every blank below. Then repeat this week's verse aloud as written:

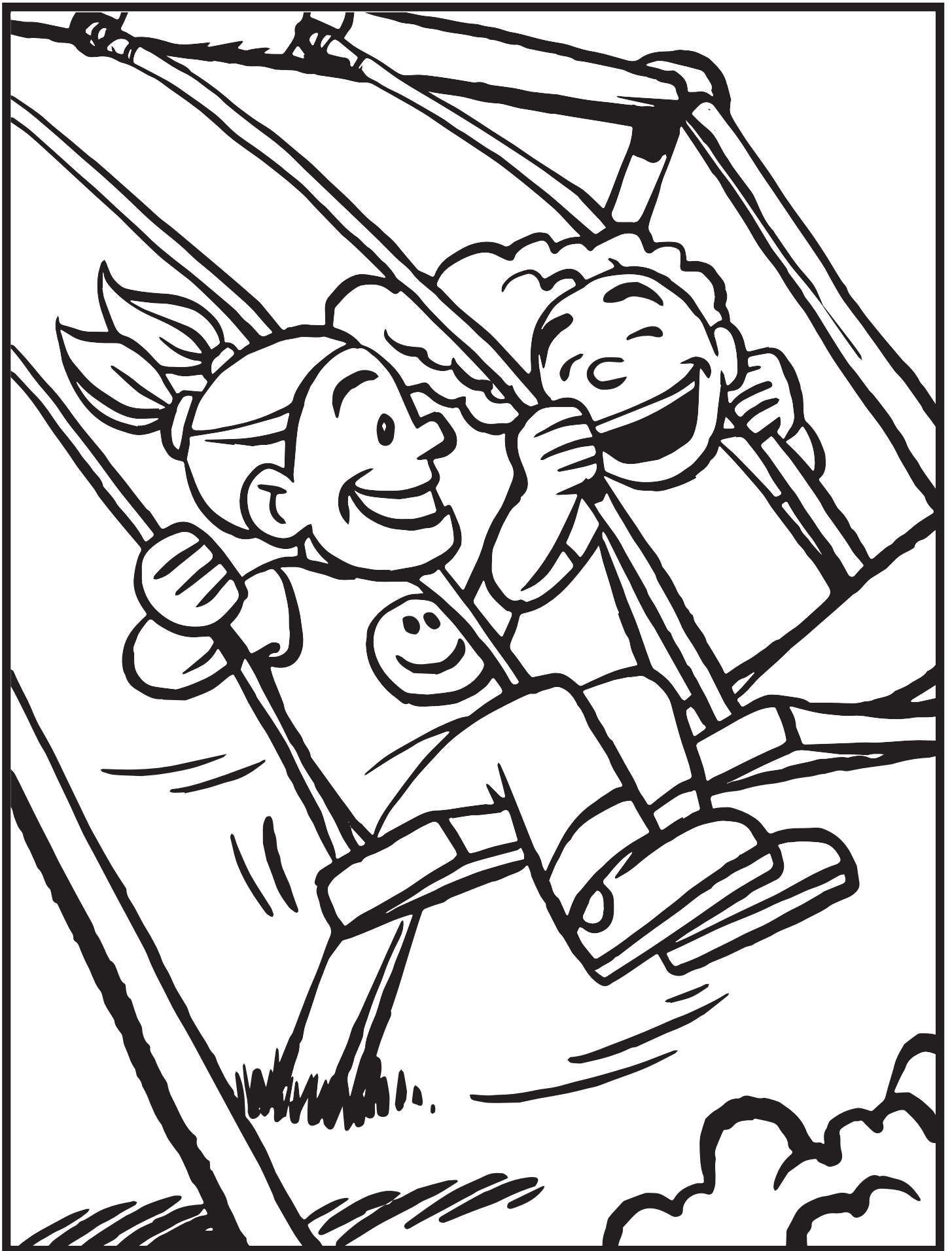
"I give \_\_\_\_\_ a new command. Love one another. \_\_\_\_\_ must

love one another, just as I have loved \_\_\_\_\_ . If \_\_\_\_\_

loves one another, everyone will know \_\_\_\_\_ is my disciple."

John 13:34-35

Loving others isn't easy. That's why faith is so important! God sent Jesus, His Son, to show us how to love. So this week, when you're tempted to stay angry or get even or just ignore someone you know God is asking you to love, ask Jesus to help you love others like He loves you.





## DAY 5

Peter learned that God wants us to treat everyone the same. That doesn't mean we have to be best friends with every single person at our school. But it does mean He wants us to show everyone the same amount of respect and kindness.

Think about one person you haven't been so kind to in the past. Maybe you haven't done anything to them, but you've thought unkind thoughts or gone out of your way to avoid them. This could be someone at school, someone in your neighborhood, or even your brother or sister. (That's right! God wants us to treat our siblings with respect and kindness, too!)

Challenge yourself to treat them differently. On a sheet of paper, write down three things you can do to show this person respect and kindness.



## DAY 1

Go to [Studio252.tv](http://Studio252.tv) and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on *Fun2Watch!* then *The So & So Show.*)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

### SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: \_\_\_\_\_

2) YOU LEARNED: \_\_\_\_\_

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: \_\_\_\_\_

## DAY 2

### READ ACTS 10

A *lot* happened when Peter visited Cornelius. Take out a separate sheet of paper. In your own words, write down the three most important things that happened.

God gave Peter a vision, which is kind of like a dream. God showed Peter that anything and anyone He created could never be “unclean.” God loved the Jewish people and the non-Jewish people the same. God wants *everyone* to have faith; not just the popular people.

Is there someone at school or church who is viewed as “unclean?” Maybe they’re not literally *dirty*, but they are not popular. They eat lunch alone and they are the last to be picked to be on a team or in a group. Based on what you read today, do you think God sees them the way you and others see them? How do you think God sees them?

## DAY 3

Sometimes, it’s hard to be honest with God about things that embarrass us. There’s another word for that feeling—*shame*. And God doesn’t want us to feel that way. One way to fight the feelings of shame is to be open with God. This is one important way we can grow our faith.

Fill in the blanks below, then read the prayer to God.

*God,*

*It’s hard for me to admit, but there are times I don’t treat everyone the same. For example, (talk to God about a time you didn’t treat someone the way you want to be treated). Help me to remember that you want everyone to have faith in You. Everyone, including me! Remind me to talk to You even when I’m feeling shame. Amen.*

## DAY 4

Not everyone hears from God like Peter did in a vision. But there are other ways to know what He thinks and wants.

Who is someone in your life who talks about God like He’s their friend? Take a couple of minutes to talk to them. You can text, email, or even video chat them. Ask them how they hear from God. You may connect with God in a different way, but hearing others share about their experiences with God grows *both* of your faiths.