



Unit 10, Lesson 38

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: PETER LEARNS A LESSON ACTS 10—11

THE STORY HOME

While Peter is visiting Simon the tanner, he experiences a strange vision. In the midst of that he was summoned to the house of Cornelius. Peter shared with Cornelius what God had been teaching him. Then Peter went to Jerusalem and shared God's message with the believers there. When the believers heard the whole story, they praised God that even the Gentiles had been granted His forgiveness, the opportunity for repentance and God's gift of grace.

Whoa! Peter learned a big lesson when God proved to him that He doesn't show favoritism. God made everything and everybody, and He accepts all people who hear and believe the message of His Son—Jesus. (Acts 10—11:18)

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- I wonder what you liked about this story. Was there anything you disliked? If so, tell about it.
- I wonder if you have ever felt that someone made you the favorite. How did it feel?
- Is there a time when you favored one person over another person? Tell about it.
- It's OK to have favorite foods, toys, or clothes so why doesn't God have favorite people?
- Even though it may be difficult, is there a way you can be fair to your friends? What about your enemies? What about someone you disagree with?

TOGETHER HOME

Play a fun—tricky—game with your children. Tell them you are going to play a game where you ask questions (any kind of questions) and they raise their hand when they know the answer. Except, in this game, you repeatedly choose one child and ignore all others. After playing the game for several minutes, ask if anyone noticed anything fishy going on. Allow responses and talk about how it feels to be ignored and not chosen, how favoritism is hurtful to others.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Each night, repeat with your children the Bible verse, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" from Matthew 28:19. Recitation and repetition helps children internalize the words. It might not make a difference or have meaning now, but it is a seed you're planting for God to nurture in them.

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