



BIBLE STORY

Reach Out, I'll Be There
(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, (NIRV)

LIFE APP

Faith—Trusting in what
you can't see because of
what you can see

BOTTOM LINE

Knowing Jesus changes
the way you see others.

BIBLE STORY LINK

ELEMENTARY VIDEO

STORY OVERVIEW

We finish June in **Acts 10** as we pick up Peter's story. Through a pretty crazy dream and encounter with a non-Jewish follower of Jesus, Peter learns that the message of Jesus is for everyone. Peter had to change his mind about Gentiles (non-Jewish people) because God was now including them in what He was doing in the world through Jesus. Bottom Line: **Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.** We might not always get along with everyone, but Jesus can help us see each other the way God sees them. God loves each and every one of us just as He's made us. We should love and accept each other just as God loves and accepts us.

LOVE JUMPING

What You Do:

- Make a Heart Shape on the ground using painter's tape or another item in your home
- Gather around the heart shape.
- Take turns hopping into the heart as they answer the following questions.
- This should be quick-paced to keep kids engaged. Ask the question and invite kids to quickly jump into the heart, give an answer, then jump out.

Questions:

- Who loves you? (mom, dad, grandparent, coach, teachers, aunt, uncle, best friend, family pet)
- What does someone do when they love you? (hug you, compliment you, play with you, include you, help you)
- What's your favorite way to show someone you love them?

WATCH THE ELEMENTARY VIDEO

SIMPLE ACTS

What You Need: Personal-size tissues, plastic cups, water, thick watercolor markers

What You Do:

- Give each person a folded tissue. (If you're using regular-size tissues, fold the tissue in half, horizontally, then fold it into thirds, vertically.)
- Keep the tissue folded.
- Use a thick watercolor marker to draw a fat line on the tissue, about half an inch from the bottom.
- Then, flip the tissue over to the other side and repeat the process using the same watercolor marker.
- Carefully open the tissue and make sure that the ink bled through all of the layers, forming one long line.
- Then, refold the tissue.
- Next, give each person a plastic cup filled about one-third of the way with water.
- Encourage kids to follow you as you demonstrate how to gradually insert the tissue into the water just to the marker line. Watch as the marker color runs up the tissue.
- NOTE: To see a demonstration of this experiment, go to <http://bit.ly/2urepOT> at 3:13 minutes.

What You Say:

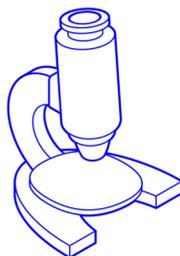
"It was amazing how a simple line drawn on the tissue changed how the entire tissue looked! In the same way, knowing Jesus changes the way you see others. When you know Jesus and His story, you understand that Jesus is for everyone, not just certain people. God made each and every person on earth, and He sent Jesus for each of those people, too.

"When we learn to see people like Jesus does, we can speak up for them and show them love, no matter if they are just like us or if they're super different from us. This might mean being kind to someone who gets on your nerves. It might mean sharing your toys with your sibling or helping a stranger by opening a door for them at a store. There are LOTS of ways you can show love to others."

Share about a time when God changed how you responded to someone who was different than you or someone who got on your nerves, because He changed how you saw them or because you became more aware that they are made in God's image, too.

Prayer:

"Dear God, we are so grateful that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die for every person You ever created so that they can have the opportunity for a relationship with You. Help us put on our 'Jesus' lens this week to see others differently. Help us learn to love others like You do. In Jesus' name, amen."



FIND IT

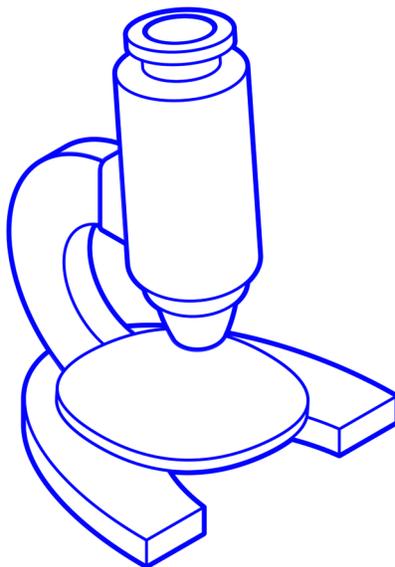
What You Need: “Crossword Verse” Activity Page, pencils

What You Do:

- As a group, recite this month’s verse, Hebrews 11:1.
- Give each person the “Crossword Verse” Activity Page.
- Find all of the words from this month’s verse and circle them.
- As you work, engage them in conversation about the verse and this summer’s Life App of faith.
- If faith is believing in what you can’t see because of what you can see, what are some things you *can see (or hear, feel, experience) that help you know Jesus is real? (My church, the love of my family and friends, nature)*
- What’s one thing you learned this month about God’s story?

What You Say:

“Great job finding our verse today. God told Peter that he should give others a chance. And Peter had faith in God, and obeyed what God asked Him to do. He found people to share the story of Jesus with! It’s important to find people in our life to give them a chance to hear God’s story. **Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.** Think of someone who you might need to see differently. Ask God to change how you see that person, then make the effort to show them that Jesus loves them!”



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BEING
 FAITH
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 HOPE

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What to Do:
 Print one copy for each kid.

Crossword Verse, NIV
 June 2020, Week 4, Small Group 2-3
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