



## PETER AND CORNELIUS LESSON 5

**WONDER TRUTH:**  
The Holy Spirit Is for  
Everyone Who Believes

**SCRIPTURE:**  
[Acts 10](#)

**GOD'S BIG STORY:**  
An angel instructs a Roman military official named Cornelius to meet Jesus' disciple Peter. Meanwhile, God shows Peter through a vision that God's Holy Spirit is for everyone—Jews and non-Jews—preparing Peter to meet Cornelius.

**WORD OF WONDER:**  
Work together on  
memorizing this verse!

[Acts 1:8](#)

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

**Watch God's Big Story**



Early  
Elementary



Late  
Elementary

**Listen to  
our Playlist**



### Wonder about it!

What's one thing you're learning about God and the wonder of His big story? How do you see God's story as part of your own story?



### Family Conversations

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

*Jesus' first disciples were Jews. What were non-Jews called? (Gentiles) • Before Peter met Cornelius, Peter had an interesting vision (a special picture from God's Spirit). What did he see? (a sheet coming down from the sky filled with animals that Jews were not allowed to eat because they were considered "impure") • What did Peter's vision mean? (God wants everyone to be in relationship with Him, even people who are not Jews.) • God wants everyone to know Him and gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Him and is sealed by an Apostle! What does that tell us about what God is like? • In God's big story, Peter learned something new. What is something new that God is teaching you?*



### Interactive Prayer - Box of Prayers

The next time your family gathers for a meal or is seated together, challenge everyone to name five acquaintances or friends to remember in prayer. While naming family members is great, encourage your child to think about people who they interact with each day (teachers, the cashier at the grocery store, etc.).

Invite everyone to write down each name on a separate slip of paper (you may need to write down the names for younger children). Place these names in a box or container. You could also decorate your container together for fun! Every day at mealtime, or another time when your family gathers, pull out one name. Pray for that person, that she would believe and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through Holy Sealing. If this person is a follower of Jesus, you could pray that God's Spirit will bless and guide him or her. God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes and is sealed by an Apostle, and He invites us to pray for those who are a part of our lives!



### Life Connection - Lemonade and the Love of God

For some children (and adults too!) the idea of talking with someone about Jesus like Peter talked with Cornelius might seem intimidating. However, God invites us into His story, which means sharing His love with others so that they too might believe and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

There are many ways to show the love of God. God has given each of us different talents that we can use to share His love and goodness with others. Many kids enjoy putting together a lemonade stand or bake sale. Invite your family to host a lemonade stand or bake sale together. With the money you bring in, make a donation to a favorite organization whose ministry involves telling others about Jesus. If you have older children, encourage them to research different Christ-centered organizations to decide where to send your donation. By coming together to use your gifts, you can all participate in a fun and practical way to share the love of Jesus.