

BIBLE STORY

Reach Out, I'll Be There

Peter Goes to the
House of Cornelius
Acts 10



MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and
taps into the energy in the body

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.**

BASIC TRUTH

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

2. UP AND DOWN

WHAT YOU NEED: Parachute or sheet

WHAT YOU DO:

- Spread the sheet or parachute on the floor and help kids space themselves evenly around the edges.
- Guide them to sit down.
- Show kids how to grip the edge of the sheet with both hands and keep the parachute taut without pulling too firmly. Teamwork is key!
- Call out a series of motions, guiding kids to follow your commands:
 - Stand up
 - Sit down
 - Wiggle the parachute slowly, quickly, then slowly
 - Make a "wave" by going around the circle, taking turns raising and lowering the parachute.
 - Stand up
 - Raise the parachute above your heads, then lower it to the ground. Repeat twice.
- Collect the sheet and set it aside for use during "Mingle Mash" and "What We Do Not See."

WHAT YOU SAY:

[Transition] "In Large Group, we'll hear about a man who saw a sheet being raised and lowered for a special reason. Let's go learn more."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

**TALK
ABOUT GOD**
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW



PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

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*** 1. MINGLE MASH**

WHAT YOU NEED: Music, sheet or parachute

WHAT YOU DO:

- Spread the sheet or parachute on the floor.
- Begin the music and guide kids to mingle around—but not on—the parachute.
- At various times, stop the music and call out a number (either two or three) and a way for kids to group themselves (different hair lengths, hair colors, shirt colors, favorite foods, number of siblings, etc.).
- Guide kids to quickly get into those groups and stand on the parachute.
- You might call:
 - Groups of two who have a different favorite food.
 - Groups of three with different hair lengths.
 - Groups of three who were born in different months.
 - Groups of two who have a different number of brothers or sisters.
- Provide help (and join groups!) as needed.
- Use the conversation below to bring home the Bible story tie-ins.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Peter learned that God's story is for EVERYONE. We're all made in the image of God, and we're all special to God. Even if others look, talk, or act differently than we do, we can treat them the way we want to be treated. We can treat them the way Jesus would treat them!"

[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time you treated someone who was different from you the way you would want to be treated. It could be someone who had different interests, someone you didn't get along with, or someone you didn't know well. Tell what you learned about both God and the other person through the experience.)

"Who can YOU treat the way that you want to be treated? Is there a new kid at school? Someone in your class who acts different than you? Someone who likes different things? (Pause.) Just like knowing Jesus changed the way Peter saw others, **knowing Jesus changes the way you see others**, too. So, ask God to help you see others the way that He sees them, and ask Him to help you treat others the way that you want to be treated, because **knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.**"

**HEAR
FROM GOD**
MEMORY VERSE
ACTIVITY



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2. WHAT WE DO NOT SEE

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, parachute or sheet, foam balls or beach balls

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place kids in groups of two or three. Group kids with friends they might not normally choose.
- Give each group a Bible and lead them to look up the verse using the Bible navigation tips from Week One.
- Unpack the concept that “being certain of what we do not see” not only means that we trust that God has a special plan for us, but also that we can trust God with every part of our lives, even the parts that we don’t understand.
- Spread out the parachute or sheet and lead kids to space themselves evenly around it then sit down.
- Guide kids to grab the edges of the parachute and pull it taut.
- Toss a ball onto the parachute.
- Lead kids to flutter, wave, and wiggle the parachute without allowing the ball to fall off.
- As they wiggle, lead them to say the verse in unison.
- Challenge kids to keep the ball on the parachute until they complete the verse.
- Repeat as time allows, adding a challenge by tossing additional balls onto the parachute for each round.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“When God told Peter to do something that seemed confusing at first, Peter trusted God and did what He told him to do. Peter had faith in God, and when he obeyed God, he understood that God’s plan was bigger than he could have imagined. He understood that the story of Jesus is for EVERYONE!

“Knowing and trusting Jesus changed the way Peter saw others, and **knowing Jesus changes the way you see others**, too. So, this week, try to see others the way that God sees them. And remember that the story of Jesus is for everyone!”