

# 2024 - Family Devo

## May 12 - a



### READ: Acts 10:1-8

**Main Idea:** The stage is being set as we read about a centurion named Cornelius. He is faithful to God, generous, and continually praying. These things God is proud of him for. However, he lacks something. The angel tells him to send for Peter who is staying nearby. This is another example of God connecting those who have the gospel of Jesus with those who need it.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** This story happens in a place called Caesarea. In those days, Romans and Jews did not get along. Roman soldiers were seen as the enemy and oppressors. This man was in charge of a lot of Roman soldiers, but he also believed in God and wanted to help people. How hard do you think that job would have been?

**Teen:** Does God know what we need and when we need it? Will He provide for those needs? If God led someone to you for the gospel would you be ready? Do you know what you would say, or do?

**Adult:** We would say Cornelius was a good, religious man. He did many good things, reached out to those in need, had instilled his family with religion. Based on what's captured in these verses, the angel didn't explain why; just said send for Peter. And Cornelius did. Do you wonder what he expected when Peter came? Did he expect to be complimented for his devotion? Did he expect a sermon? Where do you think he got his religious instruction, given that he was a Gentile? How would you have felt as Peter arrived, had you been Cornelius?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Romans 15:13 (ESV)**  
**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.**



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## May 12 - b

### READ: Acts 10:9-29

**Main Idea:** Peter sees a vision while in a trance about unclean animals being made clean and acceptable to eat. While Peter is confused by this, the Spirit tells him to go with the men from Cornelius because they are sent by God. After traveling a day, the next morning Cornelius has relatives and friends gathered to hear Peter. By now, Peter realizes what his vision of unclean food was all about. Cornelius is a Gentile, and in the past, Jews were not to fellowship with Gentiles, but God is teaching Peter that the gospel is for all the world to hear.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** There are four things that we can learn about God from the stories of Peter and Cornelius:

1. God does not care where we are from,
2. God does not care what we look like,
3. Peter and Cornelius were obedient to the message they received from God,
4. God does not show partiality.

**Teen:** Was Peter willing to learn the lesson God was teaching? Are you willing to go where God is leading? When God is trying to help you see truth in his word (Bible) are you humble enough to believe it?

**Adult:** Here is more of the story. In verse 22, we read that the angel said send to hear what Peter had to say. In verse 24, Cornelius had called his relatives and close friends and verse 27 says it is a large gathering of people. Why do you think Cornelius spread the news that Peter was coming? Especially in light of your response to what did he expect (previous devo). Was it because Peter was a religious leader? Was he hoping for praise for being devout? Was he anxious to hear what God wanted to tell him? And we understand from verse 29 that Peter really doesn't know why he was asked to come.

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