

CITY SG June 17-19, 2023

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.

1. Comic Strip Bible Story Review

What You Need: “Finish it!” Comic Strip” Page (one per kid), markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Finish It! Comic Strip” Activity Page and set out the markers.
- Lead the kids to review today’s Bible story as they add details to each panel of their comic strip following the instructions below.
- Ask the review questions below as they draw.
- **Panel 1: God Sends an Angel to Cornelius**
 - Point out Cornelius kneeling, listening with the speech bubble that reads, “Send men to Joppa and bring back Peter.” Instruct the kids to draw what they think a strong and powerful angel might look like.
 - Ask:
 - What was Cornelius’ job? (*He was a commander in the Roman military.*)
 - How did Cornelius feel about the angel’s appearance? (*He was scared!*)
 - What did Cornelius do? (*He followed the angel’s instructions.*)
- **Panel 2: Peter Has a Vision**
 - Point out Peter sitting on the roof with the sheet descending toward him from the sky. Have the kids draw the animals considered unclean like a pig, camel, rabbit, vulture, ostrich, and crocodile.
 - Ask:
 - Why was Peter surprised when the voice told him to get up and eat? (*because these animals were considered by Jewish people to be unclean, off limits*)
 - When Peter protested, what did God say? (*“Do not say anything is not pure that God has made ‘clean.’” Acts 10:15, NIV*)
- **Panel 3: Peter Welcomes Cornelius’ Friends**
 - Point out the three visitors who came to Peter’s home. Have the kids draw Peter talking with them.
 - Ask:
 - What did the men say? (*They told Peter about Cornelius’ vision and Peter finally understood that NOTHING—animals or people—that God had made was unclean.*)
- **Panel 4: Peter Dines with Cornelius and His Friends**
 - Point out Peter and Cornelius and his guests eating around the table. Have the kids draw the food on the table.
 - Ask:
 - Why was Peter having a meal at Cornelius’ home a big deal? (*because before this, Jews wouldn’t eat in or even enter the homes of non-Jews*)
- **Panel 5: Peter Baptizes Cornelius’ Family and Friends**
 - Point out Peter standing with Cornelius in the water. Instruct the kids to draw friends around the shoreline.
 - Ask:
 - Why did Peter baptize Cornelius’ family and friends? (*because they put their faith in Jesus and chose to follow Him*)
- **Panel 6**
 - Lead the kids to fill in the blanks of today’s Bottom Line.
 - God can change the way you see others.

2. Memory Verse Roll

What You Need: a soft ball (one per group)

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Invite a volunteer to recite the monthly memory verse, then say it a few times together. *“Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.”* Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass the ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.

3. Discussion Questions

What You Need: Nothing

What You Do:

- Think of someone in your head who you know that people “see differently.” Maybe someone who looks, talks, or acts differently?
- What is one way you can treat that person as someone who’s valuable and special to God.
- Our bottom line is, **God can change the way you see others.** What do you think that means?
- Why should those who know Jesus see others differently than those who don’t?
- Why do you think it’s hard to accept or love people who are different from us?
- When you think back on the past few days, was there a time when you treated someone better because you believe God made them and loves them—even though they are different from you in some way? What’s one way you could do that this next week?

4. Pray

- “Heavenly Father, thank You for making each of us uniquely special in Your image. Thank You for the story of Peter and Cornelius and how You helped them see each other differently. This week, help us treat others the way You want us to treat them. Thanks for loving us, no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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