

CITY LG – June 17-19, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Walk Right In (Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius) • Acts 10

Today's Bottom Line: God can change the way you see others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.* Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

WORSHIP

For Your Glory

He Has Won

SLIDE: Theme

HOST: "Hi, everyone! Today is such a great day to be here in the CITY! This summer, we've been talking about faith. Sometimes people might think that faith is confusing, but it's actually really simple.

SLIDE: Virtue

"Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

"Speaking of what we CAN see, I've got a fun game that will let us SEE how good you are at guessing! But first, I need a Leaders to come up on stage.

"I will whisper to the leader the name of some kind of vehicle. It could be any kind of vehicle that helps you MOVE from one place to another. The leader will try to act out riding in this vehicle and the rest of you will try to guess what it is. Are you ready? (Pause.) Here we go!

AUDIO: Play Spotify playlist

After they guess it, call another leader (or kid) to act out the next one. Continue calling people up as interest/time allows.

VEHICLES:

- car
- truck
- train
- motorcycle
- unicycle
- airplane
- helicopter
- skateboard
- stroller
- ambulance
- hot air balloon

“Wow! You were great at guessing those different types of vehicles. I think my favorite way to MOVE is probably a [one of the machines from the game]. How about you? (Pause for response.) That’s cool!

SLIDE: Theme

“We can put our faith in Jesus, even though we can’t see Him. We can believe that God sent Jesus to be our Savior! We can see so many things every day that remind us that God loves us, and that helps us trust that God sent Jesus for us.

“As you may remember, we’ve been moving through God’s Big Story in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) In the book of Acts, we can read the stories of the early church and how it grew with the help of God’s Spirit. The people who followed Jesus faced some trouble in the city of Jerusalem, so many of them scattered to other places. But they took the good news of Jesus to other people everywhere they went!

“One of Jesus’s followers, Peter, traveled to a city called Joppa to share the news about Jesus. Let’s see what happens next in the Story Lab...

VIDEO: Bible Story

“What a story! I mean, the vision God gave Peter must have been really incredible to see. And there was a special meaning to it that God wanted Peter to understand. God wanted Peter to know that Jesus had come to be the Savior for everyone, everywhere!

“So when Cornelius invited Peter to visit him, Peter was willing to go—because he had learned that Jesus was for people who were Jewish and for people who were non-Jewish, too.

“If we think back to the time just before Jesus rose to heaven, He said something really important to His friends, the disciples. He told them to share the good news about Him with the whole world.

“That’s the lesson Peter learned when he went to visit Cornelius. God had shown him how to see other people differently!

“Here’s what we need to remember today. Let’s watch Greg...

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Let’s say that together a few times. **“God can change the way you see others.**

“When we decide to trust Jesus and put our faith in Him, we discover that every person in the whole world is made in the image of God. So every person we meet deserves our love and respect, because God made them AND loves them.

“God loves your best friend. God loves the person in your class who you don’t always get along with. God loves the cashier at the restaurant, and God loves the person who delivers your mail. God loves everyone. And God can help US show love to the people we meet every day.

“Let’s look at our June memory verse, Hebrews 11:1. This verse will help us remember what faith is all about.

SLIDE: 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)

Let’s pray: “Dear God, thank You so much for this story of Peter and the good news he shared with Cornelius’s family. Thank you for sending Jesus to make a way for EVERYONE to be close to You. Please give us the kind of faith to see other people the way YOU see them, because we know You love each of us more than we could ever imagine. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

OFFERING:

All summer, our offering money will go to families in Kenya. They are experiencing a food shortage because of an on-going drought. And the food that is available costs a LOT of money! As you can see in these pictures, this is an area in Kenya called Turkana that is very rural and the people who live there do not have much money for food.

SLIDES: Kenya 1-4

We are working with an organization called Missions of Hope. Our money will help them make food baskets to bring to families who live in Turkana. The food baskets will be such a blessing to the children and families in this community! If you have any offering you can bring it up now.

CG: Summer JAM Slide

“It’s almost time for Summer Jam! We’re so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won’t want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam Tent after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt!”

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