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BIBLE STORYLINE

Peter's Crazy Vision

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a crazy dream that Peter had. Peter was one of Jesus' early disciples who was one of the key leaders in the church. Like Paul, Peter would teach people about Jesus. One day, God came to Peter in a vision. A vision is like you're dreaming, but you're not asleep. In the vision, Peter sees a big sheet full of animals and a voice tells Peter to eat the animals. In the Jewish tradition, there were certain animals that were considered "unclean" and Jews couldn't eat the meat from those animals. But, some of those "unclean" animals were in the vision. So, Peter said, "No way!" But, God was teaching Peter a lesson and it wasn't really about animals. It was about people. Just like certain animals, Jews also thought non-Jews, or Gentiles, were unclean and unimportant people. They didn't think they were worthy of God's love. But, that wasn't God's heart at all. Jesus came to die for everyone, Jews and Gentiles. So, Peter realized that the Gentiles deserved to hear about Jesus, too.

Big Idea*God can make everyone clean***Key Question***What makes us dirty?***Memory Verse***Acts 10:15 "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean."*

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY:** Let kids start working on Activity Page #1. 2nd-5th puzzle key: Cornelius, Peter, Unclean, Gentiles, Jesus. God makes everyone clean.
2. (5 min) **WARM UP:** Think about a country in the world. How do they dress and what do they like to eat? **How are they different from you?** (Tip: Every country has its own cultures and traditions and they're different than yours. And, God loves them as much as he loves us.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
6. (3 min) **KQ:** Answer the Key Question. (Answer: **Sin makes us dirty.** (The Bible says that we are all born with a sin problem. That means we all have a desire to go our own way instead of God's way. That's why Jesus came to die for us. He came to break the power of sin, to forgive our sins, and to give us the Holy Spirit to help us to live for him instead of ourselves. We are all made clean through Jesus.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What is sin? Why does sin keep us from God? What did Jesus do to fix it? **4-5th:** Make a list of sinful things kids might do. Why do those things make God sad?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE:** Read [Galatians 3:28](#). **Who can be a part of God's family? What does it mean to be one with Christ?** (Answer: Anyone can be a part of God's family! It doesn't matter if you're a boy or girl, if you're rich or if you speak English or Spanish. God loves everyone and Jesus died for everyone. So, the way we become one with Christ, is to put our trust in him. We ask him to forgive our sins and invite him to live in our hearts.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
9. (5 min) **CLOSE:** Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: LESSON REVIEW MATCHING GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into groups of 4. Give each group a set of Matching Cards (page 5-6).
- Have them place the cards face down on the floor. When you say, "Go!", have the groups play a game of concentration where one kid starts by flipping over two cards. If a match, he gets to keep those cards and go again. If no match, the kid to the right gets a turn.
- Continue playing until all the matches are found. Kid with the most cards, wins.

Supplies needed: Matching Cards template (pg. 5-6, precut, 1 set per group)

OPTION 2: PETER'S CRAZY VISION CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Animal template (page 7).
- Have kids cut out each animal and color.
- Give each kid a piece of Kleenex which will serve as the white sheet from Peter's vision. Have the kids place their animals in the Kleenex and then pick up the corners of the kleenex to re-enact the vision.
- As they do that, read the story from [Acts 10:1-36](#). Remind the kids that Jesus made us all clean when he died to pay for our sins.

Supplies needed: Animal template (pg. 7, 1 set per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Kleenex (1 sheet per kid)

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Memory Verse

Acts 10:15 Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.

_____ Had a Crazy Vision One Day

One afternoon Peter was up on the roof praying. Suddenly, he began to have a vision! In Peter's vision, he saw a big white sheet come down from the sky, and in that sheet were a bunch of animals. Then Peter heard a voice that told him to cook and eat the animals!

The Vision Was About "_____" Food

In those days there were a lot of rules about what you could and couldn't eat if you were Jewish and Peter was Jewish. In the vision, all of the animals in the sheet were the animals that Jews weren't supposed to eat.

The Vision Was Really About "Unclean" _____

God was giving Peter an important message: people aren't unclean. You see, back in Peter's day Jewish people thought that non-Jews were bad people and considered them "unclean". The Jewish people thought that God didn't love people who weren't Jewish. God used the vision to show Peter that he loves everyone!

God Can Make _____ Clean

Get it? God loves everyone and he can make everyone "clean".

Acts 10:15 "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean."

Jesus came to die for everyone. This is the lesson Peter learned. It wasn't about being Jewish, it was about knowing Jesus. So kids, remember God loves everyone. And, that means you should too!

Answers: Peter, unclean, people, anyone **Parent Signature:** _____

Questions:

1. Think about a country in the world. How do the people dress in that country and what do they like to eat? How are they different from you?
2. What was Peter's vision? Who spoke to him in the vision?
3. What lesson was God teaching Peter from the vision?
4. Read [Galatians 3:28](#). Who can be a part of God's family? What does it mean to be one with Christ?
5. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Color the picture.

GOD CAN MAKE EVERYONE CLEAN

Key Question

What makes us dirty?

Memory Verse

Acts 10:15 "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean."



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