



New Era Church - SON Shiners Children's Ministry

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Clean or Unclean?

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle animals that were clean under Jewish law. Cross out unclean animals. Check Deuteronomy 14:3-20 if you get stuck!



KEY PASSAGE: Philippians 2:13

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What does the Holy Spirit do? The Holy Spirit helps Christians follow Jesus.

BIBLE STORY:

PETER VISITED CORNELIUS

- God sent Cornelius to find Peter.
- Peter had a vision of unclean animals.
- Peter learned that God made unclean things clean.
- God told Peter to preach to Cornelius, a Gentile.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How do you treat people who are different from you?
- What is one way all people are alike?
- How can we show love to everyone?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Crush chocolate cookies into whipped topping to make “mud pie” treats.
- Eat at a restaurant that serves a food from a culture you are unfamiliar with, and discuss how Jesus will unite people of all nations under His rule.



Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

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Peter Visited Cornelius

Acts 10

MAIN POINT: THE HOLY SPIRIT TOLD PETER TO PREACH TO CORNELIUS, A GENTILE.

Cornelius was an officer in the Roman army, and he and everyone in his house worshiped God. One afternoon, Cornelius saw a vision of an angel of God coming to him. The angel instructed Cornelius to send for a man named Peter, who was in the city of Joppa. When the angel left, Cornelius sent two of his servants and one soldier to Joppa.

The next day, as the servants and soldier were nearing the city, Peter went up on the roof of the house to pray. Peter saw a vision. In this vision, Peter saw something like a large sheet coming down from heaven. In the sheet were all kinds of animals, reptiles, and birds.

Then a voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat!" "No, Lord!" Peter said. "I have never eaten anything that is not clean or not used for food." Again, a voice said to him, "God has made these clean. Do not call them unfit to eat."

Then the men Cornelius had sent arrived at the gate. They explained that Cornelius had seen a vision, and an angel instructed him to send for Peter. So the next day, Peter went with the men.

When Peter got to Cornelius's house, he explained that God does not consider some people to be better than others. God had sent good news to the Israelites—Jesus is Lord of all.

"Everyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven," Peter said.

While Peter said this, the Holy Spirit came down on those who heard the message—not just the Jewish people, but the Gentiles, or non-Jews, too. The Jewish believers were amazed.

Cornelius, his friends, and his relatives were baptized in the name of Jesus.

Christ Connection: God showed Peter that just as there is no "clean" and "unclean" food, there are no "clean" and "unclean" people. God calls believers to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus is the Lord of all.

Word Search

Find the words hidden in the puzzle.

WORD SEARCH

ANGEL	JEWES
ANIMALS	LORD
CLEAN	PETER
CORNELIUS	PRAY
EAT	ROOF
GENTILES	UNCLEAN
GOSPEL	VISION

Z R T C C K Q E P G R M I Y H C L H I K
 J G E Y I O L J I E Q M J U H E B W Z N
 D X V M U C R A F N P T C T S L X I B L S
 K A W P N E E N S E I R C O F B U S J E F
 P T N Q C Z O S S L M G S G G N I E A A
 X E M G L N Y Z S S E I A D K Z E O W N I
 U T A U E O Y J Z S S C U L O J S N S Q W
 N I Z T A L R J Z S C U L O J S N S Q W
 J F T R A Y L P E T E R H V A R O F S A M G
 D P R A Y L P E T E R H V A R O F S A M G

Clean or Unclean?

God's laws for His people told them which animals they could eat ("clean" animals) and which animals they could not eat ("unclean" animals). Can you guess which animals the Jews were allowed to eat and which were not allowed? Read Deuteronomy 14:3-20 to check your answers.

