

Peter and Cornelius

Cornelius was a Roman Soldier who loved God and was living in Caesarea which was a Roman town on the coast of Palestine. One day something amazing happened, something he would always remember. It happened at about three o'clock in the afternoon.

Suddenly ... he saw an angel of God,



"Cornelius!" said the angel.

Cornelius just stared at him.

Then he asked "What do you want?"

"Cornelius," said the angel, "God has heard your prayers. Send some men to Joppa to ask Simon Peter to come back here and talk to you, your family and your friends."

Now Joppa wasn't just around the corner, it was more than 30 miles away and Cornelius had never met Peter before **but** he did what the angel had told him to do. He sent two of his servants and a soldier to find Peter and bring him back. The next day, when they were well on the way to Joppa, Peter was just going up on the roof to pray. It was about noon and he was beginning to feel rather hungry.

Then ... he had a vision! It seemed as if heaven opened and something that looked like a big sheet was being lowered down to the ground. He looked a bit more closely and he could see that it was filled with animals!



A voice said, "Get up Peter kill and eat."

Peter was horrified. He was a Jew and Jews at that time were not allowed to eat certain animals as they thought they were 'unclean'.

"No Lord" he said "I can't," but the voice then told him that God made all things holy. The sheet was lowered down three times. Peter didn't know what to think but then the voice told him that there were three men downstairs looking for him and that he should go with them without asking any questions,

So... Peter went downstairs and the men explained that Cornelius was a man who loved God and that he had seen an angel who told him to invite Peter to his house.

Now Peter was a Jew and Cornelius was a Gentile. A Gentile is anyone who is not a Jew. For Peter this would normally have been a ...



... because Jewish laws at that time, said that Jews could **NOT** mix with Gentiles and they could definitely **NOT** go to their house and stay with them and eat with them.

BUT... Peter realised that the vision was not just about animals and food. God was also showing him that it was wrong to think that he was better than others. He finally understood that God loves and accepts **everyone**.

So Peter went with the three men and when they arrived in Caesarea, Cornelius, his family and friends were all waiting for them. Peter explained to them that God had given him a vision and had showed him that it was right to see **all** people as equals.



Peter then went on to tell them all about Jesus and how He had died and risen again to save **all** people.

Then... Peter baptised Cornelius and his family and friends and Peter stayed with them for a few days.

Verse

Our memory verse comes from this story which you can find in Acts 10.

*"To God every person is the same.
God accepts anyone who worships him and does what is right.
It is not important what country a person comes from."
Acts 10:34-35*

God wants us to treat everyone fairly and equally and with respect.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that we are **all** made in your image.

Thank you that we are **all** valued by you.

Thank you that we are **all** loved by you.

Thank you that we are **all** precious to you

Help us to treat **everyone** the same.

Help us to show respect to **everyone**.

And help us to love **everyone** like you do.

Amen

Links for Peter and Cornelius

Stories

The Gospel Project for kids (5mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKU9MyuGrj0>

Bible for Kids - Peter and Cornelius (You can get this as an App on iPhone or iPad just go to App store and download 'Bible App for Kids' This has lots of stories and interactive activities - The one about Peter is called 'Everybody's Welcome')

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THfHM84byqA&frags=wn>

Superbook Peter and Cornelius - This is just part of the story. You may be able to find other parts of the story or possibly the longer version on Facebook

<https://us-en.superbook.cbn.com/video/peter-visits-cornelius>

Free Bible Images - Peter tells Cornelius about Jesus (Powerpoints with story to read)

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/peter-cornelius/>

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https://www.christianbiblereference.org/wj_PeterMetCornelius_0.htm





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| 4. Centurion | 5. Jesus | 6. Roman |
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