

# Peter and Cornelius: Lesson 1

**SuperTruth:** God shows no favoritism.

**SuperVerse:** *There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.* Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

**Bible Story:** Acts 10:1-48; 11:1-18

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1-6

Our new Superbook adventure today is about two men: Peter and Cornelius. God spoke to each man in a very unusual and exciting way in different places.

- Joy and Chris are late for school. If Chris gets one more ticket from the hall monitor, he will get detention. Chris begs for mercy, but the hall monitor isn't interested in giving anyone special treatment.
- Chris wants to escape to a place where he is king of his own world—yet Superbook brings the hall monitor along with Chris, Joy and Gizmo! They go back in time to meet Peter, who needed to learn that God doesn't have favorites and salvation is for everyone.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1-6

### Game: One In Christ (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Play a game to break down a wall.*

- Jesus broke down the wall when He died on the cross. He brought peace to replace the hostility, which means hatred and anger, between the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus was the only one who could do this. However, you are going to need each other's help to destroy this wall.

### Game Instructions:

- Players for each team walk quickly to the line and throw two balls to knock down the wall, then quickly returns to the back of the team's line. Play until all pieces of the wall are knocked over or off the table; stop the time. Play again to beat the first time.

### Teaching: Double Vision (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *God reveals that salvation is for all.*

- God demonstrated this when He spoke to a Gentile and a Jew in visions one day apart. Through the visions, God revealed His plan for all to be one in Christ and provide salvation to all.

### Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- At the bottom of the certificate is the first challenge. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:4, then discuss this with your family if possible. Look and pray for opportunities to share God's message with others.

### SuperVerse: Superbook as One (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- There are no exceptions, no small print. All believers in Christ are alike, no matter what race, nationality, rank, status, or gender. All are saved in the same way through Jesus and share the same privileges as God's children!
- Assign one word to each group: Jew, Gentile, slave, free, male, female. Have each group face the board and stand several feet away from the other groups. Slowly read the verse aloud by yourself, and have each group say the word assigned to them at the proper time.

### Prayer: Honored Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Communicate with God.*

- God hasn't changed; He will honor all of our prayers today; boys or girls, first graders or sixth graders, teens or adults, it doesn't matter to God - He shows no favoritism.
- Let's try to focus solely on Jesus as Peter did on the roof. God wants to lead and guide us into a deeper understanding about Him. Block out thoughts about other things around you. Ask God to speak to you, to show you how much He loves you, or to give you direction for the coming week.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Action Game:** Play a game to follow the rules. | **Grades 1-6** | 10 min

**Mismatch Game:** Play a game to reveal a hidden truth. | **Grades 4-6** | 15 min

**Maze Activity:** Travel with Peter from Joppa to Caesarea. | **Grades 1-3** | 10 min

**Bible Study:** Look deeper at God's work through Christ to unite all people. | **Grades 4-6** | 15 min

### Game Materials Needed:

- 4-6 foam balls
- Masking tape or painters tape
- Two tables for a combined total length of 10-12 feet
- Several cardboard building blocks, empty soda cans, or plastic cups. A combination of all would be ideal
- Timer, such as a stopwatch, clock or watch with second hand, or timer app

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- One In Christ Puzzle Page
  - Scissors
  - Table or chair
  - Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Discipleship Challenge materials:
- Ambassador For Christ Certificates
  - Cardstock - one sheet per child plus extras
  - Pencils

### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard or chalkboard, marker or chalk
- Eraser

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App