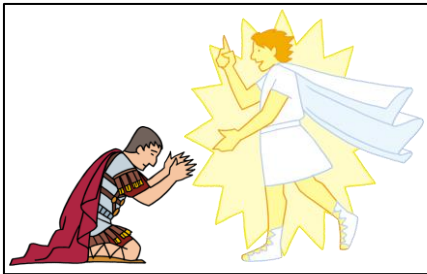


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## Lesson 9: CORNELIUS IS THE FIRST GENTILE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN (ACTS 10:1-11:18)

The Bible tells about Cornelius. He was a Gentile. A Gentile is someone who is not born into a Jewish family. (We are Gentiles too.) Cornelius was a very important man. He was a Centurion in the Roman Army who was in charge of many soldiers. Cornelius believed in God. He gave money to help the poor and he prayed to God.



One day, when Cornelius was praying, he had a vision. An angel said, “Cornelius, your prayers have been answered. I want you to send men [to find] a man called Peter. [Tell them to bring Peter here to your house.]” Cornelius did just what the angel said. He sent 3 men to find Peter.

Peter was busy teaching people about Jesus. He did not know anything about Cornelius and his dream. Up until now, Peter only taught Jewish people. He hadn’t told any Gentiles about Jesus. Peter was staying in the home of a friend. He went up to the rooftop to pray.



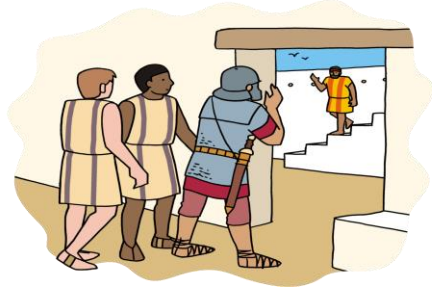
Then Peter saw a vision too. He saw a large sheet come down from Heaven. The sheet was filled with animals. Then a voice said, “Peter, kill the animals and eat them.”

Peter was shocked! There were Unclean Animals in the sheet that Jews couldn’t eat. So, Peter said, “No! I have never eaten these kinds of animals because they are not pure.”



The voice told him that it's ok now – God says that now all animals are clean. This happened 3 times. Then the sheet was taken back up into heaven.

The 3 men came to get Peter. The Holy Spirit told Peter to go with them. The men told Peter about Cornelius and the vision he had. When Peter heard this, he understood what God was trying to tell him.



The dream was telling Peter that God loves **EVERYONE** - not just the Jews. God wanted Peter to teach Gentiles like Cornelius, too. **Everyone needs to hear the good news!**

Peter went to Cornelius' house. Friends and family had come to hear about Jesus. Peter taught them about Jesus. Then something wonderful happened! The Holy Spirit caused everyone to speak in new languages. Cornelius, his family and his Gentile friends were talking in languages they had never learned! Peter remembered that the same thing happened when he preached the first gospel sermon to the Jews.



This was God's proof that Jesus came to save **EVERYONE!**



Cornelius and his household were baptized! They were the first Gentiles to become Christians!



# PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

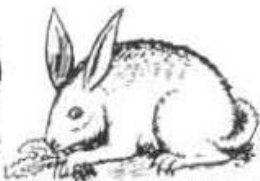
## Color the Picture of Peter Teaching Cornelius' Family



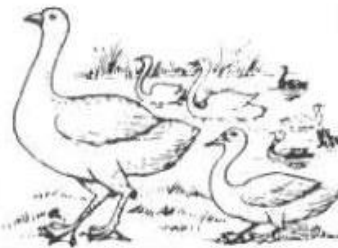
### UNCLEAN ANIMALS (Deuteronomy 14)



Bacon, Ham and Pork



Rabbits, Hares and Rodents



Web-footed Birds



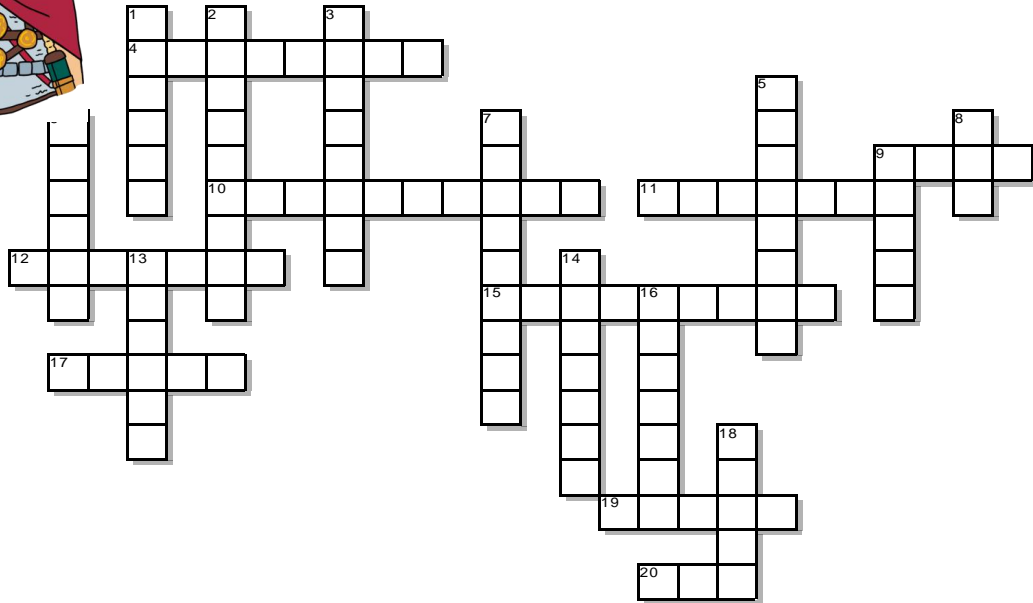
Birds of Prey



All Shell Fish and Fish without both Scales & Fins  
Eels, Snails, Snakes and all Creeping Things

# UPPER GRADES CROSSWORD PUZZLE CORNELIUS BECOMES A CHRISTIAN

Acts 10 & 11



**ACROSS**

- 4 JESUS CAME TO SAVE \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 CORNELIUS WAS KIND TO THE \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 PETER \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN HE HAD SPOKEN NEW LANGUAGES TOO.
- 11 SOMEONE WHO IS NOT BORN INTO A JEWISH FAMILY
- 12 PETER WAS ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ PRAYING.
- 15 THE HOLY SPIRIT CAUSED THEM TO SPEAK IN NEW \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17 THE \_\_\_\_\_ SAID, "NO ANIMALS ARE UNCLEAN ANYMORE."
- 19 WHO TOLD CORNELIUS TO SEND FOR PETER?
- 20 A VOICE TOLD PETER TO KILL AND \_\_\_\_\_ THE ANIMALS.

**DOWN**

- 1 UP UNTIL THIS TIME, PETER HAD ONLY TAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE.
- 2 CORNELIUS WAS A \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE ROMAN ARMY.
- 3 CORNELIUS WAS IN CHARGE OF MANY \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 CORNELIUS AND HIS HOUSEHOLD WERE \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 WHILE CORNELIUS WAS PRAYING HE HAD A \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 THE FIRST GENTILE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN
- 8 CORNELIUS BELIEVED IN \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 HE ALSO SAW A VISION.
- 13 FRIENDS AND \_\_\_\_\_ HAD COME TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS.
- 14 THE SHEET WAS FILLED WITH \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16 PETER DIDN'T WANT TO EAT THE \_\_\_\_\_ ANIMALS.
- 18 PETER SAW A \_\_\_\_\_ COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

**WORD BANK:** ANGEL, ANIMALS, BAPTIZED, CENTURION, CORNELIUS, EAT, EVERYONE, FAMILY, GENTILE, GOD, JEWISH, LANGUAGES, PETER, POOR, REMEMBERED, ROOFTOP, SHEET, SOLDIERS, UNCLEAN, VISION, VOICE



THINK & TALK ABOUT THIS:  
God wants everyone to be saved.  
Do **YOU** want to help everyone?  
Even your enemies?