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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Come Together
Accept One Another /
Peter and Cornelius
Romans 15:7
(Supporting: Acts 10)

PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience
See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Accept one another.

SMALL GROUP

10
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction
Early Arriver
Opening Activity

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

As you deal with one
another, you should think
and act as Jesus did.
Philippians 2:5, NIRV

LARGE GROUP

30
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STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways
WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God Opener

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Live It Out—Discover how
to love like Jesus

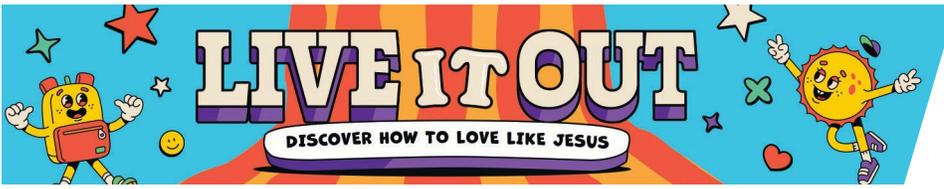
SMALL GROUP

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GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

*AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.
SLIDE: THEME
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

Host enters.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Accept one another.

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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OPENER

HOST: "Hello, fun people! It's great to see you. If you're happy to be here, say: 'Me!'"
AUDIENCE: "Me!"
HOST: "Awesome! All summer, we're talking about what it means to 'Live It Out,' because we're learning how to love like Jesus.
"The apostle Paul wrote about that in our Memory Verse, Philippians 2:5:

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Live It Out—Discover how
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SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

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(Philippians 2:5, NIRV)*

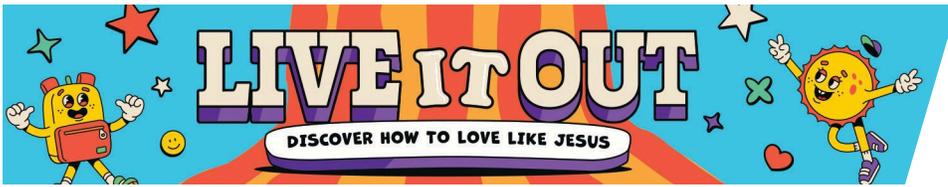
BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

"We can show Jesus' love by encouraging one another, looking out for one another, and living in peace with one another. And we'll talk about another way to 'Live It Out' that we'll see in today's Bible Story.

*SLIDE: THEME
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

"But before we get into that, let's kick off our time together with another camp competition. As you may remember, we have the red team (*point to the red side*) and the blue team (*point to the blue side*). If you're not sure what team you're on, you're on the same team with the other people in your small group. "First up, go ahead and put one of these stickers on your shoulder so that we can easily tell what team you're on.



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Give sheet(s) of red dot or blue dot stickers to the Small Group Leaders so they can distribute them to the kids in their group. Have extra stickers on hand in case groups run out.

“Does everyone have a sticker? Great!

“This game is a gigantic version of Hot Potato. First, we’ll all make one big circle, alternating red team and blue team members. So if you’re on the red team, you should have someone from the blue team on either side of you. If you’re on the blue team, you should have someone from the red team on either side. Make sense? Go ahead and circle up—and once you’re in place, have a seat.

Give the kids some time to make a circle. It’s possible that you’ll end up with some kids with a member of the same team next to them, depending on how many kids you have on each team overall . . . which will be fine.

“The way Hot Potato usually works is that you pass the item around . . . moving quickly so that you’re not touching the item when the music stops. For our version today, we’ve got these fun camp items, like a water bottle, journal, backpack, etc.

Hold up a few camp items from the bin.

“We’ll play the game with THREE items at a time! When the music starts, we’ll pass the items around the circle in this direction. *(Indicate the direction with your hands.)* When the music stops, if you’re the one holding an item, then you’ll stand up. The team with the fewest people standing wins that round. Are you ready to give it a try? *(Pause for responses.)* Here goes!

Give the three camp items to kids in three different parts of the circle.

“Let’s play!

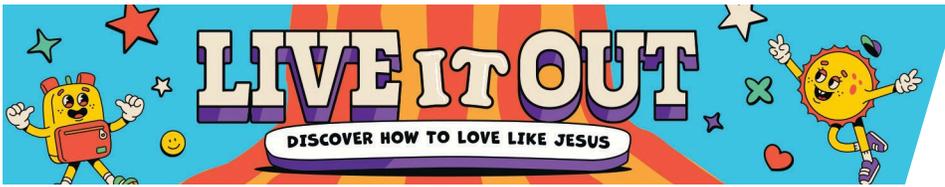
AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (FOR EACH ROUND)

Comment on the action as the kids play the game, making sure they’re passing the items in the same direction.

AUDIO: STOP MUSIC SUDDENLY (FOR EACH ROUND)

When the music stops, get the three kids who are holding the items to stand up. Note which team those three kids are on, and indicate which team won that round (the team with the fewest people standing). But keep the tone light and fun overall—not too competitive. Play several rounds of the game, choosing different kids to start with the items each time. Play long enough that every kid in the room will have had the chance to pass an item at least once.

“Way to go, friends! That was really fun. You can keep those stickers on if you want to. But let’s all stand up on our feet and get ready to do some singing and dancing. Let’s worship God together!”



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WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Let's go, RidgeKids! It's worship time! I want to hear every voice and see every hand clapping! Our first song is all about going big—worshiping at the top of our lungs. And you know what? God LOVES it when we praise Him with our whole hearts. Psalm 150:6 says, 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!' That means YOU. So take a deep breath, and let's sing it out!"

VIDEO: "AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS" LIVE LYRICS

"You crushed it! You praised with passion—and that's what God deserves! Now let's sing a song that reminds us we carry God's light with us. Philippians 2:15 says we can 'shine like stars in the sky' as we follow Jesus. So don't hold back—let your light SHINE for the world to see!"

VIDEO: "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO

WORSHIP LEADER: "You lit up this whole room with your worship today! Let's thank God now for His love and for giving us a light to shine. Let's pray together."



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everybody! Today we're talking about a way that we can love like Jesus—by accepting one another.

Stand behind the table. Take the My Friend Jesus doll out of the box and stand it up on the table.

"When we read about Jesus in the Bible, we see how He loved God and loved others. He gave up His life on the cross for our sins, then came back to life! Then, about 40 days later, Jesus returned to heaven to be with God. Then, after that, Jesus sent His very Spirit to be with His followers.

"We can read how Jesus showed love not just to SOME people . . . but to ALL people. So if we want to love like Jesus, then we should accept people too.

Put the Jesus doll back into the box.

"In the book of Acts (*hold up Bible*), we can see how Jesus' friend Peter discovered this important idea.

Take the action figure representing Peter out of the box. Stand it up on one side of the table, leaning against the box.

"This happened as Jesus' followers had begun to share the amazing news about Him and what He had done. The new church had begun to grow quickly through the power of God's Spirit.

"Some of the religious leaders wanted to stop the new believers. But many of the Jesus-followers left Jerusalem to take the good news to other cities and towns.

AN ANGEL VISIT CORNELIUS

STORYTELLER: (*Reference "Peter"*) "Peter had been traveling around and telling other Jewish people about Jesus. Peter taught about Jesus in the town of Joppa, and many people there decided to follow Jesus too. "At this same time, there was a Roman commander named Cornelius who lived in the city of Caesarea.

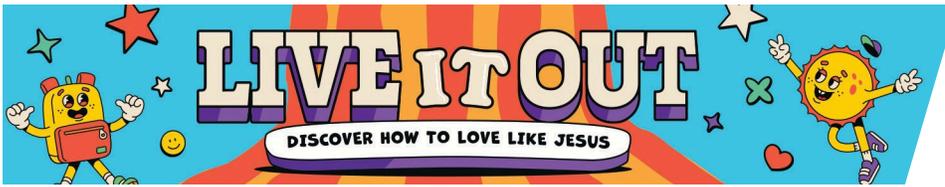
Move to the other side of the table. Take the action figure representing Cornelius and the LEGO® (or other kind of toy) house out of the box. Stand up the Cornelius figure next to the house.

"Cornelius was a kind, generous man who prayed to God regularly.

"Suddenly, an angel appeared to Cornelius.

Turn on the flashlight and hold it above "Cornelius," shining the light all around him.

"The angel told him:



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Open the Bible to Acts 10:4-5 (NIRV) and read.

“Your prayers and gifts to poor people are like an offering to God. So he has remembered you. Now send men to Joppa. Have them bring back a man named Simon. He is also called Peter.” (NIRV)

“Okay. So the angel told Cornelius to send some of his men to go find Peter in the town of Joppa. Cornelius had never met Peter before . . . but he trusted what the angel had told him.

PETER’S VISION

STORYTELLER: “Cornelius sent his men to leave right away. By noon the next day, they approached the town of Joppa. Peter was praying up on the rooftop.

Move back to “Peter’s” side of the table. Turn the box upside down and set “Peter” on top of it. (If possible, make the action figure sit down.)

“Just then, God sent Peter a vision. Here’s what Peter saw.

Open the Bible to Acts 10:11-12 (NIRV) and read.

He saw heaven open up. There he saw something that looked like a large sheet. It was being let down to earth by its four corners. It had all kinds of four-footed animals in it. It also had reptiles and birds in it. (NIRV)

“Okay—wow. It’s hard for us to imagine what that might have looked like. But we’ll give this a try. Could I have two of you come up and hold this for me, please?

Pull out the pillowcase. Bring up two kids and have them hold each end of the pillowcase so that it’s taut, over the top of the box where you’ve placed “Peter.”

“There. And now we’ll add the animals.

Put the animal toys/figures on top of the sheet.

“I don’t know if Peter saw these particular animals. We do know that Peter saw animals that God’s law said that Jewish people weren’t supposed to eat. But a voice said: ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat’ (Acts 10:13, NIRV).

“Peter said that he couldn’t, because he had never eaten anything that wasn’t considered pure and clean. Peter knew that God’s laws about food were meant to keep God’s people separate from the nations around them who worshiped false gods and ate those foods. But now it seemed that God was telling Peter to go ahead and eat all of it!

“In fact, the voice said:

Open the Bible to Acts 10:15 (NIRV) and read.

“Do not say anything is not pure that God has made ‘clean.’” (NIRV)

“Peter saw the sheet full of animals and heard the voice two more times. And then the sheet went back to heaven.



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(To the kids holding the pillowcase) “Thanks for your help, friends. You can have a seat.

As you dismiss the kids to their seats, gather up the animal figures inside the pillowcase and set it aside.

“God’s Spirit then told Peter that three men had come to look for him, and he should go with the men. These were the men Cornelius had sent. Peter trusted God to lead him where he should go. So he traveled with these men, all the way to the home of Cornelius.

Move “Peter” over to where “Cornelius” and his house are, on the other side of the table.

AT CORNELIUS’S HOUSE

STORYTELLER: “This was a very big deal, because in those days, Jewish people didn’t normally spend time with non-Jewish people. They especially would never go into a non-Jewish person’s house. But Peter now saw things very differently because of what God had told him.

“Peter went inside the house.

Move “Peter” inside the LEGO®/toy house, along with “Cornelius.”

“Peter said this to Cornelius and the other others who were there.

Hold up “Peter” with one hand. With your other hand, open the Bible to Acts 10:28-29 (NirV) and read.

“God has shown me that I should not say anyone is not pure and ‘clean.’ So when you sent for me, I came without asking any questions. May I ask why you sent for me?” (NirV)

Set “Peter” back down and pick up “Cornelius.”

“Cornelius explained how the angel had told him to send for Peter, and that he and his household were ready to listen to what Peter had to say.

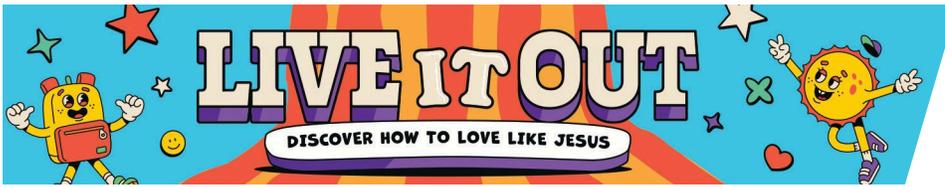
Set “Cornelius” back down and pick up “Peter.” With your other hand, open the Bible to Acts 10:34-35 (NirV) and read.

“Peter said:

“I now realize how true it is that God treats everyone the same. . . . He accepts people from every nation. He accepts anyone who has respect for him and does what is right.” (NirV)

Pick up “Cornelius” so that you’re holding up both action figures.

“Peter then shared the good news about Jesus . . . and Cornelius and his family and friends put their faith in Jesus and were baptized.



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"I bet Peter was so excited. *(As the action figures)* Yeah! Woohooooo!"

Raise up the two action figures' hands like they're praising God.

Put down the action figures and move in front of the table as you wrap up.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "God had made it clear to Peter that the good news of Jesus is for everyone. "Later, the apostle Paul wrote this in his letter to the Romans. Listen carefully.

Open the Bible to Romans 15:7 (NirV) and read.

Christ has accepted you. So accept one another in order to bring praise to God. (NirV)

"Let me read that again. *Christ has accepted you. So accept one another in order to bring praise to God. (NirV)*

"Each one of us can be part of God's family. All we have to do is put our faith in Jesus and believe. That means we can also accept one another as a way to show the love of Jesus. And that's a great way to, 'Live It Out'!

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Accept one another. Say that with me."

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: "Accept one another."

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters.

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "What a story! It's really amazing how God helped Peter change his mind and see things differently."

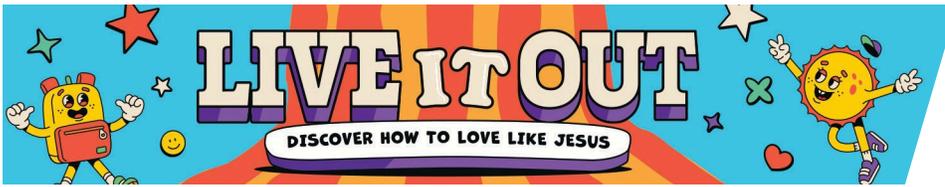
STORYTELLER: "Right! Through Peter's vision, God was making it clear to him that Jesus isn't just for people from a Jewish background. Jesus' love is for everyone."

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

HOST: "And with Jesus, we can help change the world!"

SLIDE: THEME



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OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

STORYTELLER: “As we follow Jesus, we can learn how to LOVE like Jesus. Part of that is learning how to accept the people around us.”

HOST: “Over and over, we see how Jesus spent time with different kinds of people—from people who had a lot, to people who were considered outcasts or had been forgotten. Jesus also hung out with people who didn’t come from a Jewish background.”

STORYTELLER: “When you accept the people around you, that’s a great way to show Jesus’ love. I know that it feels good when someone accepts me and makes me feel valuable and important. So I should do that for other people, and [Basic Truth] treat others the way I want to be treated.”

HOST: “We don’t have to agree with everyone, but we can still treat them with love and respect because they’re made in the image of God.” STORYTELLER: “Let’s pray and ask God to help us ‘Live It Out’ by accepting one another.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: “Dear God, thank You for this story about Peter and Cornelius. You helped Peter understand just how big Your love really is! Help us to see that too, and to show Your love by accepting the people around us. Help us to remember that Jesus gave His life for ALL of us. And please show us how to love others the way You have loved us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP