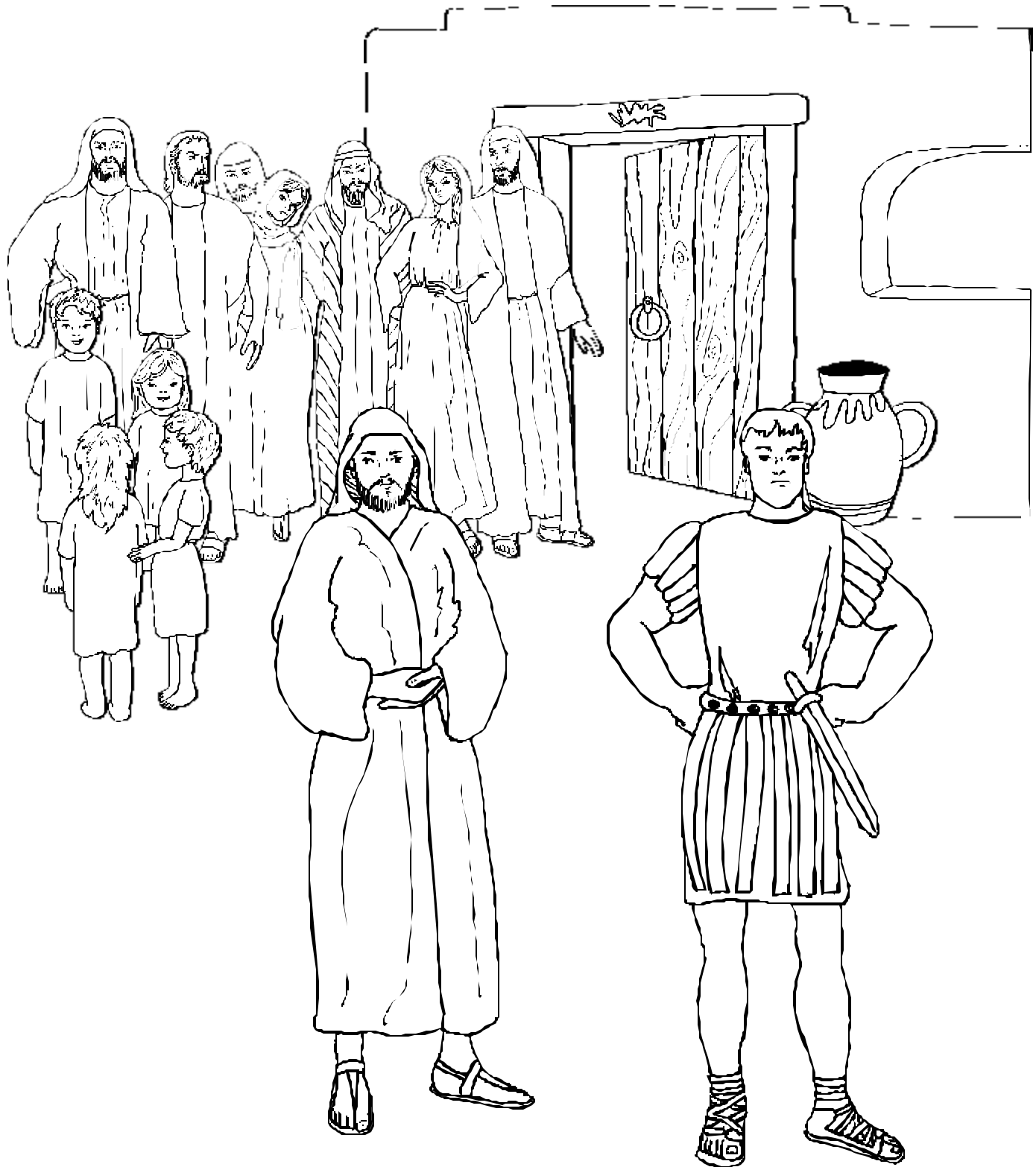


Cornelius and Peter

Acts 10



The Story

Cornelius was a Roman soldier who lived in Caesarea. He believed in God, prayed all the time, and gave money to the poor, but he did not know about Jesus.

One day he saw a vision where an angel from God came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

Cornelius was afraid and said, "What is it, Lord?"

The angel said, "Your prayers are answered. Send some men to Joppa to get Simon Peter who is staying with Simon the tanner. He will tell you what you must do."

Cornelius sent three men to Joppa. At noon the next day they were close to Joppa. Peter was up on the roof waiting for lunch and praying. He saw a vision. In the vision there was a sheet with many different kinds of animals. They were animals Jews did not eat. A voice said, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat."

Peter said, "No, Lord, I have never eaten these unclean animals." This happened three times. Peter wondered what this vision meant. As he was thinking about it, the men from Cornelius

came to the gate of Simon the tanner's house and asked for Peter. God told Peter they were there and that he should go with them because God had sent them. Peter went to them, and they told him about Cornelius's vision. The next day Peter and six other men went with them to Cornelius's house.

Cornelius had called all his relatives and friends to come. Peter said to them, "You know that it is against Jewish law for a Jew to keep company with people from other nations who are not Jews. But God has shown me that I should not call any man unclean. That is why I came. Why did you send for me?"

Cornelius told him about the angel he had seen and what the angel had said. Peter said, "I see now that God does not choose one person over another. He sent Jesus Christ to be Lord over all people. We heard Jesus preach. We saw Him do good things. We saw Him die. We saw Him after God raised Him from the dead. He told us to preach. He told us that whoever believes in Him will have the

forgiveness of sins.

As Peter said these words the Holy Spirit came to the people there. They believed

and praised God. The people were baptized. They asked Peter to stay a few more days to tell them more about Jesus.

Review - Cut out or write the words or phrases below and glue them under the name of the person they describe.

Peter

Cornelius

, Soldier

, learned about Jesus

, preacher

, Roman

, taught about Jesus

, saw an angel

, Jew

, saw a sheet with animals

Passage

God our Savior ... desires all men to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Hymn - TLH# 373 v. 1, 2

By grace I'm saved, grace free and
boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain:
By grace thou, too, shalt heaven obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to
merit;
Our works and conduct have no
worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

Talking to Jesus

Before reading this prayer, think of a person who does not believe in Jesus and write his or her name in the blank.

Dear God,

You made sure that Cornelius learned about Jesus so he could go to heaven. You made sure that I learned about Jesus so I can go to heaven. _____ doesn't seem to believe in Jesus yet. If I can help tell _____ about Jesus, show me how. Thank you for saving me. Amen.