LESSON PLAN

CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS

SERIES: Are You Listening
THE POINT: God wants everyone to know Him
BIBLE STORY: Conversion of Cornelius || Acts 10
AGE: Grade 3 - Grade 6

ABOUT THIS LESSON

In Week 3 of the "Are You Listening" series, children explore the story of Cornelius and Peter. This is a powerful example of God reaching out to multiple people - no matter who they are. God spoke to Cornelius through a vision and also spoke to Peter through a vision, preparing both of them to meet. Through this lesson, children will learn that God wants to invite everyone to know Him.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- Learn, understand and retell the story of Cornelius' conversion
- Understand that God want everyone to know Him
- Recognise the importance of gathering with other believers to hear and see what God is doing together

BIBLE CONTEXT

Acts 10 tells the story of Cornelius, a Roman centurion who loved God, prayed regularly and gave generously. God spoke to Cornelius through an angel and told him to send for Peter. At the same time, God gave Peter a vision that challenged his understanding of who was included in God's family. When Peter and Cornelius met, Peter realised that God shows no favouritism and that the good news of Jesus is for everyone. As Peter spoke, the Holy Spirit came upon Cornelius and his household. This moment marked a major turning point in the early church, showing that God speaks to His people together and welcomes all into His family.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

Luke 11:28 (NIV) "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Pages 2-5 have a variety of different activities to add onto the Link Crew Video!

Make this toolbox your own! Use it in whatever way helps your group dive deeper into the lesson. The goal is deep understanding and great discussions.

Page Number	Name	Activity Description
2	Discussion Guide	Discussions guides, application "Faith in Action" statements and prayer pointers to help facilitate a greater discussion.
3	Activities Page	Fun, topic based activities like a craft, game, quiz and Memory verse activity that bring the learning to life.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

"Can you think of an event that is a better experience when you are with others? What is it?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, GRADE 3 - 4

1. God spoke to Cornelius and Peter at the same time, even though they were in different places - and from different backgrounds. How does it make you feel knowing God listens to everyone?

2. When Peter arrived, he realised that God loves everyone and invites everyone into His family. How does this help you understand God's love for people who are different from you? How can you show that same love to others?

3. Cornelius gathered others because he expectant for what Peter had to say. What does this show you about faith and expectation? How can you come to church, youth group or school chapel ready to hear from God?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, GRADE 5 - 6

1. God spoke to Cornelius and Peter at the same time, even though they were in different places - and from different backgrounds. How does it make you feel knowing God listens to everyone?

2. Peter needed to listen carefully because God was challenging his old thinking. Why is it important to stay open when God speaks in ways that stretch or challenge us? How can listening together help us grow?

3. The Holy Spirit came upon Cornelius' household while Peter was still speaking. What does this teach you about God working powerfully when believers gather together? Where have you seen God work through community?

FAITH IN ACTION

God often speaks through community. When we listen together, pray together and test what we hear together, we can better understand what God is doing. Think of one way you can listen for God with others this week.

- "I can share what I am learning about God with others."
- "I can pray with friends or family."
- "I can attend church with an expectant that God will talk to all of us."
- "I can invite people to be a part of my Jesus community."

Pray

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Remember to pray that God would help the students listen together, learn together and follow Him together as one family.

Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

Lesson Wrap-up

God spoke to Cornelius and Peter together to reveal His big plan, that the good news of Jesus is for everyone. When we listen together as God's people, we gain clarity, encouragement and confidence to follow Him. We are not meant to listen alone.

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ACTIVITIES PAGE

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ACTIVITY - GOD SPEAKS TO ME (SERIES PROJECT)

Supplies Needed: A3 Paper, Colouring in Pens/Pencils

Have the children draw or write about the next part of their poster that is in relation to God speaking to them in a community of believers. Focus on the importance of the local church or christian school that allows the children to encourage and listen to God's voice together.

ALTERNATE ACTIVITY - (Resource attached)
Colour in the bible booklet all about the Conversion of Cornelius.

GAME - HOW MUCH CAN YOU HEAR?

Supplies Needed: A list of 20 random words

Have the children sit individually and listen to the 20 words that you share with them. After this have them write down as many words as possible that they remember. Once they do not a great job at this have them do it again but allow them to be in groups of 4. Repeat the process and see if any group can remember all 20 words. Reinforce the idea that God can share profound things with a group of people.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. True or False: God only spoke to Peter in this story. (False)

2. Multiple Choice: Who did God speak to first? (a)
   a) Cornelius
   b) Peter
   c) Paul

3. Short Answer: Who came to Cornelius' house to tell him about Jesus? (Peter)

4. True or False: God wants everyone to come to know Him personally. (True)

5. Multiple Choice: What is the main lesson from today's story?
   a) God wants everyone to know Him
   b) God speaks to only one person at a time
   c) Cornelius was famous

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: HOPSCOTCH

Memory Verse: Luke 11:28 (NIV) "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Supplies needed: Chalk (outdoor) or making tape (indoor)

Create a hopscotch grid using sidewalk chalk for an outdoor setting, or masking tape for an indoor set-up. Write each word or phrase of the verse in each square of the hopscotch grid (or on the tape for the indoor grid!). The children hop through the grid, saying the words as they land on each square.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

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ACTS 10

Cornelius was a good man who loved God. He lived in a city called Caesarea. Cornelius prayed to God and helped poor people. One day, he had a vision where an angel told him to send for Peter, who was in another town.

At the same time, Peter had a vision. He saw a big sheet come down from heaven with all kinds of animals in it. God told Peter, "Eat these animals." But Peter said, "No, Lord, I've never eaten anything unclean." God replied, "What I have made clean, don't call unclean."

Just then, some men came to Peter's house. They told him that Cornelius wanted him to come. Peter understood that God wanted him to go to Cornelius, even though Cornelius was not Jewish.

Peter went to Cornelius' house and told him about Jesus. Cornelius and everyone in his house listened. As Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in different languages. Peter knew that God was showing that everyone, no matter who they are, could receive God's love.

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