

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do we know God loves all people?
- Who can receive salvation? (See Romans 10:13.)
- How can we share the gospel with all people?



## Peter and Cornelius

Acts 10

**STORY POINT: THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL PEOPLE.**

One afternoon, Cornelius saw an angel of God in a vision which frightened him. The angel told Cornelius to send for a man named Peter, who was in the city of Joppa. So Cornelius sent two of his servants and one soldier to Joppa.

The next day, Peter went up on the roof of the house to pray. Peter saw a vision of something like a large sheet coming down from heaven. In the sheet were all kinds of animals, reptiles, and birds. A voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat!"

"No, Lord!" Peter said. "I have never eaten anything that is unclean."

Again, a voice said to him, "God has made these clean. Do not call them unclean."

Then Cornelius' men arrived at the gate. The next day, Peter went with the men to Caesarea.

When Peter got to Cornelius' house, he explained to Cornelius that God does not consider some people to be better than others. God had sent good news to the Israelites: Jesus is Lord of all. Peter said, "Everyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven."













As Peter said this, the Holy Spirit came down on those who heard the message—not just the Jews, but the Gentiles, or non-Jews, too. The Jewish believers were amazed.

*Christ Connection: God showed Peter that just as there is no "clean" and "unclean" food in Christ, there are no "clean" and "unclean" people. God calls believers to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus is the Lord of all.*



# Good News for Everyone

Use the key to unscramble the code and discover today's Bible story point.

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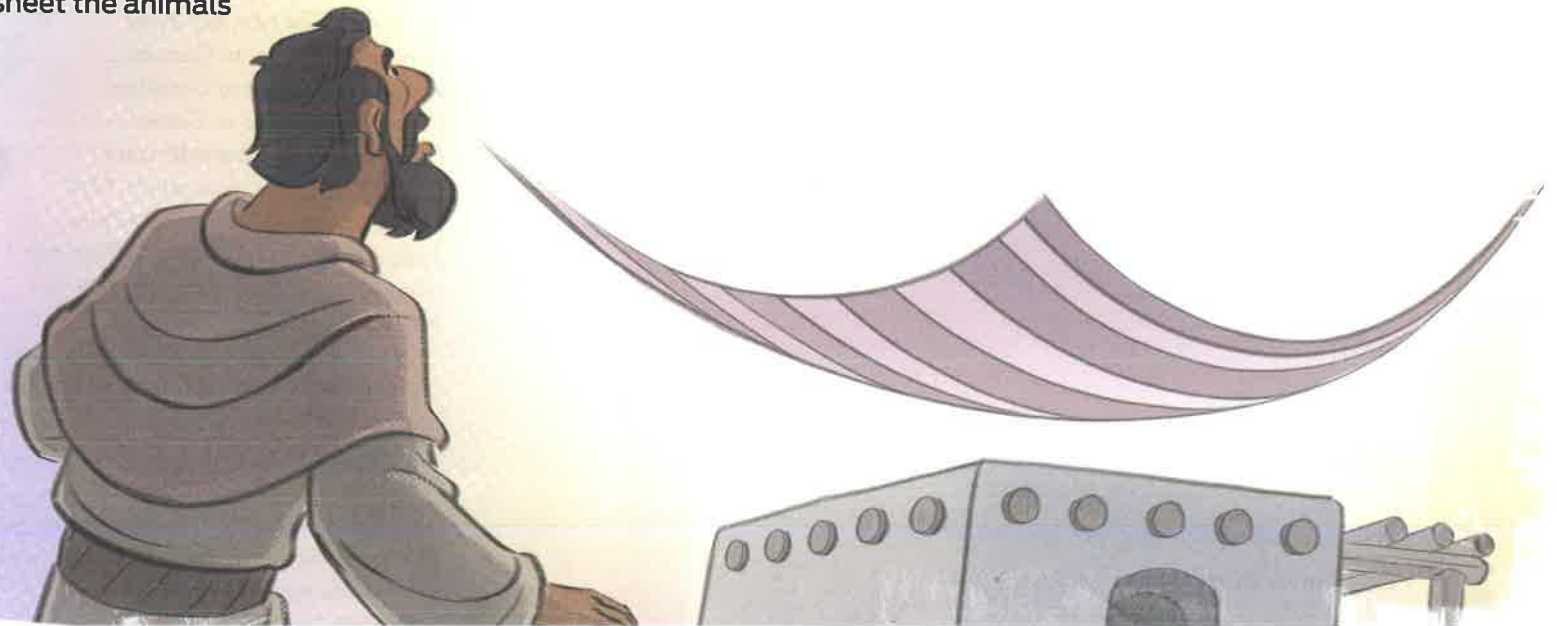
Unscrambled words using animal icons:

- TURTLE, HUMMINGBIRD, FISH, GOAT, OCTOPUS, SNAIL, PENGUIN, ELEPHANT, LION, RABBIT, IGUANA, ANT
- FISH, ANT, RABBIT, ANT, LION, LION, PENGUIN, ELEPHANT, OCTOPUS, PENGUIN, LION, ANT

## Clean and Unclean

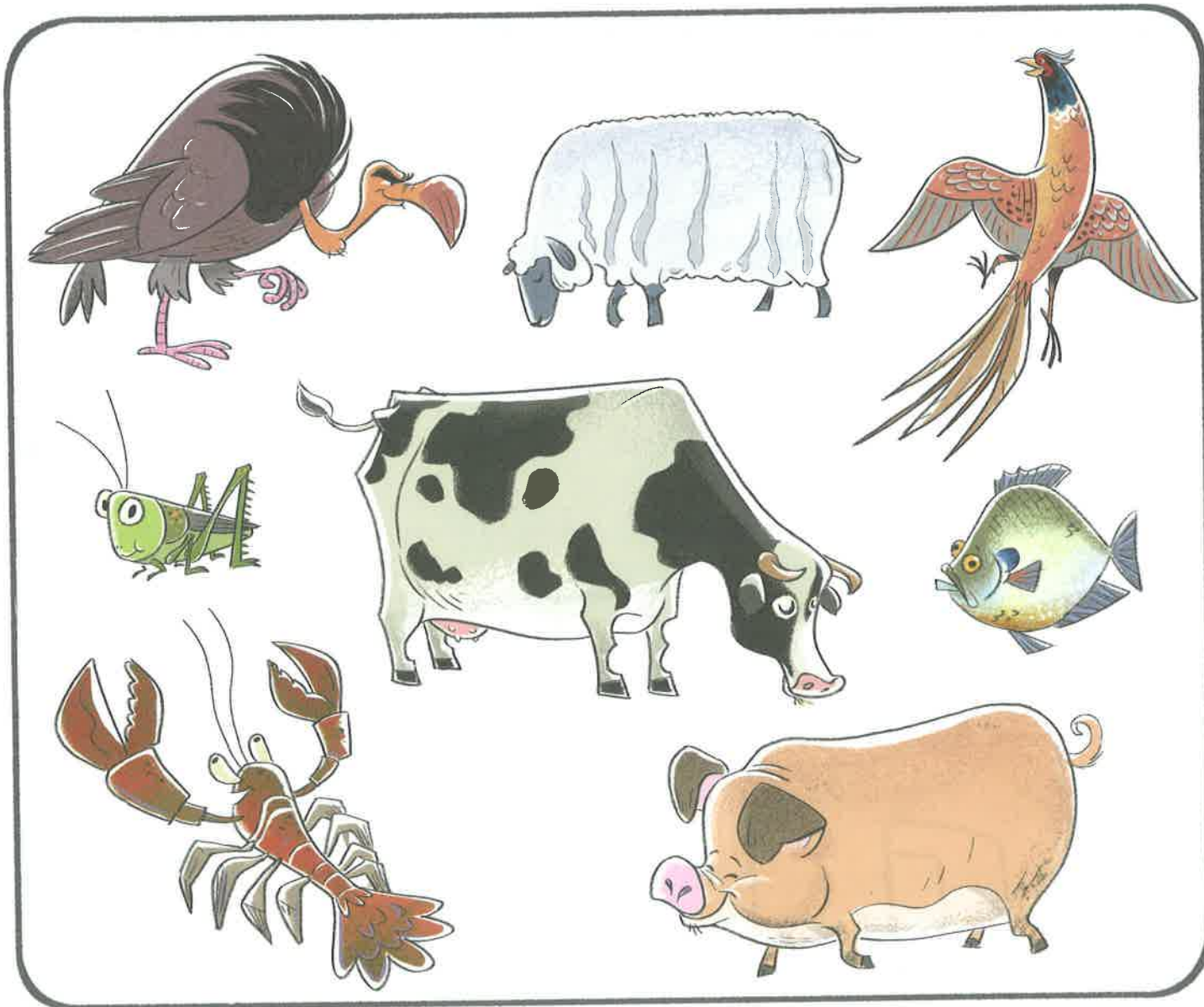
Choose five of the Scripture references to find and read in your Bible. Draw in the sheet the animals mentioned in the verses.

- Leviticus 11:7
- Genesis 22:13
- Deuteronomy 25:4
- Leviticus 1:14
- 2 Samuel 22:34
- John 1:29
- Judges 14:5
- Luke 5:6
- Proverbs 17:12
- Genesis 8:8



# Clean or Unclean

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle the animals that you think would be clean—acceptable to eat—according to Old Testament Law. Cross out those that you think would be unclean.



**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- God told Cornelius, a Gentile, to send for Peter.
- God showed Peter a vision of animals and said all of them were made clean.
- Peter went to see Cornelius, and Cornelius believed the gospel.
- Peter realized that God wanted to save both Jews and Gentiles.
- The gospel is for all people.

**KEY PASSAGE:** 1 Chronicles 16:31

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- What is the gospel? The gospel is the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to rescue sinners.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- How do we know God loves all people?
- Who can receive salvation?
- How can we share the gospel with all people?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Research traditional kosher food and prepare a meal according to Jewish food laws. Talk to your kids about Jesus' role in fulfilling the law so that we don't have to.



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