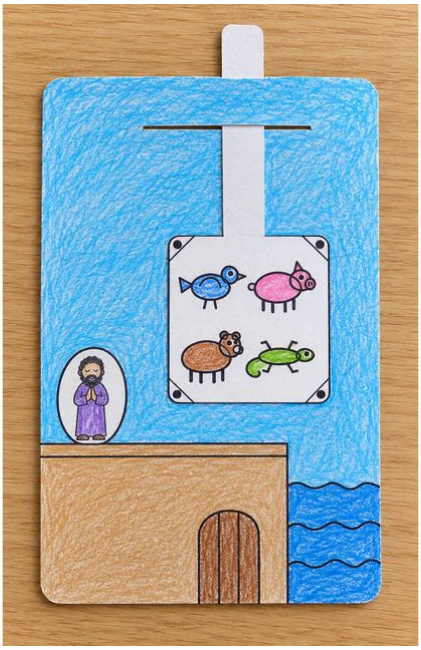
Preschool–Grade 5

Peter and Cornelius Craft

The great sheet · Acts 10 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



Harder

Both levels are a tall card: a light blue sky with a slit near the top, a tan house with a brown gate, Peter drawn in the oval on the housetop, and a blue sea. The white sheet, with a blue bird, a pink pig, a brown bear and a green lizard on it, hangs from its tab through the slit and comes down to the housetop, because Peter "saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners" (Acts 10:11). Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same card with the three men Cornelius sent, drawn in three ovals beside the gate (10:17).

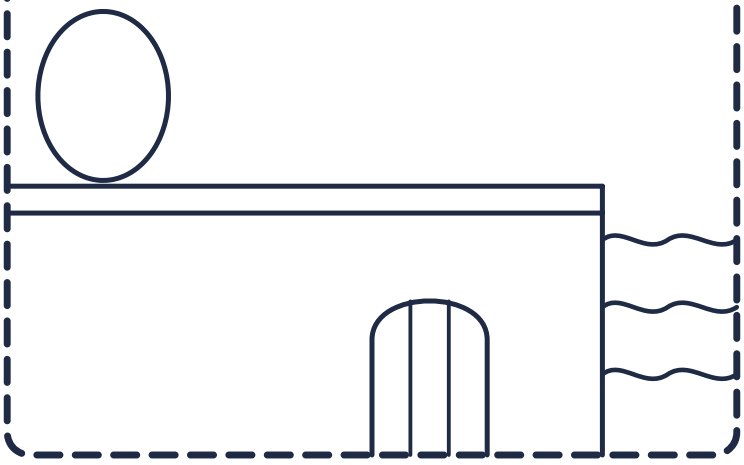
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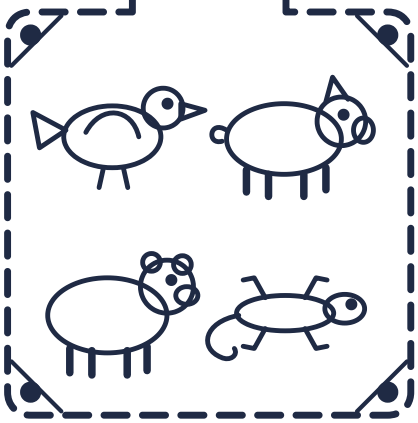
✂ Cut on the dashed lines

slit: a grown-up cuts it

sky: light blue, sea: blue
house: tan, gate: brown
oval: draw Peter praying
on the housetop



tab



sheet and tab: white. Color the bird blue, the pig pink, the bear brown and the lizard green.

verse strip: glue it on the back

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Acts 10:34 (KJV)

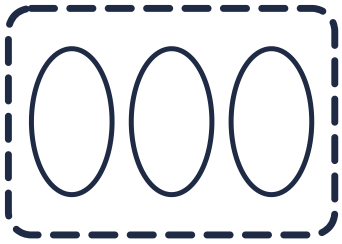
Color the pieces the way the labels say. Cut out the card, the sheet with its tab, and the verse strip.

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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Three men at the gate (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines.



draw one man in each oval,
and color around the ovals yellow

How to add the three men

1. Make the card from page 2 first, with the sheet in the slit and the verse strip on the back.
2. In the three ovals, draw the three men Cornelius sent: two of his household servants and a devout soldier (Acts 10:7). **Devout** means he loved and served God. Color around the ovals yellow.
3. Cut out the piece on the dashed line.
4. Glue it on the house at the bottom left, beside the gate. Keep it below the roof so the sheet can still come down.
5. Tell it: let the sheet down three times (10:16). Then point to the men: "the men which were sent from Cornelius... stood before the gate" (10:17). The Spirit told Peter, "go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them" (10:20).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/cornelius-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, blue, tan (or light brown), brown, pink and green crayons or markers, crayons for drawing Peter, scissors and glue sticks, and a craft knife or pointed scissors for you. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a yellow crayon.
Before class: cut the slit in the sky of every card: it is the dashed line near the top. For preschoolers, also cut out the card, the sheet and the verse strip, push the tab through the slit, and glue the verse strip on the back.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces, cut the slit, put the sheet in, and glue on the verse strip. Kids color the card and the animals and draw Peter. Then they let the sheet down and pull it up while you tell the story.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw and cut out the pieces themselves; you cut the slit. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then add the three men from page 3 beside the gate (Acts 10:17). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** color the sky light blue, the house tan, the gate brown and the sea blue. In the oval on the housetop, draw Peter praying.
2. **Color the sheet:** color the bird blue, the pig pink, the bear brown and the lizard green. Leave the sheet and its tab white.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, the sheet with its long tab, and the verse strip on the dashed lines. A grown-up cuts the slit in the sky.
4. **Put the sheet in:** from the front, push the tab up through the slit, so the tab goes behind the card and pokes out above the top. The sheet hangs on the front.
5. **Verse:** turn the card over and glue the verse strip on the back, low down, so the tab can still slide. Read it together.
6. **Tell it:** Peter went up upon the housetop to pray (Acts 10:9). He saw heaven opened, and a great sheet came down to him (10:11): hold the top of the tab behind the card and slide it down, and the sheet comes down to the housetop. Pull the tab up, and the sheet goes back into heaven through the slit. Do it three times: "This was done thrice" (10:16).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Who was Cornelius? *(A centurion in Caesarea, a devout man who prayed to God alway, Acts 10:1–2)*
- Who told Cornelius to send for Peter? *(An angel of God, in a vision, 10:3–5)*
- Where was Peter when he prayed? *(Upon the housetop, 10:9)*
- Let the sheet down. What was in it? *(All manner of four-footed beasts, wild beasts, creeping things and fowls of the air, 10:12)*
- What did the voice say? *("What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common," 10:15)*
- How many times did the sheet come down? *(Three times, "thrice," 10:16)*
- What did God show Peter? *("That I should not call any man common or unclean," 10:28)*
- What happened while Peter spoke in the house of Cornelius? *(The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word, and they spoke with tongues and magnified God, 10:44–46)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **centurion** is an army captain; **devout** means loving and serving God; **alms** are gifts to the poor; **alway** means always; a **vessel** is a container; **knit** means tied; **fowls** are birds; **common or unclean** means food the law of Moses said not to eat; **thrice** means three times; **no respecter of persons** means God does not love one kind of person more than another.
- **What the Bible says:** the sheet held "all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air" (Acts 10:12). The Bible doesn't name the animals, so the craft shows one of each kind: a pig, a bear, a lizard and a bird. It doesn't describe the house either, only that it was by the sea side (10:6).
- **The point of the sheet:** keep coming back to Acts 10:28. The sheet was about animals, but God was teaching Peter about people.
- **People only in the ovals, and never God or angels:** each child draws Peter (and, for the harder level, the three men). The angel who spoke to Cornelius is not drawn.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Peter and Cornelius lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/cornelius.

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