



Sunday, May 15, 2022  
Peter's Dream - Acts 11:1-18



## What's the Big Idea?

### Absolutely Everyone is Welcome in God's Family!

After Jesus died and rose to heaven, it was up to the disciples to keep sharing the good news of Jesus with others. Not knowing any better, they thought only people who were Jews could be saved by the good news of God's love. One night, Peter, one of the disciples who was a Jew, had a bizarre dream about eating two kinds of animals. He didn't know what to make of the dream.

Then one day, a Gentile (someone who was not a Jew) named Cornelius asked Peter to tell him more about Jesus. Peter was stumped! What should he say? But then he remembered his dream. He thought maybe God was saying all people — Jews AND Gentiles — were part of God's family. He was right. Absolutely everyone is welcome in God's family! Think about your family. How are your family members different? How are they the same? Differences and similarities alike, we're all a part of God's family.



### Read It

Find this week's story on page 526 of your Spark Story Bible!



### Talk About It

- 1) Who is in your family? Who is in your church family?
- 2) Have you ever had a strange dream? Tell about it.
- 3) How does God speak to us now?
- 4) Play a game of Telephone. The first person thinks of 3 – 10 people your family knows who are loved by God. (Remember, this is anyone and everyone!) This person whispers that list to the next person, who whispers it to the next and on around the circle of your family. The last person reports the list. Did you get them all telephoned through?

**Pray:** Thank you, God, for loving everyone always and no matter what. And thank you for inviting everyone to your table. No exceptions. Help us notice those who do not feel included and to extend your amazing love to them however we can. AMEN.

### Try It

Make a poster with the banner sign "All Are Welcome Here!" Draw all kinds of people — people you know, people you'd like to meet, people similar to you, people different from you. Hang this on your refrigerator or in another prominent place in your home.



### Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

**If then God gave them the same gift that God gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? Acts 11:17**

# We All Belong

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## A Dreamy Destination

God came to Peter in a dream and told him who he should tell about Jesus. Peter seems to have forgotten, but he knows the answer is somewhere hiding in his dreams. Follow the directions below, starting at the E in the top.

Answer: Everybody

Who should Peter tell about Jesus?



Peter remembered his dream.  
God was saying all people  
were part of his family.

