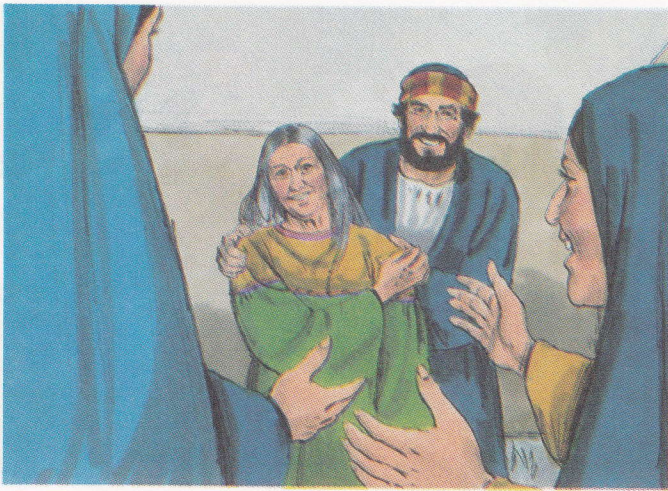
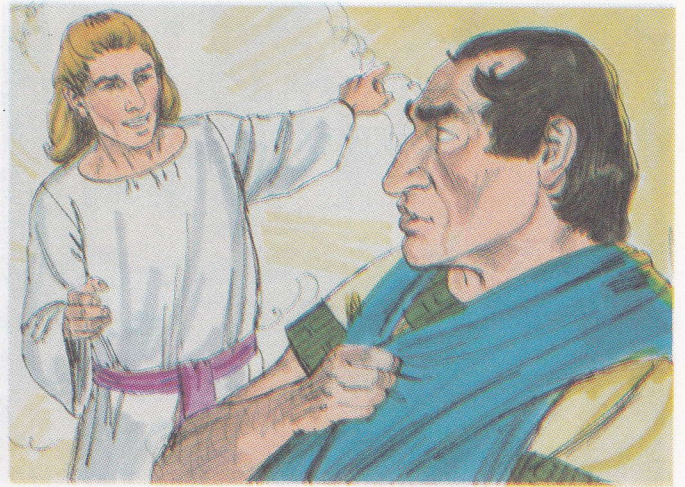


# Peter and Cornelius



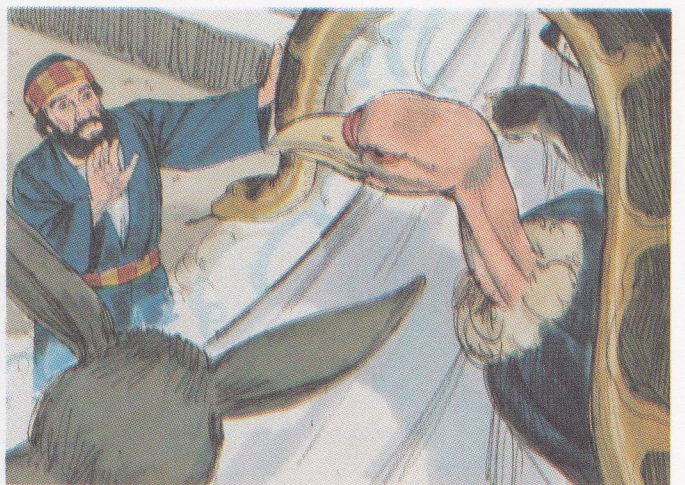
**1** In Joppa, Peter had restored to life a woman named Dorcas (Tabitha). Afterwards Peter stayed in Joppa, living in the house of Simon, who was a tanner.



**2** About this time an angel appeared to a Gentile named Cornelius, who lived in Caesarea. Cornelius was a Roman centurion who believed in God. The angel told him to send for Peter.



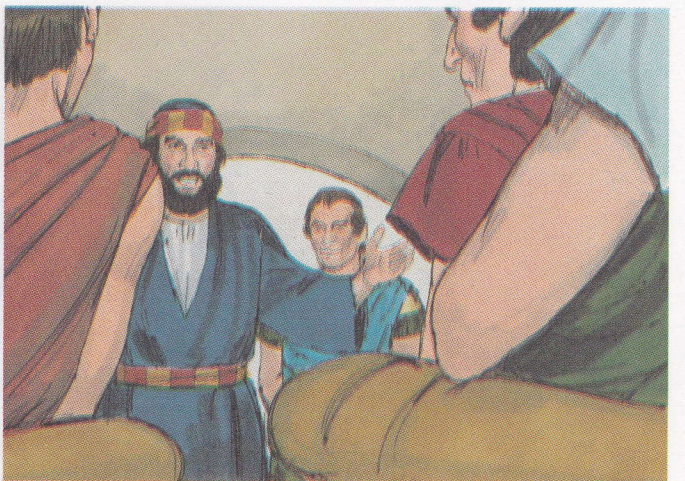
**3** At noon the next day, Peter was praying on his roof. He fell into a trance and saw a sheet let down from heaven. It was filled with all kinds of animals and birds and reptiles.



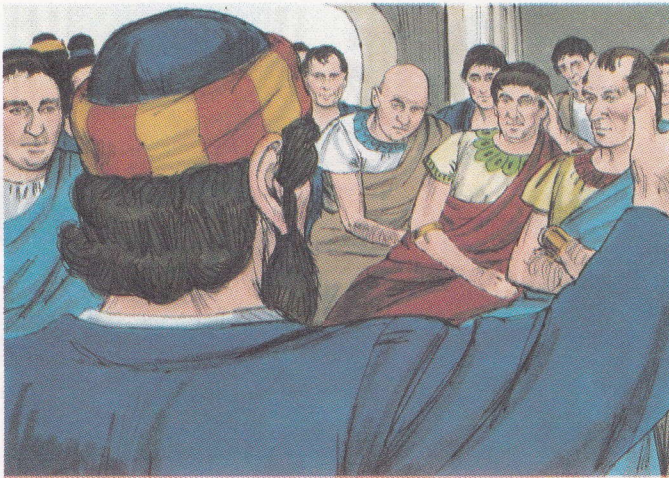
**4** A voice said, "Kill and eat." But Peter replied, "I have never eaten anything unclean!" Then the voice said, "Do not call anything unclean that God has made clean." This happened three times.



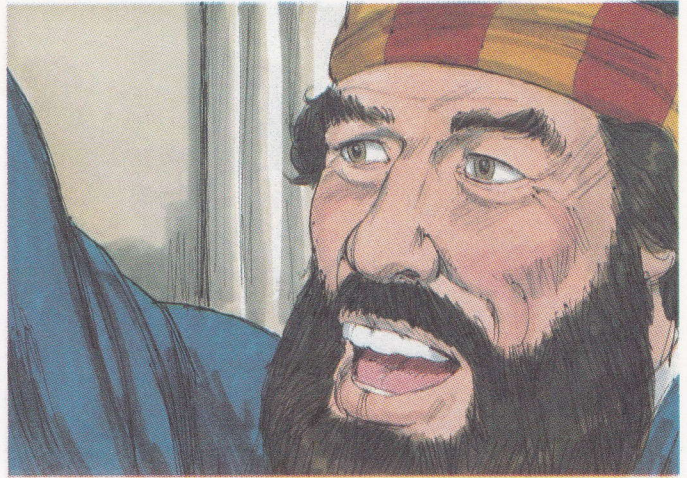
**5** Just as the sheet disappeared back into heaven the third time, the men Cornelius had sent arrived. So Peter went with them and found Cornelius and all his relatives and friends gathered.



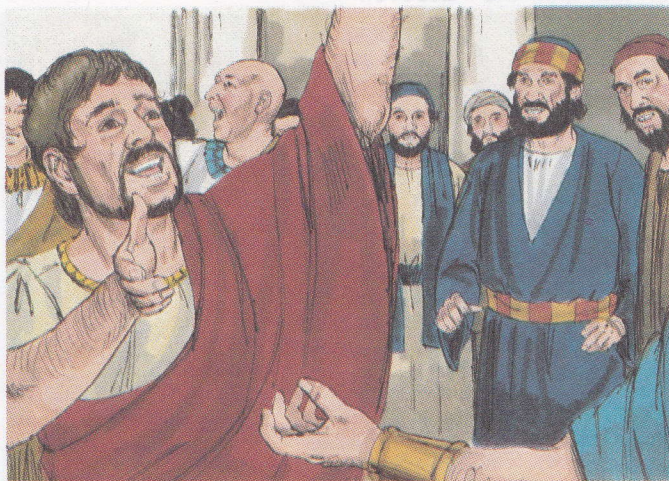
**6** Peter said to them, "You know that it is against Jewish law for me to visit with Gentiles. But God has shown me that I should not call any man 'unclean.'"



**7** “I now understand,” Peter said, “that God does not show favoritism. He accepts people from any nation who fear him and do what is right.”



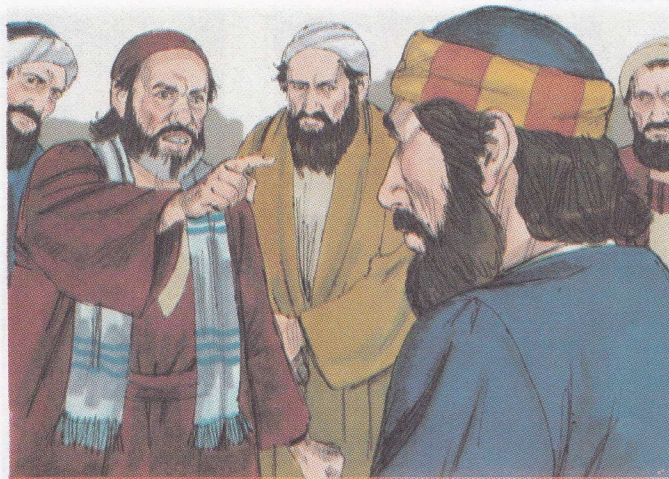
**8** So Peter preached to these people about Jesus, telling them about the forgiveness of sins for those who believe in Jesus.



**9** As he was preaching, the Holy Spirit came on those who listened. They began to speak in tongues and praise God. The Jewish Christians who had come with Peter were amazed.



**10** Peter asked, “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So Peter ordered them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



**11** After staying with them a few days, he returned to Jerusalem. There the Jewish Christians criticized him for eating and visiting with Gentiles.



**12** Peter told them all that had happened and said, “If God gave them the same gift he gave us, who was I to oppose God?” When they heard this, those who had complained praised God.