

LESSON 7

CORNELIUS

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand that we must believe in Jesus as our only Savior and submit to Him in order to be saved.
2. To understand that Cornelius and his family received the baptism of the Holy Spirit by speaking in tongues first before they were baptized.
3. To learn to share the gospel just as Cornelius did when he "had called together his relatives and close friends."

MEMORY VERSE

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

PRAYER

1. Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for gathering us together to worship You.
2. You surrendered Your life and suffered on the cross so that You could take our sins away.
3. Please help us share Your love and the joy of Your salvation to everyone around us.
4. May You guide us through this lesson and help us apply its teachings to our lives.



Overview

1. Who was Cornelius?

2. Main Story

- a. Day 1: Cornelius' Vision
- b. Day 2: Peter's Vision
- c. Day 3: The Journey to Caesarea
- d. Day 4: Salvation Comes to Cornelius' Household

3. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

- a. Jesus Christ is the one true God
- b. Salvation is given by grace through faith
- c. Holy Spirit: Speaking in tongues is the evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit

4. Life Application—Salvation and the Holy Spirit; What Would You Say?

5. Activity—Which Brush?; Find Our Way Back to Church; Crossword Puzzle



Background Knowledge for Teachers

Peter and the other apostles recognized that salvation was given by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and not earned by our own good works. However, up until the time of Cornelius, they still held the concept that a person must become a Jew, in the sense of obeying the Jewish laws, for them to be saved. The thought of a Gentile getting saved without first converting to Judaism was unheard of to them.

In those days, the attitude of the Jewish people toward the Gentiles was far from a merely condescending mentality. The Israelites were God's specially chosen people (Deut 10:15). The Old Testament clearly shows God's favor for the Jewish people, whom He held above all other nations from the time of Abraham to Christ. So, it's not difficult to see how the deep rift between Jews and Gentiles was formed, and how difficult it was for any Jew to change their views. We can clearly see this in Peter's response when he met Cornelius: "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation" (Acts 10:28).

However, this deep rift was one that the gospel would bridge. In the Acts of the Apostles, and in many of the epistles in the New Testament, many in the church held the belief that Christianity must be subordinate to Judaism. These people required that those who became Christians also become Jews, by the rite of circumcision and by the keeping of the law. This conflict over circumcision was first officially raised in Acts 15.

The conversion of Cornelius revealed how controversial it was in the church at the time. Peter's experience, recorded in Acts 10-11, and the lessons that he learned are the first comments he reported at the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:6-8). The remarks of Paul and Barnabas, and then of James, simply confirmed what Peter said (Acts 15:12-21). God used Cornelius, the Roman centurion, and his family to break down the barrier to the Gentile world.



Reaching Out to Your Students

It is a common belief in the Christian world, and in society in general, that good people will be saved. This belief maintains that as long as we show love to mankind and be charitable, then we can go to heaven. That is why it is so important to ensure that our students understand the doctrine of salvation.

Your students may have difficulty understanding why good, nice, and even godly people cannot be saved unless they believe in Jesus and submit to God's words. They may find it difficult to accept that these good people cannot go to heaven, and will end up with the same ending as sinners.

Remind your students that although Cornelius was a good man, his goodness had not saved him. The angel of God appeared to Cornelius not to save him, but to instruct him to invite Peter to his house: "He will tell you what you must do" (Acts 10:1-6). Peter came to explain the way of salvation to Cornelius because he still needed to hear the gospel of salvation to be saved (11:14). He still needed to receive forgiveness for his sins (10:43).

Keep in mind that theological words (e.g., "salvation," "grace," "faith," etc.), though commonly used, will need to be broken down into terms your students can understand. These may not necessarily be big words, but they carry profound meaning and need to be understood correctly.



Opener

5 Minutes

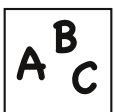
Begin the class with the "J and G" group activity. "J" stands for Jewish people, while "G" represents Gentiles.

Before class, prepare small pieces of paper, one per student. Write the letter "J" on a few of the pieces and the letter "G" on the rest. Tape the pieces of paper underneath each chair in your classroom. Tell the class you have something wonderful to tell them. It's the BEST news in the world! Ask them to look under their chairs.

"Everyone with the letter 'J' can come up and hear the good news!" [Whisper in their ear, "Jesus loves you!"]

"How does it feel when you only get to hear the good news if you have the letter 'J'? In the days when this story took place, the Jewish people thought that only Jews should hear the good news about Jesus. That meant that they would have had to be born into a Jewish family or have converted from a different religion to the Jewish religion Judaism. If you weren't born into a Jewish family, then you were a Gentile. The only way you could hear about Jesus was to study about God in the Jewish way first, and then promise to follow the Jewish religion. Let's see what God had to say!"

Tell the students with "J" to whisper the good news, "Jesus loves you!", to the students with "G."



Vocabulary

tanner: a person who processes animal skin into finished leather; the tanning process produced a foul smell, so tanneries were usually outside the city, by the sea, where they also used seawater to help in tanning

centurion: a highly-ranked officer in the ancient Roman army that commanded a group of soldiers

regiment: a unit within an army

alms: money or goods given to the poor and needy

trance: a state of being half-conscious, such as between sleeping and waking



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

The Bible story we are studying today is one with a great start and an even better ending! It all started with a god-fearing Gentile named Cornelius.

Who was Cornelius? Let's read Acts 10:1-2.

Where did he live? He lived in Caesarea, which was thirty miles north of Joppa, where Peter was staying. Normal walking pace is three miles per hour. So thirty miles would be a 10-hour journey by foot at normal walking pace.

What did he do? He was a centurion of the Italian Regiment.

What was different, what stood out about Cornelius? He:

- Was a devout man
- Feared God with all his household
- Gave alms generously to people
- Prayed to God always

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students now. The students must fill in the verses corresponding to each section on the worksheet, and then briefly list the events of each passage. Keep a copy of the worksheet to reference.

The story begins with...

Day One: Cornelius' Vision

Let's read Acts 10:3-8.

The ninth hour is about three o'clock in the afternoon. Three o'clock was one of the set times for Jewish people to pray, one of their hours of prayer (Acts 3:1).

Cornelius was fasting and praying (Acts 10:30) when he saw a vision:

- An angel of God came and said to him, "Cornelius!"
- He was afraid, but responded, "What is it, lord?"
- The angel of God replied, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God."
- The angel of God instructed him to send men to Joppa to send for Simon whose surname was Peter.

Cornelius took action. He:

- Called two of his servants and a devout soldier
- Explained all these things and sent them to Joppa

Day Two: Peter's Vision

Let's read Acts 10:9-16.

The scene switches to Peter, who was staying at Joppa with Simon the tanner:

- He went up on the housetop to pray at midday.
- He became very hungry and wanted to eat.
- While the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened.
- An object like a great sheet bound at the four corners came down to him.
- In the sheet were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.
- A voice told Peter, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."
- But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."
- A voice spoke to him again, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."
- This happened three times! Then the object was taken up into heaven again.

Peter was puzzled about the meaning of this vision. What a strange mixture of living animals and what a perplexing command. Let's continue by reading Acts 10:17-23. He was still thinking about the meaning of the vision he had just seen, when:

- The three men that Cornelius had sent were downstairs at the gate, asking for Simon's house and if Simon Peter was living there. Why were they keeping their distance and asking at the gate? The men Cornelius sent were aware that Jewish people did not closely associate with Gentiles, so it would be rude for them to go to the door of a Jewish house and expect to be allowed inside.
- So the Spirit said to Peter, "Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them." The Holy Spirit had to instruct Peter explicitly to go with them and not to doubt because Peter was hesitant about going with Gentiles.
- Peter went down to the men and said, "I am Simon Peter. Why have you come?"
- The men replied, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house and to hear words from you."
- Upon hearing these words, Peter invited them to stay

for the night.

Day Three: The Journey to Caesarea

Let's read Acts 10:23-24a.

The next day, Peter set out to Caesarea.

- Peter went with Cornelius' men, and six brethren from Joppa accompanied him (Acts 11:12). God had wonderfully planned for six brethren to go with Peter. Cornelius' conversion was such an important turning point for Jewish Christians to accept Gentiles; these six brethren became important witnesses to what was about to happen in Cornelius' house.
- They traveled the whole day (about 30 miles).

The entire period, starting from when the angel of the Lord appeared to Cornelius to when Peter arrived to preach, was four days (Acts 10:30), but Cornelius put these four days to great use. How? Let's keep reading.

Day Four: Salvation Comes to Cornelius' Household

Let's read Acts 10:24b-33.

Peter and the brethren arrived in Caesarea and, against all Jewish laws and standards, entered the house of a Gentile.

- Cornelius was waiting for them, along with many of his relatives and close friends. For the past four days, Cornelius was busy gathering as many of his family members and friends as possible while waiting for Peter to arrive!
- Cornelius met Peter, fell at his feet and worshipped him. Cornelius probably reacted this way because an angel had told him to find Peter. Of course, Peter lifted him up and corrected him, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man."
- Peter talked with Cornelius as he went into the house, finding that many people had gathered to listen to him talk.
- Once Peter was inside the house, he explained why he, a Jew, was in the house of a Gentile. Let's examine verses 28-29 closely. Peter had come because of the vision God had given him! But now he wanted to know why Cornelius had sent for him.
- Cornelius explained the vision and how the angel of the Lord had told him to send for a man called Simon Peter. So, Cornelius, and all those gathered at his house, were all present before God, ready to listen to what Peter was commanded by God to say.

By now, Peter understood what God was trying to teach him. He began by pointing out that God shows "no partiality" when it comes to receiving the salvation.

Peter then continued teaching them about the gospel of salvation and about Jesus.

While Peter was still speaking, something extraordinary happened! Let's read Acts 10:44-48.

- Everyone listening to Peter's message received the Holy Spirit! We know that God looks at the heart. This shows that everyone had been listening attentively and that they believed Peter's message. They had faith and accepted that they needed Jesus as their Savior.
- How did Peter and the six brethren know that the Holy Spirit had poured down upon the Gentiles? Because "they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God" (10:46). The brethren who came with Peter from Joppa were astonished that Gentiles had received the Holy Spirit. Regardless, it was impossible for Peter and the six Jewish brethren to mistake this moment. God had given Cornelius and this group of Gentiles the Holy Spirit, the same as "He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ" (11:17).
- Peter said, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of Lord Jesus. It is important to note here that Cornelius did not ask to be baptized. Neither did Peter ask him if he was interested in receiving water baptism. God had planned to give salvation to Cornelius all along. The only thing Cornelius had to do to receive it was obey God's word, believe in the gospel, and follow it.
- After they were all baptized, they asked Peter to stay a few days, and this is the last we see of Cornelius in the Bible.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

When we first read about Cornelius, we can see that he was a great person! He prayed fervently and gave alms generously. But even so, he could not be saved with only a god-fearing and generous heart. He needed to hear and believe in the gospel of salvation, about **Jesus Christ!** Jesus came to the world, died on the cross, resurrected on the third day and ascended to heaven. He is the only Savior and the only true God. Besides Him there is no other salvation.

We believe **salvation** is given by the grace of God through faith. After we have received salvation freely, we must rely on the Holy Spirit to live a life of holiness, to honor God, and to love others.

God made it extra clear that salvation had come to the Gentile household of Cornelius by giving them the Holy Spirit while they were still listening to Peter preaching. This was a "clear" message from God, because the Jewish brethren could hear them speaking in tongues just as they had. So, speaking in tongues is evidence that someone has received the **Holy Spirit**.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **Cornelius was a devout man who feared God. His occupation was:** Centurion.
2. **What was the name of Cornelius' army in Acts 10?** The Italian Regiment.
3. **What did the angel of God tell Cornelius to do?** He told Cornelius to send men to Joppa to send for Simon Peter.
4. **Who was Peter staying with in Joppa?** Simon the tanner.
5. **What time of the day did Peter pray and see a vision?** The sixth hour, noon.
6. **What was the first thing the voice in the vision said to Peter?** "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."
7. **What else did the voice say to Peter?** "What God has cleansed you must not call common."
8. **How many times did this happen?** Three.
9. **Who told Peter to go with the men sent by Cornelius?** The Holy Spirit.
10. **What did Cornelius do when Peter entered his house?** Cornelius met Peter, fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.
11. **What did Peter find in Cornelius' house?** He found that many people had come together.
12. **What astonished the Jewish brethren in Cornelius' house?** The Holy Spirit poured out on the Gentiles, and they began speaking in tongues.
13. **What did Peter command Cornelius and his household to do?** Be baptized in the name of the Lord.



Life Application

10 Minutes

1. Salvation and the Holy Spirit

[Hand out Life Application Worksheet #1 to the students. Go over the worksheet and allow the students time to fill in the blanks as they come to them. Keep a copy of the worksheet to reference. The answers are underlined in this section.]

1. **Salvation** is given by the grace of God through faith.

In the following section, match the verses with the correct statements. Some verses may be used more than once.

What is **grace**? When you do something wrong, you can receive justice, mercy, or grace.

Justice – "I get what I deserve"

Mercy – "I do not get what I deserve"

Grace – "I get the opposite of what I deserve"

Salvation is given by **grace**.

- Our Lord Jesus Christ brought grace (John 1:17)
- Our Lord Jesus Christ sacrificed His life so that we can be saved (1 John 2:2)
- Besides Him there is no other salvation (Acts 4:12)

What does it mean to have **faith in Jesus**?

It's more than just believing that Jesus is our Savior; it also means to put your life into His hands.

Here is a story that illustrates the meaning of faith.

There was once a famous man named Charles Blondin. He became famous in September 1860 because he was the first person to cross a tightrope, which stretched 11,000 feet, across the great Niagara Falls! People from far away came to see him perform this gutsy stunt!

He didn't just cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope once, but over and over again, each time with a different daring stunt. Once, he crossed on a bike, another time in the dark, and even one time blindfolded!

So, he decided to try to cross the tightrope again, this time, pushing a wheelbarrow holding a sack of potatoes! A large crowd gathered and excitement was buzzing along the sides of Niagara Falls. The crowds cried out in awe as they watched Charles Blondin walk carefully on the tightrope, one dangerous step after another. Finally, he reached the other side safely and the crowd applauded so loud that they covered the roar of the falls!

Then, he stopped suddenly and asked his audience, "Do you believe I can carry a person across in this wheelbarrow?"

The crowd enthusiastically yelled, "Yes! You are the greatest tightrope walker; we believe you can!"

"Okay then," said Charles Blondin, "Who wants to get into the wheelbarrow?"

The crowd went silent.

This is sometimes what our faith is like. We are like those in the crowd who watched the daring stunt excitedly and enthusiastically, those who said they believed. But their actions proved that they did not truly believe and trust. It is the same for us. It is one thing for us to say that we believe in Jesus. However, true faith requires that we place our life into His hands and do what He tells us to do.

Through **faith**:

- We cannot be saved through our actions alone (Ephesians 2:9; Titus 3:5)
- We cannot be saved by following the law (Romans 3:20)
- Salvation is given to everyone who has faith (Romans 1:16)
- Those who believe and are baptized will be saved (Mark 16:16; Titus 3:5)

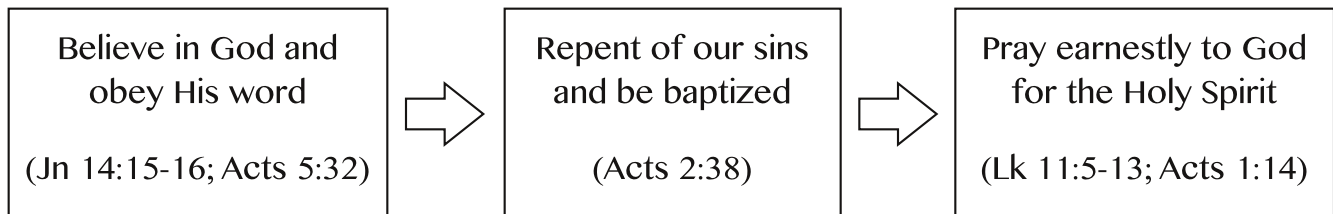
2. Receiving the **Holy Spirit** is the guarantee of our inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, and speaking in tongues is the only proof of receiving the Holy Spirit.

Why is the Holy Spirit so important?

1. To enter the kingdom of heaven we must be reborn through the Holy Spirit (John 3:5; Acts 2:38)
2. The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance in the kingdom of heaven (Ephesians 1:13-14)

What is the evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit?

- Speaking in tongues is the evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4, 33; 10:44-46; 19:6)
- Believing in God and receiving the Holy Spirit are two separate things (Acts 19:1-6)
- Receiving baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit are also two different things (Acts 8:14-17)

How can we receive the Holy Spirit?**2. What Would You Say?**

[Hand out Life Application Worksheet #2 to the students. Allow students to fill in the first half of the worksheet by writing what they would say to those people. Then, ask for volunteers to share their answers. Afterward, continue with the second half and allow the students to read the provided verses and fill in the blanks. The answers are underlined in this section.]

What would you say to these people about salvation?

- I am easy to get along with; my neighbors and friends all love me! Every month, I give money to charity and volunteer to help with anything I can at the homeless shelter. I keep the law and have never been in trouble with the police.
- I believe in God, and I worship God. I also believe in and worship Zeus, Mary, the pope, all the saints, and Jesus! When people tell me that they worship the god of the mountain, then I start worshipping it, too. I want to make sure that I don't miss out on any god in the world.

What can you tell these people about the Holy Spirit?

- I serve God fervently, so I must have the Holy Spirit (Mt 19:27; Acts 1:4-5)

The apostles had left all and followed Jesus. The apostles were already fervently working for Jesus. But, Jesus told them to stay in Jerusalem to wait for the Promise of the Father, because they were going to be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

- The moment I am baptized, I will automatically receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17)

Peter and John went to visit the believers in Jerusalem who had received the word of God. Even though they had all believed and been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, they did not receive the Holy Spirit until the apostles prayed and laid hands on them.

- As soon as I decided to believe in Jesus, I received the Holy Spirit (Act 19:1-7)

When Paul arrived in Ephesus, he asked the believers there, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" Even though they were disciples, they had not received the Holy Spirit. When Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came up on them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.



Activity

1. Which Brush? / 2. Find Our Way Back to Church / 3. Crossword Puzzle

10-15 Minutes

1. Which Brush?

Objective: To understand that we need specific things in order to enter the kingdom of God.

Materials

- Toothbrush
- Hairbrush
- Toilet brush

Show the students the three different brushes. Each one does a particular job.

Go over the following with the students and pause at the blanks to allow them to answer.

1. Would you use a toilet bowl brush to brush your teeth? Of course not! Yuck! Rather, we would use a _____ to brush our teeth!
2. Would you use a toothbrush to brush your hair? No, that's silly! When we want to brush our hair, we use a _____.
3. What is the last brush used for, then? [Allow students to answer.] That's right, a toilet brush is used to clean the toilet when it's dirty!

We need to pick the right tools for the right tasks! There is no way that we would ever use the toilet brush to brush our teeth!

Now instead of asking the question, "What do you need if you want to brush your teeth or brush your hair," we will now ask, "If we want to go to heaven, what do we need?"

God has said that there is no way to Him except through Jesus. Read:

- Acts 4:12 – "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
- John 14:6 – "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

If we don't know what the right way is, we can find out through the Bible, because God has clearly told us His way—the only way.

1. Have students split into groups and write down a list of what they think are "must do's" to go to heaven.
2. Remind them that today we studied two doctrines that should both be on the list.
3. Re-group after 5-6 minutes and go through the list.

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2. Find Our Way Back to Church

Objective: To see if the students are any closer to the church at the end of ten rolls.

Materials

- A map of the area around the church, with the church circled in the middle of the map
- A die
- Small markers to indicate location, one per student

Rules

1. Pick a starting point a fair distance away from the church. Place the location markers on the starting point. The students will each begin from this starting point, but the roll of the die will determine their path to church.
2. At each intersection, each student takes a turn to roll the die.
 - o On an odd number, turn left.
 - o On an even number, turn right.
3. Have the students move the marker to the next intersection after moving.
4. The goal is to make it back to the church.

Note: To avoid allowing students to get stuck at a dead end or caught in a loop, you may choose to highlight the different routes that the students can follow, and leave out the small streets that do not lead anywhere.

Students, as we can see here, it is difficult to find our way back to church if we let the die determine where we should go. We can't leave eternal life and salvation to chance! We must follow exactly what the Bible tells us in order to be saved. More importantly, we need to tell our friends and family, who may think that simply doing good works is enough, exactly what they need to do in order to receive salvation.

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3. Crossword Puzzle

[Refer to the provided Activity worksheet. Answers are underlined below.]

Across

3. In Cornelius' house, Peter spoke about Jesus.
7. Peter knew that Cornelius had received the Holy Spirit because he heard Cornelius speak in tongues.
9. Cornelius was a centurion in the Italian Regiment.
11. Peter stayed in Joppa with Simon the tanner.
12. The Jewish brethren were shocked when Cornelius' household received the Holy Spirit because they were Gentiles.

Down

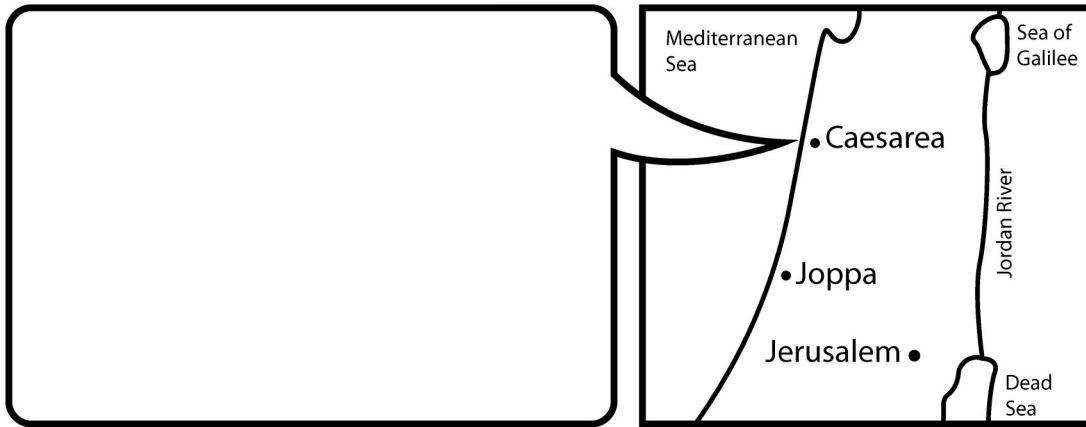
1. Salvation is given by grace through faith.
2. After receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter commanded Cornelius and his household to receive baptism.
4. In Peter's vision, he saw all kinds of animals in a sheet.
5. In Peter's vision, he refused to eat the animals because they were unclean.
6. Cornelius was a devout, god-fearing man.
8. Cornelius lived in Caesarea.
10. An angel of God appeared to Cornelius in a vision.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

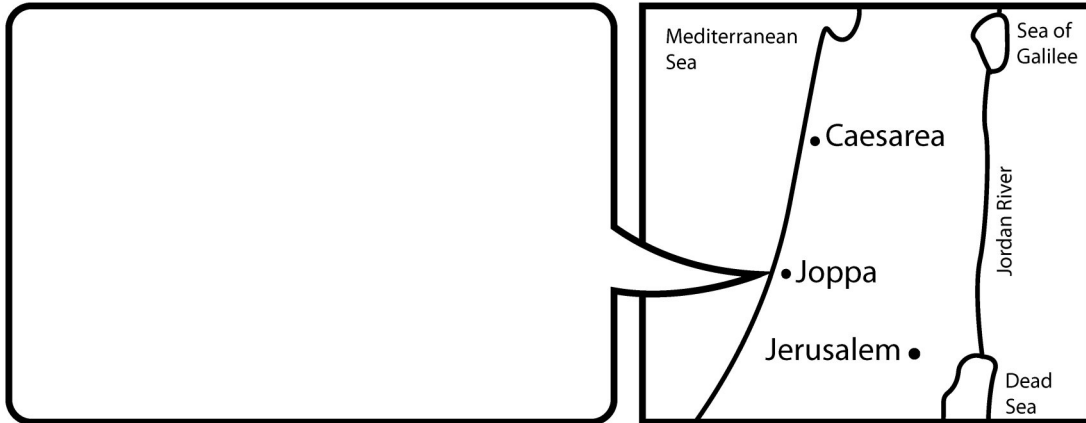
1. devout, feared, household
2. memorial
3. two, soldier
4. hungry, trance, opened, sheet, corners, down
5. kill and eat
6. cleansed
7. three
8. Jewish, call

Cornelius

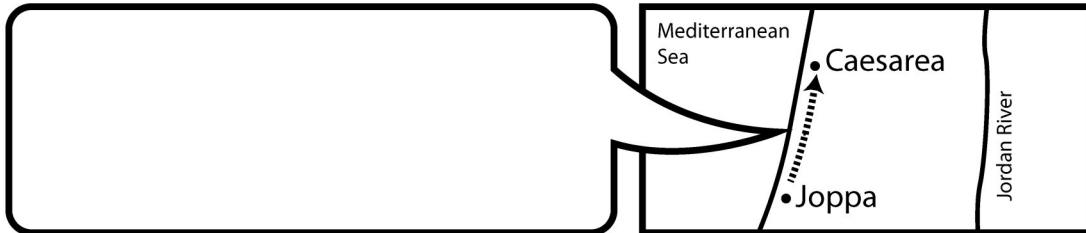
Day 1: Cornelius' Vision (3 PM) // Acts 10: _____



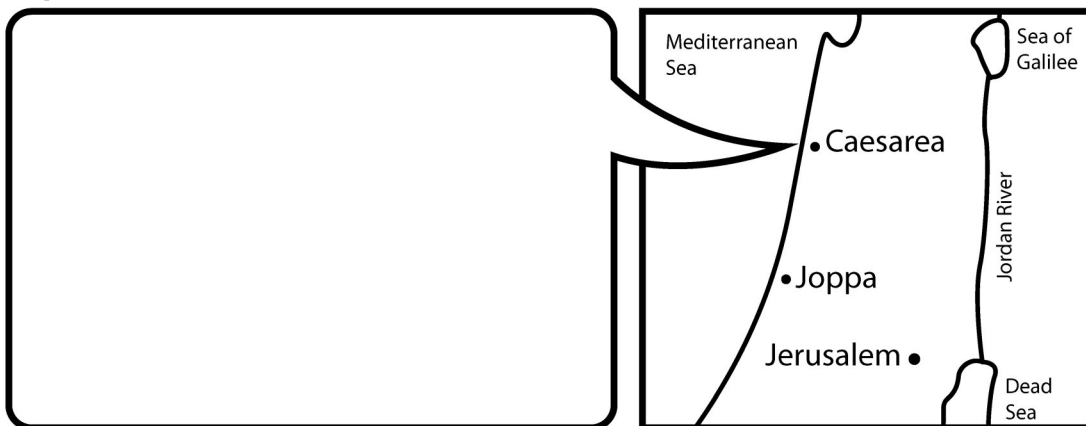
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Day 3: The Journey to Caesarea // Acts 10: _____



Day 4: Salvation Comes to Cornelius' Household // Acts 10: _____



Salvation and the Holy Spirit

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Match the verses with the correct statements. Some verses may be used more than once.

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Mark 16:16	Romans 1:16	1 John 2:2	John 1:17

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Through faith:

- We cannot be saved through our actions alone (_____ ; _____)
- We cannot be saved by following the law (_____)
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- Those who believe and are baptized will be saved (_____ ; _____)

2. Receiving the **Holy Spirit** is the _____ of our inheritance in the kingdom of _____, and _____ is the only _____ of receiving the Holy Spirit.

Put the verses where they should go. Some verses may be used more than once.

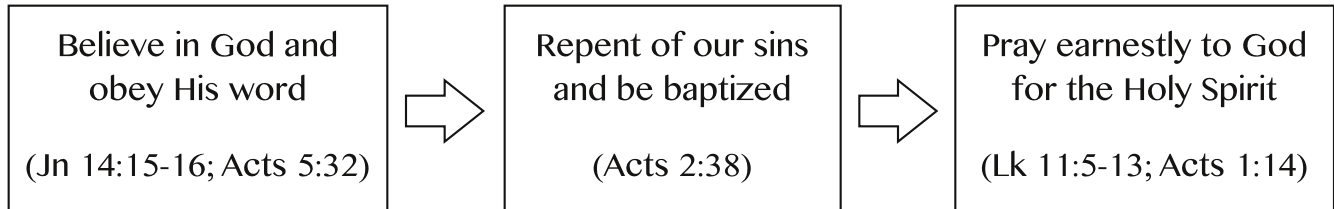
Acts 8:14-17	John 3:5	Acts 2:38	Acts 2:4, 33
Ephesians 1:13-14	Acts 10:44-46	Acts 19:1-6	Acts 19:6

Why is the Holy Spirit so important?

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How can we receive the Holy Spirit?


What Would You Say?

Write down in the blank boxes what you would say to these people about salvation.

I am easy to get along with; my neighbors and friends all love me! Every month, I give money to charity and volunteer to help with anything I can at the homeless shelter. I keep the law and have never been in trouble with the police.




I believe in God and I worship God. I also believe in and worship Zeus, Mary, the pope, all the saints, and Jesus! When people tell me that they worship the god of the mountain, then I start worshipping it, too. I want to make sure that I don't miss out on any god in the world.



What can you tell these people about the Holy Spirit? Read the passages and fill in the blanks.


I serve God fervently, so I must have the Holy Spirit!




The apostles had left _____ and _____ Jesus. The apostles were already fervently working for Jesus. But, Jesus told them to stay in Jerusalem to wait for the _____ of the Father, because they were going to be baptized with the _____ not many days from now. (Mt 19:27; Acts 1:4-5)

Peter and John went to visit the believers in _____ who had received the word of God. Even though they had all believed and been _____ in the name of the Lord Jesus, they did not received the Holy Spirit until the apostles prayed and laid hands on them. (Acts 8:14-17)

The moment I am baptized, I will automatically receive the Holy Spirit.



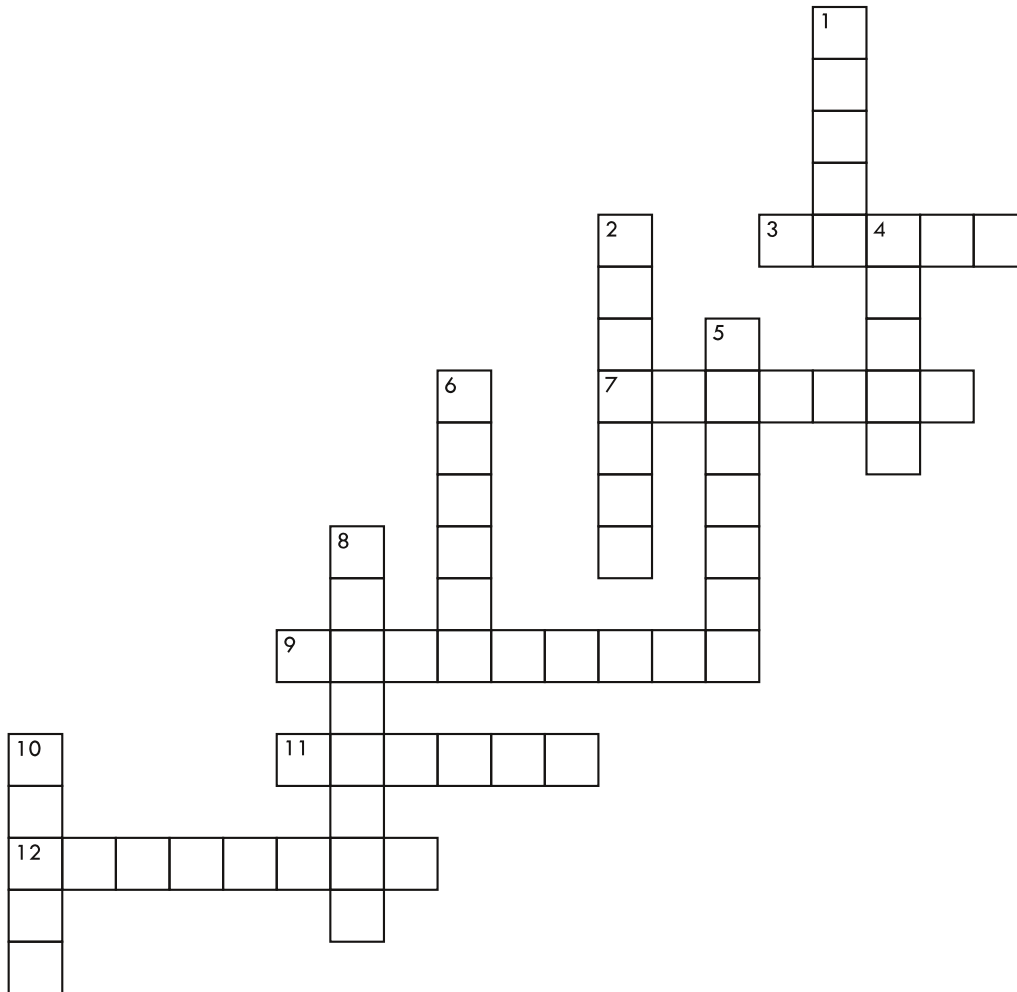
As soon as I decided to believe in Jesus, I received the Holy Spirit.



When Paul arrived in Ephesus, he asked the believers there, "Did you _____ the Holy Spirit when you _____?" Even though they were disciples, they had not received the Holy Spirit. When Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came up on them and they _____ and prophesied. (Acts 19:1-7)

Crossword Puzzle: Cornelius Receives the Holy Spirit

Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues provided below.



Across

- 3. In Cornelius' house, Peter spoke about _____.
- 7. Peter knew that Cornelius had received the Holy Spirit because he heard Cornelius speak in _____.
- 9. Cornelius was a _____ in the Italian Regiment.
- 11. Peter stayed in Joppa with Simon the _____.
- 12. The Jewish brethren were shocked when Cornelius' household received the Holy Spirit because they were _____.

Down

- 1. Salvation is given by _____ through faith.
- 2. After receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter commanded Cornelius and his household to receive _____.
- 4. In Peter's vision, he saw all kinds of animals in a _____.
- 5. In Peter's vision, he refused to eat the animals because they were _____.
- 6. Cornelius was a _____, god-fearing man.
- 8. Cornelius lived in _____.
- 10. An _____ of God appeared to Cornelius in a vision.

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Review Acts, chapter 10, and then fill in the blanks.

1. Cornelius was a _____ man who _____ God with all his _____.
2. The angel of the Lord said to Cornelius, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a _____ before God."
3. Cornelius sent _____ household servants and a devout _____ to Joppa to send for Peter.
4. The next day, Peter "became very _____ and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a _____ and saw heaven _____ and an object like a great _____ bound at the four _____, descending to him and let _____ to the earth."
5. A voice came to Peter, "Rise, Peter; _____."
6. And a voice spoke to him again, "What God has _____ you must not call common."
7. Peter saw the vision _____ times.
8. When Peter arrived at Cornelius' house, he said, "You know how unlawful it is for a _____ man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not _____ any man common or unclean."