

THE GREATEST I AM LOVED

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I Am Loved
Elementary Leader Guide

the place for kids to take
their first steps with jesus.

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TOOLS

SOCIAL TIME

God showed Peter a vision that His love is for all people, no matter their background. Peter shared this with Cornelius, and they celebrated together. Kids can know God's kind love is for them, their families, friends, and everyone.

BIBLE- Peter and Cornelius- Acts 10

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The first 10 minutes as kids arrive is a very important time in your small group. Because of this, we provide you with intentional activities to engage their interests and help lead into a great discussion. All of this is so that "boredom" is not an excuse. Everything is only available one time.

Every week you have:

- Roku Games to play together that are changed out monthly.
- 2 month specific games or group activities.
- Plus 2 Social Activities. *** Use one now and save the other for an incentive to participate in all the activities.*

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, "Kindness Hunt" printable (1 per group), Dry erase board (1 per group), Dry erase marker and eraser (2 per group), Masking or painter's tape (1 per group), Beanbags (2 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group) Theme Verse Poster

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Say, Think with me for a moment about the greatest news you have ever heard. It must have been exciting! Peter and Cornelius got to learn about and celebrate the greatest and most exciting news of all time—Jesus came to bring God’s love to all people!

When Peter and Cornelius were alive, some people thought that the good news of Jesus was only meant for one group of people. However, God taught and worked through Peter to teach Cornelius that Jesus is the One God sent to rescue all people and make the way to have a relationship with Him. God invites all people to know and love Him. God calls believers to go and share this news with everyone, because God’s love is so kind! It truly is the greatest love we could ever receive! Everyone, say, “God’s love is kind!” (God’s love is kind!)

The Gospel Video (10 minutes)

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

Circle 1- God’s love has always been kind. In the beginning, God made the world, and He called it good. He had a perfect design, and the first people God made walked with Him and lived in perfect unity with Him.

Circle 2- The first people sinned, and since then, everyone has sinned—including all of us here today. Our sin breaks our relationship with God, and the Bible says that the payment for sin is death. God takes sin very seriously. However, God does not want people to be stuck in their sin forever with no way out.

Circle 3-God loves people so much that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life that we could not live. He died on a cross, taking the punishment for our sin. But Jesus came back to life on the third day, showing that He is more powerful than sin and death.

*Circle 4- Anyone can follow Jesus! Who can follow Jesus? (Anyone!) In our story today, Peter came to Cornelius’ house to share the good news that Jesus is Lord and King of all people, and He will forgive all who trust in Him. God’s love is available for all people. This encourages us to tell all people about Jesus. No matter who they are or where they come from, God wants all people to know Him. At the end of our story today, people heard Peter’s message from God and were rescued from their sin. God’s love truly is kind and the greatest love we could ever receive, because He invites all people to know and love Him, including you! We do not have to earn or work for God’s love. He gives it freely because He is so kind. Everyone, say, “**God’s love is kind!**” (God’s love is kind!)*

God’s love is so kind, it is for all people, including you! Say, “I am loved!” (I am loved!) God loves all people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, so that anyone who believes in Him will be forgiven for their sins and enjoy life with Him now and forever. God’s love is the greatest! Everyone, say, “The greatest!” (The greatest!) Let’s spend time in prayer thanking God for His great love for us.

God, thank You that Your love is for all people, including each one of us. Because Your love is so kind, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin, so that anyone who believes in Him can be forgiven and have a forever relationship with You. That is so kind and so loving! Thank You for loving us in the greatest way possible. We love You. Amen.

Kindness Puzzle

Kids will design a puzzle to be a visual reminder of how God views differences and uses all of us for His mission.

Big Goal: Learn how Peter taught that God's love is for all people.

Supplies: Blank puzzle pieces (1 per kid), markers, crayons, large piece of paper (1 per group), glue or tape

What To Do: Peter thought God's kindness was only for certain people. But God showed Peter a vision and helped him understand something important—God loves all people. Cornelius and his family were included in God's family too. God showed Peter that no one is left out. Peter and Cornelius were very different. They didn't dress the same, eat the same food, or live the same way. But God showed Peter that His kindness is for everyone.

Decorate the Puzzle Pieces

Give each child one puzzle piece and say: "Your puzzle piece represents a person God loves." Ask kids to decorate their piece to show differences:

- Different colors or patterns
- Different faces or hair
- Hearts, crosses, or smiles

Remind them: "People may look or live differently, but God loves them all."

Build the Puzzle Together

Invite kids to add their pieces one at a time. As each piece is placed, say: "God's kindness includes you." Explain while building: "Just like Peter learned, God's family is made up of many different people—and everyone belongs."

Keep it Going

Ask:

- "Were Peter and Cornelius the same or different?"
- "Did God love Cornelius and his family?"
- "Does God love people who are different from us?"

Reinforce: "Yes! God's kindness is for everyone."

Loud and Clear

Say: "God helped Peter understand that He shows kindness to all people. When we follow Jesus, we can show kindness to everyone too—even people who are different from us

- Younger kids: Emphasize "God loves everyone" and "no one is left out."
- Older kids: Ask, "How can we show kindness to someone new or different this week?"

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- What has been the greatest gift you have ever received, and what made it the greatest? (Allow kids to answer and then share your own answer.)
- The Bible tells us that we are loved by God because His love is kind. Let's open our Bibles to **Acts 10:42-43** and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) Peter told Cornelius and the other people that anyone who believes in Jesus can be forgiven from their sins. This is good news we can share with others! How does knowing this truth give you confidence to share about who God is and how He loves everyone? (Allow kids to answer and then share your own answer.)
- God showed Peter that He loves all people. Just like there are no "clean" or "unclean" animals, there are no "clean" or "unclean" people. This means that all people who hear the good news about Jesus and want to have a relationship with Him can ask God to forgive their sins and walk with Him. God's love is the greatest, and He wants everyone to know Him. Who is someone you can tell about Jesus and share God's love? (Allow kids to answer and then share your own answer.)
- God loves all people and wants everyone to follow Him. Who can follow God? (Anyone and everyone!) That is right! How can this truth encourage you to share the truth about Jesus at your school, in your community, or in other places you go? (Allow kids to answer and then share your own answer.)
- The Bible tells us that we are loved by God because His love is kind. God's kind love is the greatest love we could ever receive. What is something encouraging you will remember from today?

WRAP UP

Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.) Let's pray and talk to God. (Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)

God, thank You for loving all people and for wanting everyone to have a relationship with You. Your love is kind, and we are so grateful that Your love is for all people. Thank You that anyone can come to You for forgiveness of their sins. Your love is the greatest gift we could ever receive. Thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior, so that we can experience Your great love. Thank You that we can know You and have a relationship with You. Help us to share Your love with others. Amen.

God's love is so kind that He wants everyone to know Him, including you! That is why He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise again, so we can know Him. That is the greatest love anyone could ever give!

GOING HOME

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.