

BIBLE FOCUS (THE BASICS)

So Peter thought Jewish people were God's favorite. Well, he was wrong. God loves everyone equally! In order to let Peter know this, God had shown Peter a vision of animals that Peter knew he had been forbidden to eat. Then God told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat!" Peter was stunned. Why would God tell him to eat something impure and unclean?

Well, God was able to make his point to Peter. Later, when Peter was in the home of a Gentile (something else Peter considered forbidden), he realized that God was telling him that God makes all things (and people) clean and pure. God doesn't show *any* favoritism and wants *everyone* to be able to receive forgiveness of sins.

Key Verse: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Bible Point: Tell everyone about Jesus.

FAMILY FUN Our Diverse World



Take a piece of paper and a pencil with you in the car. Take a drive through

your city or town and tally how many people you can count who are of a different nationality or skin color than you are. List the different types of people and what country you think they or their grandparents may have come from. When you get back home, sit down together and look at a world map online. Rather than looking at the differences, write the things that you might have in common with people from other countries. These could be things like enjoying hiking, riding a bike, reading, or playing sports. Then pray for ways to show God's love for the people you saw.



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Isaiah 5:21

Are you wise in your own eyes? How does that affect how you treat other people?

TUESDAY Isaiah 12:4-6

How can you thank God and praise him so that other people will see God is good?

WEDNESDAY Isaiah 6:8

What would it take for you to say "send me!"?

THURSDAY Acts 1:8

How does the Holy Spirit help us witness?

FRIDAY 1 Peter 3:15

How can we be prepared to give an answer?

SATURDAY Revelation 1:5-7

What stands out to you from this vision of heaven?