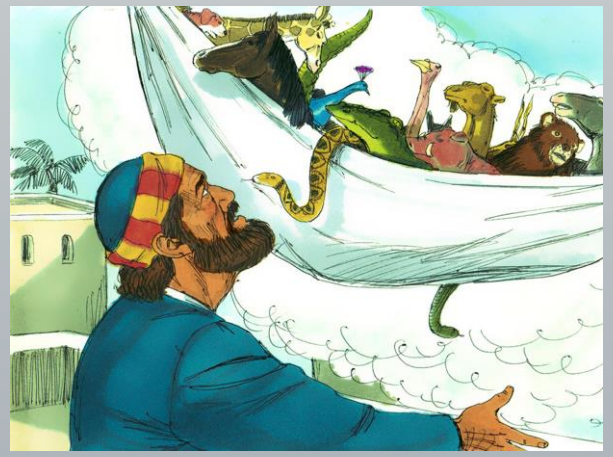


EQUALITY

PROMPT ~ THINK BACK TO YESTERDAY'S STORY



Can you remember what Peter saw in the sheet coming down from heaven?

When Peter was on the rooftop of the house he saw a sheet coming down from heaven and it was full of all animals that according to his background he should not eat; yet Peter heard God tell him to eat.

At first Peter thought that God was just talking about the food he could and couldn't eat but that wasn't the case. God was trying to teach Peter a much more important lesson.

What lesson do you think God was trying to teach Peter?



REFLECTION QUESTION ~
WHAT LESSON DO YOU THINK GOD WAS TRYING TO TEACH PETER?

After Jesus had returned to heaven Peter became one of the leaders of the new church. He was a very good leader but there was one major thing that God wanted Peter to change. Not only were there foods that Peter wouldn't eat there were also people that he wouldn't be friends with – Peter did not treat everyone equally.

One group that Peter definitely didn't get on with were the Romans. Some may say that there were good reasons why Peter didn't like the Romans – the main one being that they were the ones who crucified Jesus. Yet God wanted to see a change of heart in Peter. God wanted His church to be made up of people who treated everyone equally and showed no favouritism. No matter who they were or the background they came from God loved them.

Once Peter met Cornelius he knew what God had been saying to him, 'God is telling me that people of all different nations can be part of His family… Certainly, I now understand that God shows no favouritism.'

Peter had learned a big lesson.



REFLECTION QUESTION

Sometimes people grow up to be uncertain of those who are different from them. This may be because of who or what a person likes, what they look like, where they live or how they talk. This kind of attitude can lead to behaviour that is not right, when people see those who are different from them as less important – not equal to themselves.

If we all followed the example of Peter, and learn the lesson he learned – this behaviour would never happen in our world.

Take some time to think what a world like this would be like.



REFLECTION CHALLENGE

Have you ever thought or behaved like Peter did at the beginning of this story?

How have you been challenged by Peter's story?

What have you learned from Peter's story?

Take time to listen to one of these clips and think about how we should be treating others…

The Black Eyed Peas: 'Where is the Love' https://youtu.be/WpYeekQkAdc

Lanny Sherwin's "Everyone Is Different"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QSLIEt_LJY

