

LISTEN

God Story:

Cornelius | Acts 10

Big Idea:

Following Jesus starts with hearing the good news.

Key Verse:

Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved. | Romans 10:9 (NIRV)

Leader Tips:

- Pray for the kids in your group before they arrive. Pray that Jesus would be real to them and meet them wherever they're at.
- Make sure everyone knows the good news: Jesus came to show us God's love, save us from sin, and share his peace.
- Look for ways to provide practical examples of what it means to follow Jesus.

Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 minutes**
Find out what the kids think would be the best possible news someone could burst in and share with them. Introduce today's Big Idea.
- 2. Intro Activity** **5 minutes**
Act out scenarios with someone announcing great news.

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- 3. Weekly Video** **12 minutes**
The video includes host, God Story, Life Story, and Key Verse segments.

Ms My Story

- 4. Small Group Activity** **12 minutes***
Discuss the video teaching, then brainstorm ideas about the good news of Jesus and how to share it in one sentence. Create posters that highlight these ideas.
- 5. Key Verse Activity** **8 minutes**
Learn Romans 10:9 as the kids pass around props that go with the words and say the verse together.

Os Our Story

- 6. Dismissal**
Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

* Extendable activity



1. CONVERSATION STARTER

Supplies:

- None

Leader Tip:

- The Conversation Starter is a great way to make everyone feel welcome and build community! Use it to set the tone for your group's time together.

Instructions:

- As the kids arrive, welcome them and gather everyone together.
- Encourage them to imagine someone bursting in and announcing, "I have good news!"
- Ask: What's the best news that person could share? (e.g., something fun like "I have chocolate for everyone!" or something more serious, such as "A family member who was sick is healed!")
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Let everyone know that the best news of all is the good news about Jesus! He loves us, he saves us from our sins, and he shares his peace.
- Introduce the Big Idea: **Following Jesus starts with hearing the good news.**

2. INTRO ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Scenario cards

Leader Tip:

- Three to five people is the ideal number in a group for this activity. There are six scenarios, so adjust your group sizes as needed.

Instructions:

- Divide the kids into groups.
- Give each group a scenario card.
- Prompt them to work together to brainstorm what great news might be in their scenario.
- Direct each group to choose a Good News Person. Everyone else will act in the scenario. The Good News Person will then enter and announce the news, while the other kids react with excitement.
- Allow the groups a couple of minutes to practise. Provide direction as needed.
- Invite them to act out their scenarios and share their good news with everyone.



3. WEEKLY VIDEO

Supplies:

- Video file

Leader Tip:

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video as necessary.

Instructions:

- Play the video. It contains:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Cornelius | Acts 10)
 - Life Story

4. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Whiteboard or craft paper
- Markers
- Poster activity pages

Leader Tips:

- The brainstorming in this activity will help remind the kids what the good news is and summarize it for them in manageable chunks.
- Make sure everyone's names are on their posters.

Instructions:

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Discuss:
 - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
 - What was the God Story about?
- Place the whiteboard or craft paper where everyone can see it.
- Lead the group to brainstorm descriptions of the good news about Jesus and how they could share it in just one sentence (e.g., Jesus came to save us; God loved us and sent Jesus; Jesus loves everyone everywhere; etc.).

- Record their ideas on the board or paper.
- Give each person an activity page.
- Place the markers where everyone can reach them.
- Direct the kids to choose one of the brainstorming ideas, then use it in a poster announcing the good news. Their posters can include words and pictures. Encourage them to be creative!

5. KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Key Verse sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Smile cutout on craft stick
- Heart cutout on craft stick

Before the Activity:

- Hang the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it.

Instructions:

- Gather everyone back together in a circle.
- Give both craft sticks to one of the kids.
- Lead the group to read the Key Verse together.
- Direct the person with the craft sticks to hold up the smile during the first sentence and the heart for the second sentence.
- Pass the props on to the next person and repeat reading the verse and holding up the cutouts. Make sure everyone gets at least one turn.
- Ask if anyone would like to say the verse on their own.

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6. DISMISSAL

Supplies:

- Kids' crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards

Before Dismissal:

- Place any crafts and take-home materials where everyone can access them easily.

Leader Tip:

- Take a moment to share with parents about their kids' experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.

Instructions:

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids.
- b. Give everyone take-home and Key Verse cards.
- c. Remind them to take any crafts.
- d. Make sure the security numbers match before the kids leave with their parents.