

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 social media posts on phone cutouts that highlight these ideas.
- 5. Key Verse Activity** **8 minutes**
Learn Romans 10:9 as the kids use props that go with the words and say parts of the verse in different roles.

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- 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
- Cellphone 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 crafts.

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 a phone 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 social media post that announces the good news. Their designs can include the sentence 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 the smile craft stick to one person and the heart craft stick to someone else.
- Invite a third person to start reading the Key Verse: "Say with your mouth..."
- Guide the person with the smile to say, "Jesus is Lord."
- Prompt the reader to continue: "Believe in your heart that..."
- Direct the person with the heart to finish the sentence: "God raised him from the dead."
- Have the reader finish: "Then you will be saved."
- Repeat until everyone in the group has had a turn trying the various roles.

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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.