

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: PETER AND CORNELIUS

Acts 10



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

GENTILE

THE LAW

CENTURION

VISION

Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

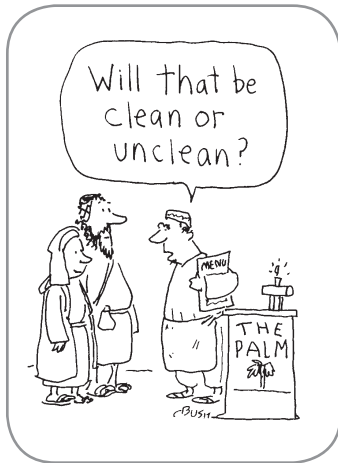
PRAYER TIME

Brainstorm a list of differences that too often divide people, for example religious, racial, or financial differences. Create a makeshift wall using blocks, soup cans, or marshmallows. Pray the following prayer as a family, removing a piece of the wall at each petition and laying it on a flat surface to form the shape of a cross.

Jesus, our Lord, help us break down the (word from list) walls that divide your people. (Repeat until list is exhausted, removing a block each time.) Unite us in your love, now and forever. Amen

TALK TIME

- Create a list of pairs that have been at odds with each other over the years (for instance, liberals and conservatives, Israelis and Palestinians, females and males). How can major differences be overcome? What steps can you make to help break down the walls that divide? What role does your faith play?
- The Bible and religion have often been misused as a tool of tyranny and domination. Biblical texts have been cited (often out of context) to convince or control; for example, slaveholding whites tried to justify slavery, women were kept out of leadership roles within the church, and the church once argued against the idea that the earth was not flat. Can you think of other examples? How could these examples affect the faith of would-be followers?



WEB TIME

Use an Internet search engine to search for famous walls: Berlin Wall, Great Wall of China, Israeli-Palestinian separation walls. Search for the story of protester Rachel Corrie. What kind of message do these walls send?

RITUAL TIME

Talk about the barriers that exist within your own family. They may include generational differences, communication problems, addiction issues, or recent conflict. If some of the great walls of the world can be brought down, yours can too. Talk and pray about what you would like to see change.