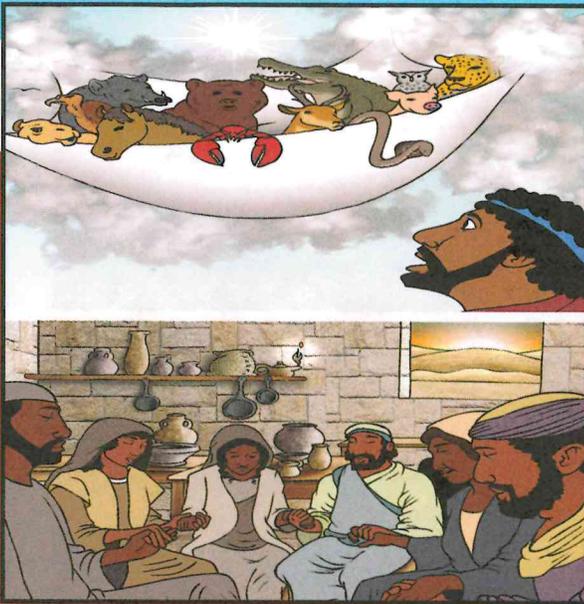


March 22, 2026

BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSE: There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

Fairness and Equality

Lesson Scriptures: Acts 10:9-15, 30-35;
Galatians 3:28-29

God's Word

9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. **10** He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. **11** He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. **12** It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. **13** Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." **14** "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." **15** The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

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30 Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me **31** and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. **32** Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' **33** So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us." **34** Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism **35** but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

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28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Bible Story

Fairness and Equality

Acts 10:9-15; 30-35;
Galatians 3:28-29

Peter was staying with Simon in Joppa. Cornelius' servants were on the way to Joppa to meet Peter. At about noon, Peter went up onto Simon's rooftop to pray. While on the rooftop, Peter became very hungry and wanted something to eat. While the meal was being prepared, Peter fell into a trance-like sleep and saw a vision. In his vision, Peter saw heaven open, and something that looked like a large sheet was lowered down to the earth by its four corners. The sheet contained all types of four-footed animals. It also included all types of reptiles and birds. Then a voice spoke to Peter, telling him to get up, prepare the animals, and eat.

Peter could not believe what he was hearing. He replied, "This is not right. I cannot eat anything that is impure or unclean."

The voice spoke to Peter again, saying, "Do not say that anything that God has made clean is impure."

Paul told the people who participated in the events of Acts that God accepts all people; to Him, there is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female. We are all considered one in Christ Jesus. If we belong to Christ, we are considered Abraham's seed, which makes us all heirs according to God's promise.

The Looking Glass (Part 1)

"Welcome back, Hakim!" Eman said, hugging his best friend. Hakim had been gone for months because he was sick. He finally returned to school, but there was something different about him.

Hakim lost his eye because of his sickness and had to wear a glass eye at school. Eman did not care. Hakim was still his best friend, glass eye or not! They laughed and talked just the same. But the other students in the class were not as welcoming.

One of the boys said, "Ugh, stay back! We do not want to get sick and lose our eyes!" The other kids agreed and forced Hakim and Eman to leave.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello! Nicholas and Cornelius here! There is nothing that can disturb our social and personal relationships quite like bias or hatred. This is an important lesson about how God values each one of us without any regard to our social standings or racial makeup. The most important thing for us to take away from this lesson is that God loves each one of us just as we are. That is good news for all of us!



The Looking Glass

(Part 2)

Hakim was upset by the sudden shift in his classmates, and Eman was furious. How could they treat Hakim like that? Eman spoke with the teacher and asked if there was any way to let the other kids know that Hakim's sickness and eye were nothing to be afraid of.

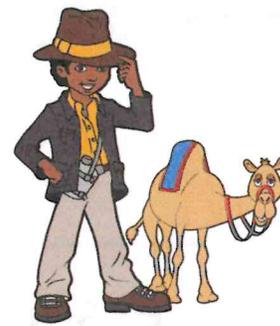
"Are you comfortable talking about your experience, Hakim?" the teacher asked. "If you want, we can take some time after recess, and you can tell everyone your story. It may help them see that you are the same Hakim."

After a moment, Hakim nodded. "I can tell them," he said.

"I will stand with you," Eman said. "We will prove that you are safe to be around."

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

How do you respond to people who are different from you? Can you accept them and their friendship? Or do you turn away from them and think that they are less than you because they are different? Today's lesson on inclusion and fairness is important. None of us want to be mistreated because of our differences. How should we respond to others instead of turning away from them?



Searching for Unscrambled Words

Unscramble the scrambled-up words from today's lesson to create the list of words for the word search. After unscrambling the words, find and circle those words in the word search.

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2. PRMUIE _____
3. PRACTES _____
4. NOE _____
5. MRPIOSE _____
6. EFRE _____
7. LGNTEIE _____
8. WJE _____



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