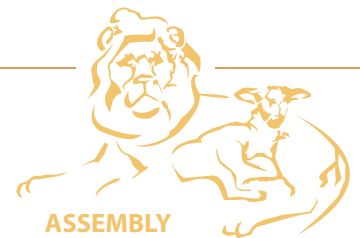


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ASSEMBLY

*The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

## LESSON IDEAS

### FROM EVERY NATION

#### Supplies

- a world globe
- a book or two with photos from other nations

Hold the globe up to the class. Explain to them that the reason Peter was so astonished was that the Gentiles believed God had only shown favor to Israel in the past. Peter realized that God was no longer going to have a favorite nation and that all the nations of the earth could believe in Jesus Christ.

Research the countries your church or group of churches is reaching out to and see if the children know where they are on the globe in relation to our country. Point them out. Use the books to show photos from those same nations and point out to the children that God wants the Gospel to go out to all people.

### WE ARE WITNESSES

#### Supplies

- candy for each child
- several objects for this demonstration

Place the miscellaneous objects on a table in front of the class. Turn everyone around facing away from you except for one child. Tell that child to pay close attention to what you do. After the explanation, do something with the items (i.e. pick something up and swing it like a baseball bat or place the object on your head or in your pocket).

Have all the children turn around and then ask them to explain what you did. They might try to guess but they will not be able to tell you. Explain to them that they couldn't know what you did because they didn't see or witness it. Tell them that if they can tell you what you did you will give them each a piece of candy as a gift. They might quickly ask the one person who could tell them. If not, help them to see they have a witness and that they may ask the witness what happened. With the help of the witness they should say what your actions were. Then reward them with candy.

Read Romans 10:13-15 to the class and connect the illustration to the witnesses of Christ's resurrection and help them see the importance of witnesses in spreading the Gospel of Christ.

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### FIND THE GOSPEL

The following puppet skit is designed to help reinforce what the Gospel is for the children. Reread the Bible story for the puppet and children and then enter into the following dialogue.

Teacher: Wow, what a great story. What did you think of our story Puppet?

Puppet: I liked the story. I think that it is great that God touches all different kinds of people.

Teacher: What part of the story is the Gospel?

Puppet: Is this a test?

Teacher: No, this isn't a test, silly. I just want to be sure you can recognize the Gospel when it is in a Bible story we read.

Puppet: Are you trying to trick me? This is a trick question right?

Teacher: No, this is not a trick question, the Gospel is plain to see in this story, and I just thought you could point it out for the children.

Puppet: Well, if it is so plain to see why do you need me to point it out?

Teacher: You sound like you don't want to point it out for us, Puppet.

Puppet: Well, I . . .

Teacher: Do you know what the Gospel is?

Puppet: I've heard of it but I don't exactly know how to find it in a story.

Teacher: That's okay, Puppet. It really was not a trick question. The Gospel is the good news that Jesus died on the cross in our place so that we could receive forgiveness for our sins and he rose again so that we could have a new life if we believe in him!

Puppet: That is the Gospel? I've heard that before.

Teacher: Of course you have Puppet. The Gospel is the message that Peter proclaimed to the Gentiles in our Bible story today. It was the power of God; the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke in tongues.

Puppet: So, it wasn't a trick question after all?

Teacher: No Puppet, it wasn't a trick question at all.



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### WHERE IS the Gospel?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

The Gospel is clearly spoken by Peter in our passage today in Acts 10:39-43. Even while Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles, filled them and gave them the gift of tongues.

Clearly what the Apostle Paul wrote is true:

... it (the Gospel) is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. (Romans 1:16b-17)

