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A man named Cornelius loved God. One day while Cornelius was praying, God sent an angel to him. The angel told Cornelius to send for a man named Peter. Peter lived in Joppa. Right away, Cornelius sent three helpers to Joppa to invite Peter to visit.

When the helpers came to Joppa, Peter was up on the flat roof of the house. He was praying. God showed Peter a strange dream. In the dream, a big sheet came down from the sky. In the sheet were frogs, lizards, pigs and horses.

God said to Peter, "Peter, you can eat any of these animals." But Peter knew that it was against God's rules to eat these kinds of meat. But God showed this dream to Peter two more times! Then Peter heard the helpers calling for him.

When Peter went downstairs, the three helpers were waiting at the gate. They were Gentiles. Jews were supposed to stay away from Gentiles. Then Peter understood the dream. All the people God created, both Jews and Gentiles, could be a part of God's family.

Peter went with the men to Cornelius's house. The house was full of people. They all wanted to hear about Jesus. Peter said to them, "I now know that God loves every person. He has sent me to tell you the good news about Jesus." The people believed what Peter told them. They became a part of God's family!