

Good Listeners

Lesson Objectives

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- The children will practice being good listeners.
- The children will make a card to invite a friend or relative to church.

Lesson Text

Acts 10:23b-48

Scripture Memory Verse

"Honor your father and mother that it may go well with you."
Ephesians 6:2-3

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: More Ears

Welcome and Singing

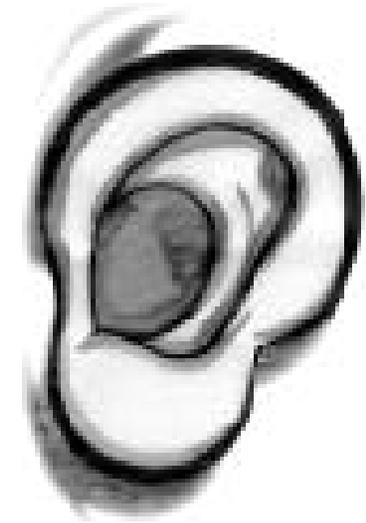
Centers:

Bible Story: The Listening Family

Life Application: Family Tree

Craft: All Ears

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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More Ears

The children will make ear collages to prepare them to learn about Cornelius and his family who were great listeners.

Materials

For each child:

- glue stick
- scissors
- markers or crayons (optional)

For the teacher:

- magazines
- 1 large piece of poster board
- scissors
- tape

Preparation

1. Choose pages out of magazines that have pictures of ears on them. Rip out these pages.
2. Cut the poster board into a large ear shape. See Figure A.

Instructions

1. Show the children the ear shape. Explain to them that they will be learning about Cornelius and his listening family. Ask them what part of the body God gave us to help us listen.
2. Have the children look through the magazine pictures that you chose and cut out the ears that they find.
3. Have them glue the ears onto the large poster board ear.

Conclusion

Talk with the children about what ears do. Ask them if they need to be able to hear to be obedient? No, we can always choose to do what is right, even if we can't hear.

Teacher Tips

- Try to use children or parenting magazines that will have children and adults.

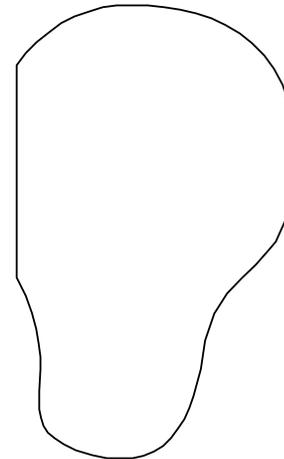


Figure A



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The Listening Family

The children will describe Cornelius as a man who gathered his whole family together to listen to everything God wanted them to hear.

Lesson Text

Acts 10:23b-48

Materials

For the teacher:

- figures from the Unit 14 Lesson 3, Bible Story
- Bible

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the story. Practice telling it with the Cornelius figure.

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Give each child a figure and keep the Cornelius figure for yourself. Open the Bible to Acts 10.

Hello children. I can hardly wait to finish my story from our last Bible class! Do you remember my name? (Cornelius) Do you remember what we talked about? Who came to me while I was praying to God? (an angel) Do you remember why God sent the angel? (Cornelius was obeying God and helping the poor) What did the angel tell me to do? (send for Peter)

A few days after I sent for Peter, he arrived. Do you know who Peter was? He was one of Jesus' close friends. He knew Jesus very well and was with him for a long time while Jesus was alive. Jesus taught him a lot of things and he was a lot like Jesus. How do you think I felt to have this close friend of Jesus come to my house? Yes, I was very happy and excited!

I invited all of the people in my household to come and listen to Peter (Acts 10:24-25). Who do you have in your household? Yes, we have mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles. So many people can be a part of a household.

When Peter arrived, I was so happy to see him! He asked why I had sent for him and I told him the story about the angel who had come and told me that God had heard my prayers and seen what

I'd been doing for the poor. I explained that the angel had said to send for him. I told Peter that I obeyed the angel right away and sent for him (Acts 10:30-33).

Then Peter told us that God had sent him to explain to us that he does not like one person more than the other but that he loves each and every one of us the same. God wants to be close to every one who obeys him and loves him with all their heart. He explained that this was what Jesus taught people too. He also told us how Jesus had died for us and that God had raised him from the dead. I learned that because of Jesus, God forgives us when we are unloving. But he wants to help us be loving all the time (Acts 10:34-43).

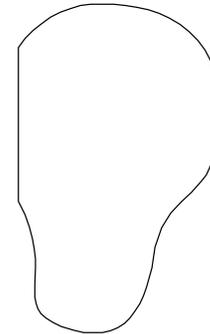
We were all so excited about hearing all the ways that God loves and cares about us! We all wanted to become Christians so we got baptized. Then we asked Peter and his friends to stay for a few days so we could learn more (Acts 10:44-48). And he did! It was the best time in my life!

Conclusion

Cornelius had a great heart to be respectful and listen to Peter. His whole household was the same way. Wow, he was a great example!

Teacher Tips

- Wait until the middle of the lesson, when Peter speaks to the household, to hand out the figures to the children.



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“Honor your father and mother
that it may go well with you.”

Ephesians 6:2-3



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Family Tree

The children will talk about their relatives and pick at least one that they can invite to church just as Cornelius did.

Scripture Memory Verse

"Honor your father and mother that it may go well with you."

Ephesians 6:2-3

Materials

For the teacher:

- magazine pictures of families
- construction paper
- tape
- scissors
- marker

Preparation

1. Cut pictures of families out of magazines.
2. Tape the pictures onto construction paper to make them look nice.

Instructions

1. Ask the children, Why do you think God gave us families? (to take care of us, to love us) Can you imagine what it would be like to not be in a family? (lonely) It is very special to have a family no matter how small or big. God wants us to feel very loved and special.
2. Show one of the pictures of a family. Talk about who each person could be in the family. Ask them about their family who lives at home with them. Ask what relatives they see that live close to them and how often they see them, etc.
3. Ask the children who in their family goes to church with them. Allow each child to respond.
4. Ask the children who they would like to have come to church with them. Allow each child to respond. Write each child's answer on the construction paper.
5. Explain that in the next class they will make a card to invite these people to church just like Cornelius did with his family.

Scripture Memory Activity

Choose children to say the memory verse by categories, for example:

- anyone with a baby brother
- anyone with a sister
- anyone with a big brother

Conclusion

Pray with the children about the people that they want to invite to come to church with them.

Talk to the children about how exciting it will be to invite their relatives to come to church with them. Talk to them about being ready for the next class to make a few cards so that they could ask more than just one relative.

Teacher Tips

- Be sure to write down their responses so that everyone can see. This will help them to feel special.



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All Ears

The children will make ears that they can wear so they can focus on being good listeners.

Materials

For each child:

- crayons or markers
- glue stick
- construction paper

For the teacher:

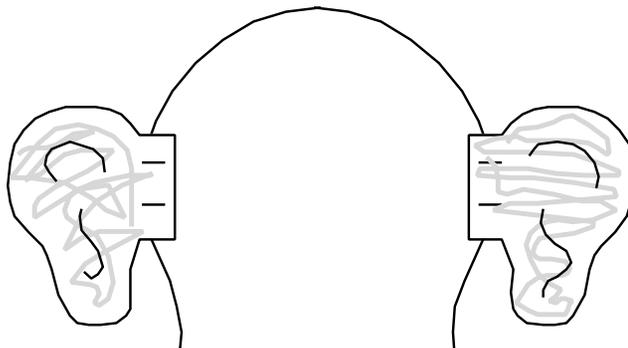
- yarn
- tape
- stapler
- black marker
- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the ear stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
2. Trace and cut out four ears for each child from construction paper.
3. Cut a 30" piece of yarn for each child.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.



Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. Talk with them about Cornelius and how well he listened to God. He was loving with his family. He gave to the poor. And he sent for Peter right away when the angel told him to. He was an obedient listener.
2. Give each child four ears. Have them glue the ears back to back making a pair. See Figure A. NOTE: Instruct the children to be careful not to glue the tabs together.
3. Have the children color their ears.
4. Help the children to staple the tab of one ear $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way up the yarn. See Figure B.
5. Measure the yarn around the child's head and mark where the second ear should be placed.
6. Staple the second ear in place.
7. Place a piece of tape over each staple.
8. Help the children write their names on their craft.
9. Place the ears over the child's head and tie the yarn under the child's chin.

Conclusion

Talk with the children about different things that they can listen to with their ears.

Pray with the children and thank God for the things that we get to hear because he gave us ears. Ask God to help us use our ears to listen to our parents.

Teacher Tips

- To make it more sturdy, have the yarn long enough to loop around their chin and back up to tie the bow at the top of their head.

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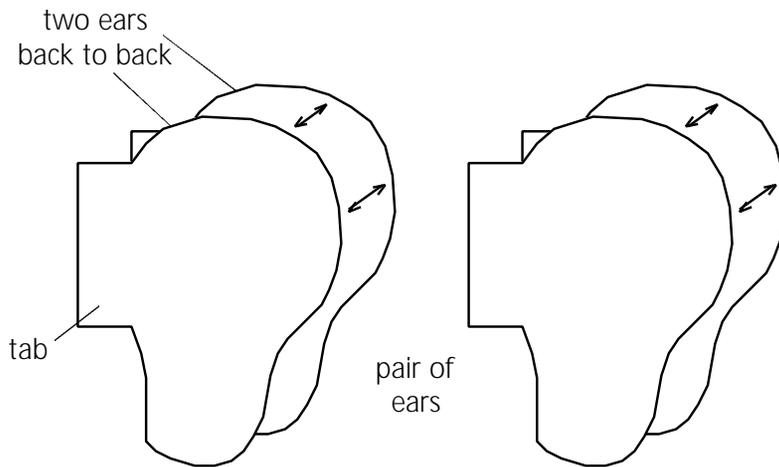


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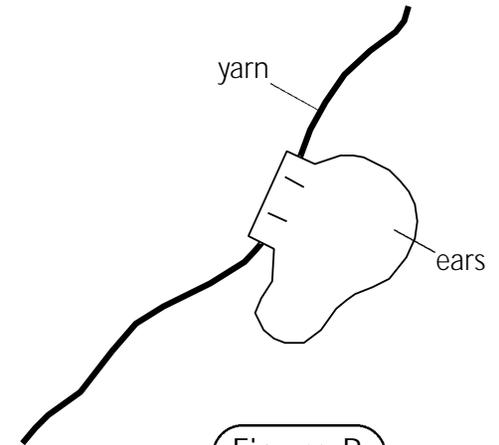
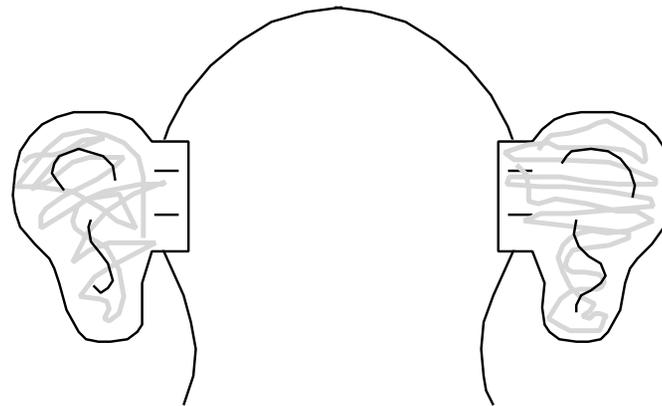


Figure B



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The Christian Family
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Lesson Objectives

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Lesson Text

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Scripture Memory Verse

"Honor your father and mother that it may go well with you."
Ephesians 6:2-3

Gathering Tree

The children will gather together to make a handprint tree just as Cornelius and his household gathered together to hear about Jesus.

Materials

For each child:

- construction paper
- glue stick
- crayons
- pencil
- scissors

For the teacher:

- large sheet of paper or poster board
- black marker



Preparation

Draw the outline of a tree trunk on the large paper.

Instructions

1. Give each child a piece of construction paper and have them trace their closed hand onto the paper.
2. Have the children cut out their hand tracings.
3. Have the children glue their hand tracings above the trunk of the tree, forming the top of the tree.
4. Have the children color the trunk of the tree.

Conclusion

Just as Cornelius and his household gathered to hear about God, we are gathered here at class to hear about God.

Teacher Tips

- Have the children cut out more than one hand for the tree.
- Have the children write their names on their paper hands.
- Post the tree near the entrance so that the families can see it when they pick up their children.

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Gathering Tree

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Listening Ramp

Craft: You're Invited

Life Application: Family Tree

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



Listening Ramp

The children will practice listening carefully.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 10" x 17" heavy cardboard
- muffin tin
- 3 ping-pong balls



Preparation

1. Fold one end of the cardboard under 4" to form a ramp. See Figure A.
2. Place the muffin tin at the end of the ramp.
3. Make a list of things the children can do to be obedient. For example: walk in a circle, touch your toes, tell me the name of one of the people in the Bible Story, etc.
4. Practice playing the game so that you can demonstrate it to the children.



Instructions

1. Demonstrate the game for the children. Explain that they are going to practice listening just as Cornelius did.
2. Choose a child to go first.
3. Give the child a command to perform from your list.
4. If the child listens carefully and does what you asked from the list, give him three balls to gently roll up the ramp and land in the tin.



Sample questions from the Bible Story:

- What was the man's name that brought his household together to learn about God's commands? (Cornelius)
- Who was the friend of Jesus that came to Cornelius' house and told everyone about God's commands? (Peter)
- Why did Cornelius have all those people at his house? (because he wanted them to also learn about God)
- How did God feel about Cornelius? (God was happy with him.)
- Why was God happy with Cornelius? (because he loved God, was loving with his family, helped the poor, prayed)

Conclusion

Encourage the children about being good listeners. Talk about how they can be good listeners at home also.

Teacher Tips

- Variation: Write a different command on six different, small pieces of paper. Put one piece of paper in each cup of the muffin tin. Have a child roll a ball off the ramp. The child will perform whatever command is on the paper in the cup that the ball lands in.
- If your group has not heard the Bible Story you can give them simple commands such as turn around while touching your head or hop three times on one foot.

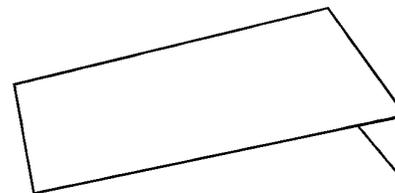


Figure A



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You're Invited

The children will make a card to give to at least one relative or friend to invite to church.

Materials

For each child:

- crayons or markers
- glue stick
- ½ piece of construction paper

For the teacher:

- scissors
- stickers
- decorative items: pictures, ribbon, material strips, etc.

Reproducible Pages:

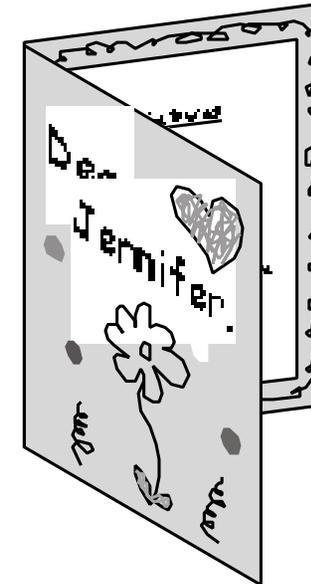
- Page B, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the poems from the copies of Reproducible Page B.
2. Make a model of the card following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Give each child a piece of construction paper and have them fold it in half forming a card.
2. Give each child a copy of the poem to glue to the inside of the card.
3. On the cover of each child's card write "Dear", and the name of the person to whom the child wants to give the card.
4. Have the children color and decorate their cards.
5. Help each child to seal their cards with a sticker.



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Conclusion

Explain to the children that God is using them to help others to learn about him just like he used Cornelius to teach others. It's exciting that God wants to use us to help others.

If there is time, end by praying for all the people to whom they have just written.

Teacher Tips

- Make sure the parents know that these invitations should be sent or given to their relatives and friends.



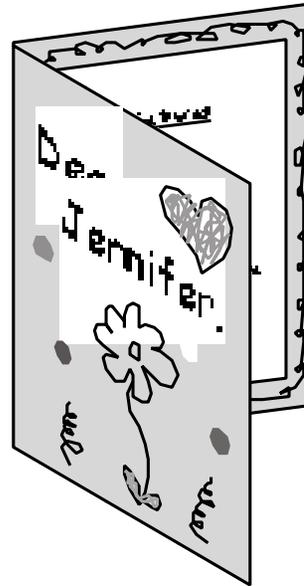
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Lesson 4

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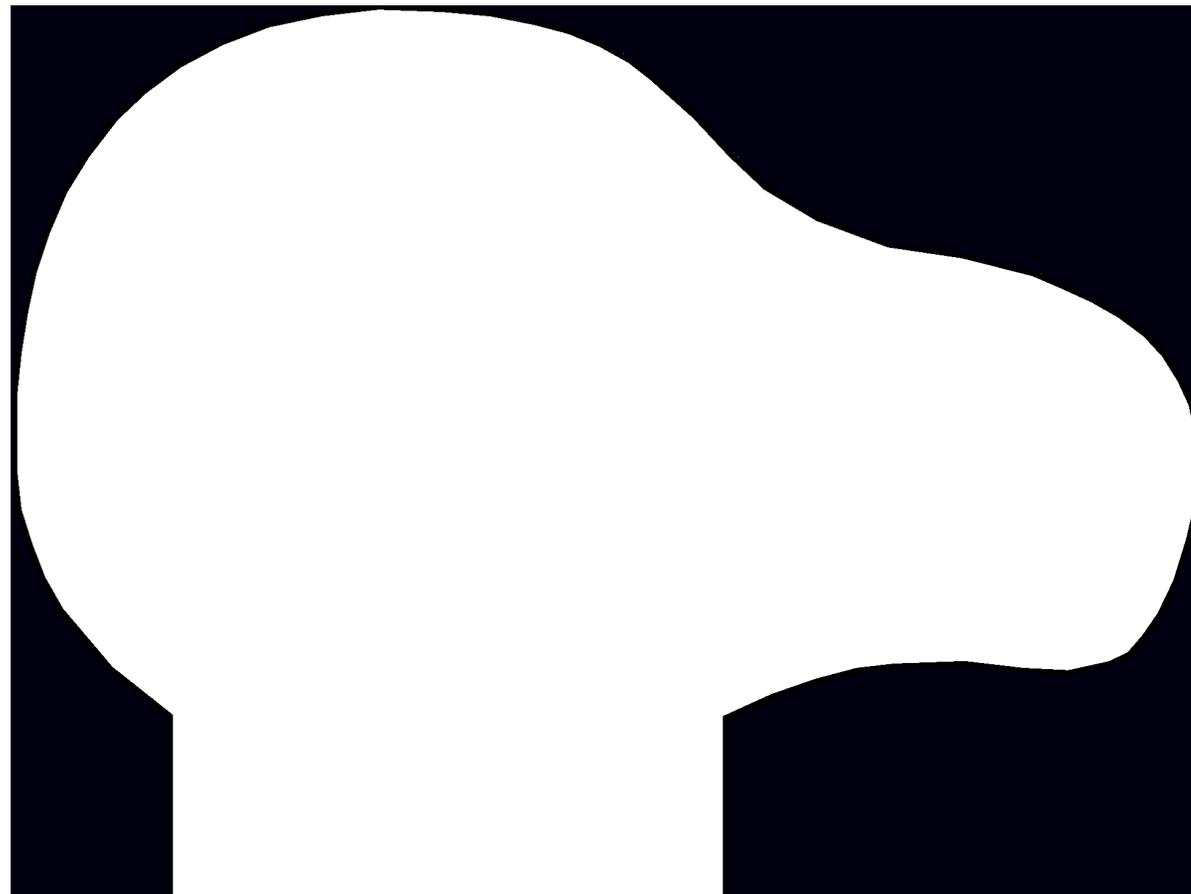
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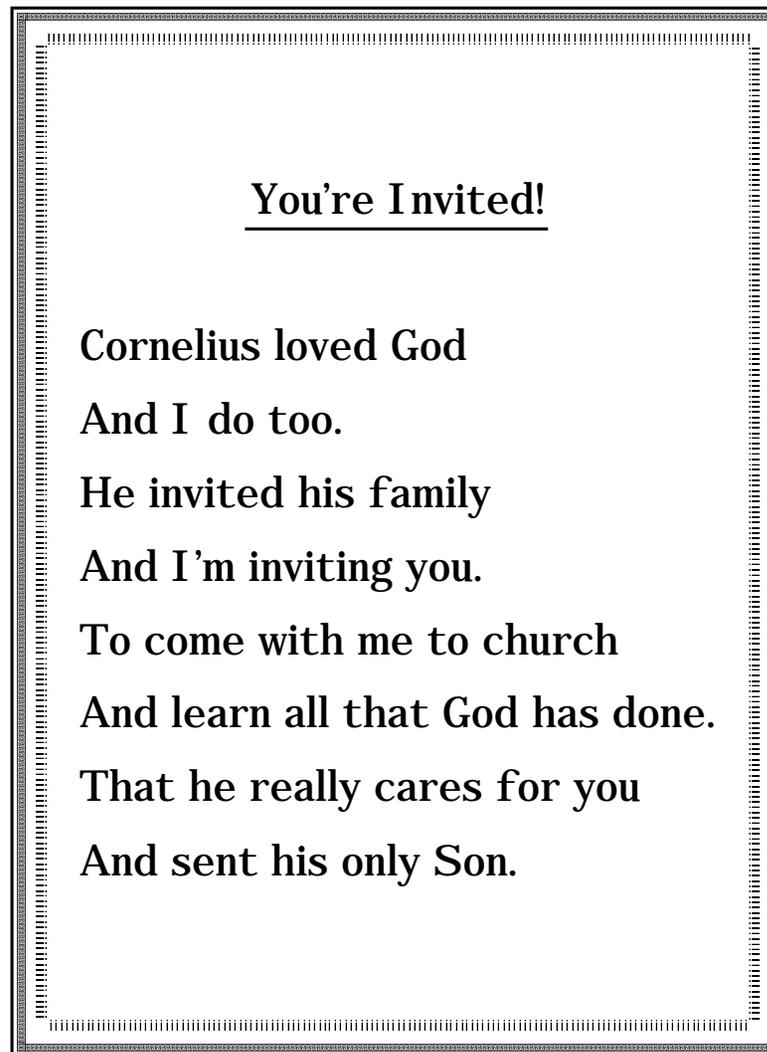
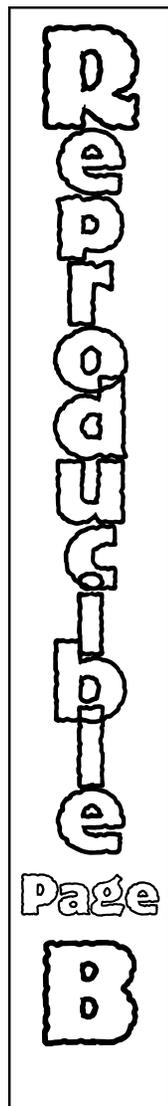


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You're Invited!

Cornelius loved God
And I do too.
He invited his family
And I'm inviting you.
To come with me to church
And learn all that God has done.
That he really cares for you
And sent his only Son.

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