



# SKIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE  
JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

## Life App Definition

Faith — trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

## Main Idea

Through a pretty crazy dream and encounter with a non-Jewish follower of Jesus, Peter learned that the message of Jesus is for everyone. Peter had to change his mind about *Gentiles* because *God* was now including them in what He was doing in the world through Jesus. We might not always get along with everyone, but Jesus can help us see each other the way *God* sees us. *God* loves each and every one of us just as He's made us. We should love and accept each other just as *God* loves and accepts us.

## Memory Verse

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see"  
(Hebrews 11:1 NIRV).

## Bottom Line

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.

## Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Who did *God* send an angel to visit while he was praying?
- Who did the angel tell Cornelius to send his men to go get?
- Why did Peter not want to eat the animals *God* showed him in the vision?
- What was *God* trying to teach Peter through the vision?
- Why weren't Jews supposed to go to the house of non-Jews?
- What happened when Peter went to Cornelius's house?
- Why do you think it's hard to accept or love those who are different from us?
- How does it make your life better if you show love to someone who is different from you or that you wouldn't normally show love to? How does it make their life better?
- Looking back on this past week, did you act like you really believe *God* made everyone in His own image and loves each of us the same? What's one way you could live that out better this next week?

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- > Sheet of paper

### Activity

- Give each person a sheet of paper.
- Tell your children that you will be tearing your sheet of paper into a shape, without saying what it is.
  - It can be a random design or a specific shape, such as the outline of a house or the state of Louisiana.
- Instruct them that, as you are tearing your page, they should begin tearing at the same time and try to follow along to create the exact shape.
- When you are finished, let your children guess what the design or shape is that you have created.
- Then trade roles and play again with another sheet of paper, and let one of your children tear out the design while you follow along.
- Discuss how interesting it is that your paper and your children's papers turned out so differently. Same kind of paper, same plan, but different results. It reminds me of the way God made people. He creates us in His image, and we're made of the same stuff. We all have muscles, hair, bones, guts, and brains, but each person is also different from the others. That's the wonderful way God made us—same, but different.
- Remind your children that God made each of us special and unique. We are valuable to Him, and He loves us just the way we are! And just like God loves each of us exactly the way we are, God loves others exactly the way they are, too.
- Since God loves others, can you love them, too? Yes! **Because knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.** And when you see others the way that God sees them, you can love them just like He does.

## **Prayer**

Take a moment and pray with your children. Ask God to help your kids see others the way He sees them and love others the way He loves them.

Dear God,

We are so grateful that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die for every person You ever created so that they can have the opportunity for a relationship with You. Help us put on our "Jesus lens" this week to see others differently. Help us learn to love them like You do. In Jesus' name, amen.