



Good morning parents!

Anne and I want to continue to equip you to do church at home. Even though our routines continue to look different we encourage you to take the time to still make Jesus the centre of your family life. May you also continue to live out Deuteronomy 6:5-9 which says to love God and to teach your children to follow Him throughout life's everyday moments. Please see below for some suggestions of how you can participate in worship and dig into the heart of God with your kids.

Additional resources can also be found on our website [www.kidsbranch.ca](http://www.kidsbranch.ca).

- Make sure to check out the Parent Partnership page and get signed up for RightNow Media. It is free and there are a lot of great resources not only for your kids but for you as well.
- This week we also added a new page titled 'Talking to Kids about COVID-19'. If you are needing some supports in order to talk to your kids or walking with them through their fear and anxiety check it out. We will be adding new resources each week.

Please know that we are here for you throughout this time so don't hesitate to contact us. We would love to hear from you, support you, and pray with you.

Blessings of health on your family and peace in your homes and heart,

Kids Branch  
Kelly and Anne

### **Worship Suggestions**

Note: While you might not know these songs, your kids will. Be prepared to do the actions alongside them and have fun!

Say: Today the Bible Point is that 'God is welcoming, so we're welcoming'. Jesus is the light of the world, and he came to give **everyone** hope and to invite them to be part of his family.

Play "Light of the World" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=el302Av7vSI>

Play "He's God the Whole World in His Hands" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T1CLIMjiTw>

Say: God's love for us is deep and all that we or anyone else will ever need. It is His love that can transform the whole world.

Play "Beat of Your Love" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BURDJ6wdUTE>

Say: God is good, and we can be thankful for all that He has given to us including welcoming us into His family.

Play "Thankful" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gps2IDVCy0&list=PLtugwYWVNRKTsjXtRLuzuR8FGDS5AUuxF&index=10>

## **Bible Story Suggestions – Peter’s Vision of Animals (Acts 10:9-43)**

Parent Recap: Peter has a vision of previously forbidden food, but God tells him to eat the food. Later, Peter talks to Cornelius and realizes that his vision demonstrated that God welcomes anyone from any place.

Read Acts 10:9-43 together or for younger children download the Bible App for kids (<https://www.bible.com/kids>) and read the story from the app.

OR watch ‘Peter Visited Cornelius’- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKU9MyuGrj0>

### **Explore the story**

Ask: What place do you go to where you feel welcome or which person always makes you feel welcome? When was a time that you didn’t feel welcome or you felt separated from others?

Say: Often the world finds reasons to divide people. That’s what happened in Bible times, too.

Read Acts 10:28

Ask: How were people divided in the story of Peter and Cornelius? What did God tell Peter in his vision?

Say: God is welcoming, and he wanted to make sure everyone could know his love. Cornelius loved God, but he wasn’t Jewish. Peter loved God and was Jewish. Through the vision God was telling Peter something important: God is welcoming, so we need to be welcoming. God was telling Peter he welcomed everyone into his family, no matter what their background was or the types of food they ate.

Read Acts 10:34-36, 43

Say: Peter learned that God is welcoming, so he needed to be welcoming. He welcomed Cornelius even though Cornelius was in the other group. He realized that God welcomes all people if they love Him. It doesn’t matter if they eat differently from us, speak another language, live in a different country, like a different sports team, or aren’t the same gender or age. We can show God’s love to everyone, like Peter did, because God is welcoming, and we are a reflection of God.

### **Apply it (now or throughout the week)**

Since Peter learned that God welcomes people from every country, as a family you can pray for people in other countries. Find a world map online or in print. Have kids gather around the map and take turns putting their hands on a country and praying for people in that country to know and love Jesus. If you printed out the map, consider placing a sticker or a check mark on the countries you have prayed for.

Take it further: Choose a few countries to pray for every day until school is back in session. You can also check out “Operation World: the definitive prayer guide to every nation” to learn more about each nation and how you can specifically pray for them.

<http://www.operationworld.org/countries-alphabetically>

### **Pray Together**

Ask: Who in your life can you help feel more welcome at home, at school, on your team, etc.?

Pray that God would give each person the help needed to be more welcoming with that person the next time they see them.

Join the church in prayer. Starting today, for the next two weeks, we will be encouraging everyone to pause and pray for a specific need related to COVID-19. The specific prayer request and scripture will be posted on TOB’s Instagram at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to join us and turn this situation over to the one who is fully in control.

### **Memorize Scripture**

Abbreviated version: "...to your name goes all the glory..." (Psalm 115:1)

Full verse: “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your names goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness” (Psalm 115:1)