

Children's lesson: Peter and Cornelius (Galatians 2:11-14)

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Before the Sermon:

Here is a story from the book of Acts that will give you some background before you watch the sermon.

<https://youtu.be/xKU9MyuGrj0>

What do you think about that vision that Peter had?

For centuries Jews were known for their strict laws about eating certain foods, and their separation from Gentiles. A lot of the food that the Gentiles ate would be unclean for the Jews to eat, and the Gentiles often worshiped idols so they were to stay away from them.

In this vision, God told Peter, "What God has made clean, do not call impure." *Acts 10:15*

Look at what Peter said to Cornelius and the gathering of people from Acts 10:28-30.

The Good News was for the Gentiles too! *Acts 10:34-48*

Now Peter knew that it was good for him to have fellowship with the Gentiles and eat with them. This is why his behavior in today's passage is so troubling to Paul. Read our for today's passage: Galatians 2:11-14

What caused Peter to act differently now that the other Jews came?

Watch the Sermon

Let's listen to Pastor Cody's sermon to see what else we can learn from this passage.

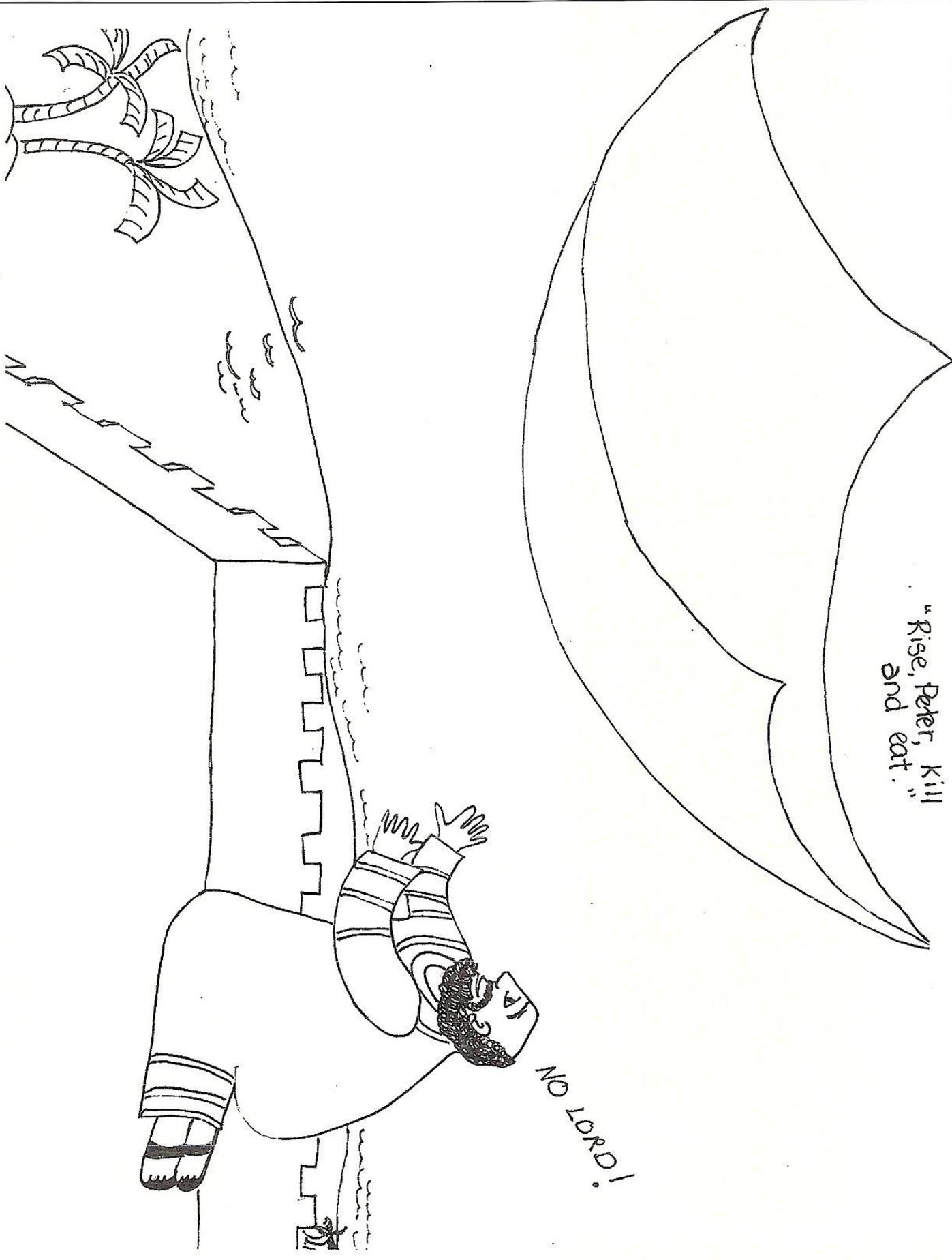
What was Peter's actions saying about the Gentiles? Was he implying that they may not be fully acceptable before God? This goes against what God revealed to him! Look again at verse 14. Their conduct was not in step with the truth of the Gospel. (NIV)

Respond to the Sermon:

So what does this mean for us? Peter's behavior is called hypocrisy. That's when you say you believe something, but your actions don't match your beliefs. If we say we are followers of Jesus, but then we are mean to classmates, or leave people out, or maybe we don't share the Gospel with someone because we just don't like them...what is that saying? Are they not worthy of the Gospel? We need to be so careful that our actions are in line with what we believe in our hearts. Jesus died for the sins of the world. That means all people are worthy to hear the good news and respond to it.

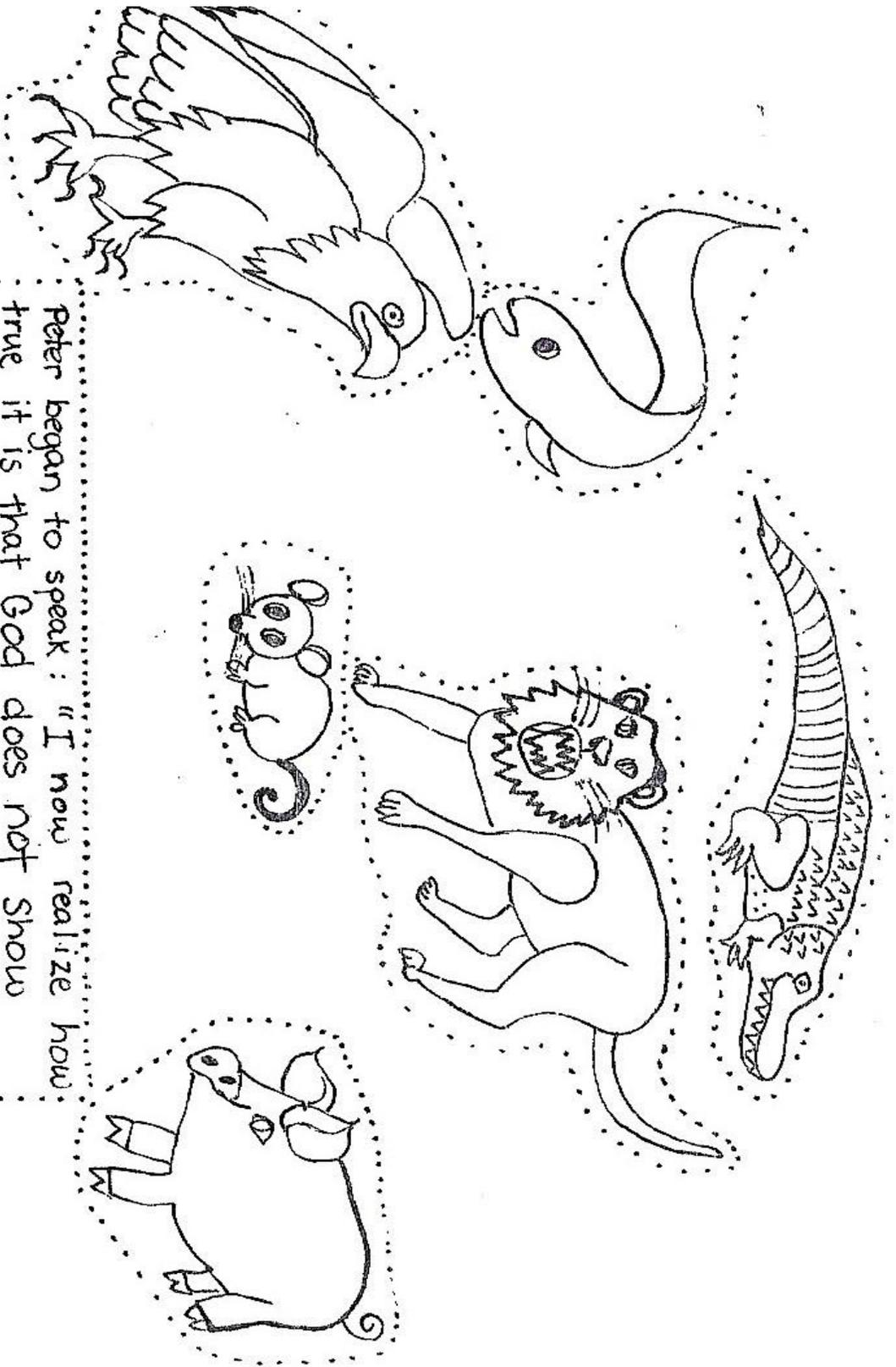
On the next few pages are pictures to make this craft to do if you want to.





"Rise, Peter, Kill
and eat."

NO LORD!



Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right." Acts 10: 34-35