

WEEK 8 | OLDER ELEMENTARY

Need to Know: I Can Include Others in My Family

Bible Story: Cornelius

Bible Reference: Acts 10



CIRCLE UP

- DO**
- Welcome kids to church and tell them who you are.
 - **Sanitize** kids' hands. Pass the **beach ball** to each child, and have them share their name and one thing they love to do with their friends.

SAY *Those all sound like very fun things to do! In this series, we've been talking all about family. And today we'll see that we can include other people in our family. So let me hear you say this after me: (Motions optional for 4-5)*

I Can (thumbs to chest)

Include Others (point fingers at others)

In My Family (cross arms over chest)

READ THE BIBLE

- DO**
- Read the **Bible Story Cards** aloud, giving kids time to jump up and surf or kneel down and paddle according to instructions on cards.

- SAY**
- *What did Cornelius and his family do regularly? (They worshipped God and gave to everyone who had a need)*
 - *What crazy thing happened to Peter when he was on the roof of a house praying? (He saw a white sheet with all kinds of animals he had never been allowed to eat on it)*
 - *What did Peter tell Cornelius? (That God treats everyone the same, accepting people from every nation)*
 - *As we spend time with God every day by reading our Bible and praying, we will see how He wants us to love and include others in our ohana!*

LET'S PRACTICE

OPTION 1: BINGO

DO

1. **Sanitize** kids' hands, and give each child a **Bingo Card** and ten **Bingo markers**. Place the **Bingo Pictures** in the center of the group logo side up.
2. Allow the kids to take turns tossing the **beanbag** onto a Bingo Picture. Show the picture to the group, and allow them to place a Bingo marker on the corresponding space on their Card,
3. The first person to cover five spaces in a row and say "Bingo!" is the winner.
4. Once the game is over, collect the game pieces, and have kids repeat: (Motions optional for 4-5)

I Can (thumbs to chest)
Include Others (point to others)
In My Family (cross arms over chest)

OPTION 2: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to include others in our family?
2. Think of someone you know. How can you include that person in your family this week?
3. Why does God want our families to include others in our family?
4. Have kids repeat: (Motions optional for 4-5)

I Can (thumbs to chest)
Include Others (point to others)
In My Family (cross arms over chest)

LET'S PRAY

SAY

Hey God! Thank you for my family. Help us to include others in our family by showing them love, inviting them to our home and being kind to them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

There's a verse in the Bible that helps us know how to treat everyone we know like family. Let me teach it to you! Say this after me: (Motions optional for 4-5)

"Love each other (hug self)
as brothers and sisters (one arm out, then the other)
and honor others (arms forward, palms out)
more than you do yourself." (thumbs to chest)
Romans 12:10 (make book with hands)

Practice the verse by playing "Hula Moves." Have the group say the verse together while doing the following moves: surfing, playing the drum, doing the hula, playing the ukulele.

Then, place **drawing utensils** in the center of the group. Give each child a **Memory Verse Activity Sheet** to complete, and allow kids to draw on the back of the Sheet.