

# The Junior Observer

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**What was the vision Peter had? Whose house did Peter go to?**

Read more about it in Acts 11

**A Good News Story**

## Peter Has Vision, Baptizes Gentiles

*Catholic News Service*

**W**ord reached the Apostles and other believers in Judea that the Apostle Peter did something outrageous while visiting the town of Joppa.

Not only had Peter agreed to enter the home of a gentile in Caesarea, but he also preached the Gospel to the man's family and friends and baptized them!

The Apostles and the other believers were shocked. Jews were not allowed to associate with gentiles. Peter's friends demanded an explanation.

Peter said that he had been praying while he was visiting in Joppa when he had a vision. He described seeing a large sheet in the sky.

"Looking intently into it, I observed and saw the four-legged animals of the earth, the wild beasts, the reptiles and the birds of the sky," Peter said. "I also heard a voice say to me, 'Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat.'"



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Peter said he refused "because nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

The voice said in reply, "What God has made clean, you are not to call profane."

After hearing this three times, the vision ended, Peter said. Then the Holy Spirit told him to go with the men who were coming to see him.

"The Spirit told me to accompany

them without discriminating," Peter explained.

So Peter and six other believers went with the three gentiles to the home of Cornelius, a gentile who had found favor with God. Peter learned that an angel of God had visited Cornelius and told him to summon Peter, who would speak the word that would save Cornelius and his household.

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them as it had upon us at the beginning," Peter said, "and I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift He gave to us when we came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?"

Peter's friends began to glorify God. "God has then granted life-giving repentance to the gentiles too," they said.

### Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them in the correct order to make a sentence from the Good News Story.

**Words:**

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**Sentence:**

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**Answer:** Words: call you clean God has to profane made are not what **Sentence:** What God has made clean, you are not to call profane.



(Photos provided)

### East Dubuque Students Travel to Rockford for Holy Week Mass and Visits

Students from St. Mary School in East Dubuque took a field trip to Rockford on Holy Thursday. First the students attended the Chrism Mass to receive the blessed oils for St. Mary in East Dubuque and Nativity BVM in Scales Mound at the Cathedral of St. Peter. After the reception at the cathedral, the students were invited to take left-over food to St. Mary Oratory, where they also visited the church grotto (above). Then they took food to the Poor Clare Colettines at Corpus Christi Monastery before heading back to the far northwest corner of the Rockford Diocese.

