

sionary instructed.

Introduction—Here is a needle and thread. Of what use is it? Can you remember the name of a good, kind woman who used her needle and thread to make clothing for poor people? Print her name, D-O-R-C-A-S. Recall the story. Here is the town where Dorcas lived—JOPPA. Peter stayed here with a man named Simon, a tanner.

Lesson—Did you ever walk a mile? It was 30 miles from Joppa to this other town—CÆSAREA (outline). In this town lived a man, named Cornelius. He was a soldier (red chalk, stroke), captain of a hundred soldiers (red strokes). He was a good man, kind to the poor, one who prayed always to God, morning, noon and evening, v. 2. Philip had likely taken the good news about Jesus to Cæsarea, ch. 8 : 40. Perhaps Cornelius was praying to God to teach him more about Jesus. God was pleased with Cornelius, and had a wonderful message to send him. You know, in Bible times, when God wanted to send a messenger to His servants in the world, He often sent angels, who came to them in dreams.

Cornelius' Vision—Describe Cornelius praying. An angel comes to him (describe the angel, v. 30). Cornelius obeys, vs. 7-9.

Peter's Vision—When God wants things done, He sends messages to this one and that one, and if each obeys, then all God's work is

done. Here is an Eastern housetop in Joppa (outline). Here is Peter praying on the house-top. God sends a vision to Peter (describe it, vs. 10-16 : see Exposition). Ah! there come three men asking at the door of the house for Peter. God tells Peter to go with them.

Peter at Cæsarea—In this square (Cæsarea) we'll put a number of strokes of different-colored chalk. Peter has now come amongst the Gentiles (explain). He is now a missionary to foreign people. Now he knows why God had sent that strange vision to him. He knows that God loves everybody, and does not "look down upon" nor despise any one. God wants all to know of Jesus and be saved through him. Tell of the conversion of Cornelius and his whole household.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text.

God Wants the Children—God wants all the little children of Canada, of China, of India, of Africa, to know and love Jesus.

A Prayer for the Children—

"Lord, bless the little children, wherever they may be ;

Far out on the silent prairie, down by the deep blue sea,

Like flowers in the crowded city, like birds in the forest tree,

Lord, bless the little children, wherever they may be."

To Think About—God loves everybody.

FROM THE PLATFORM

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CORNELIUS AND PETER

There are three distinct scenes in the Lesson which should be made as vivid as possible. The first presents CORNELIUS (Print). Bring out, by questioning, his office, religious position, character, the visit of the angel, the assurance that God has accepted his prayers and good deeds, the command to send for Peter. The second scene presents PETER (Print). Question about his praying on the housetop, the trance, the vision and what it meant, the coming of Cornelius' messengers, the bidding of the Spirit. The third scene presents both Peter AND (Print) Cornelius. The questioning should follow Peter to the centurion's house, and bring out the main points in his address, followed, as it was, by the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Roman household and their being baptized as believers. Impress the lesson, that those who have the gospel ought to carry or send it to all who have it not, of whatsoever race or country.