BIBLE STORY SHEET

READ the Bible story below, allowing kids to fill in their **Detective Notes Sheet** as directed.

We're solving a mystery and using the Bible to answer some of the questions we have about God. God loves to talk to us, and one of the ways He speaks to us is through the Bible. When we spend time reading our Bible, it's basically like God is talking to us. So as I tell you today's Bible story, listen carefully! We'll collect clues along the way.

There is a story in Acts 10 about a man named Cornelius who spent time with God and heard from Him! Cornelius and his whole family loved God. They gave to people in need, and they spent time with God by praying regularly. One day, while Cornelius was talking to God, an angel spoke to him! (POINT to the first magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) So, for our first clue, you can draw an angel. The angel told Cornelius to invite a man named Peter to come over to his house. So Cornelius told two of his servants and a soldier what the angel said and sent them to find Peter.

While Cornelius' men were on their way, Peter was on his roof praying and spending time with God. As Peter prayed and thought about what God had said to Him, Cornelius' men arrived. God's Spirit told Peter to go with them back to Cornelius' house. So, when Cornelius' men showed up at Peter's house, he went with them. When Peter arrived, he saw that Cornelius had invited his whole family and all of his friends over, too! Peter told everyone who was there the good news that God wanted them to hear—the good news about Jesus! (POINT to the second magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) For our second clue, you can write "Jesus" in Peter's speech bubble.

When Cornelius and Peter spent time with God, they heard exactly what He wanted them to do. And when Cornelius' family and friends spent time with God by listening to Peter tell the good news, they heard about God's love and they chose to believe in Jesus! (POINT to the last magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) In your last magnifying glass, you can draw a happy family. That's because choosing to follow Jesus is the best decision anyone could ever make. And that's our last clue!

Sometimes it may seem difficult to hear from God, but He has made a way for us to know His voice! We can spend time with God by reading our Bible, coming to church, and asking God to speak to us in prayer. Then we will know what God wants us to do just like Cornelius and Peter did.

Cornelius' story solves today's mystery! We can hear from God when we spend time with Him. Let's say that together again:

I Hear From God When I Spend Time With Him