

Read Acts 10:9-16

9 The next day as Cornelius's messengers were nearing the town, Peter went up on the flat roof to pray. It was about noon,

10 and he was hungry. But while a meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

11 He saw the sky open, and something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners.

12 In the sheet were all sorts of animals, reptiles, and birds.

13 Then a voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat them."

14 "No, Lord," Peter declared. "I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure and unclean."

15 But the voice spoke again: "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean."

16 The same vision was repeated three times. Then the sheet was suddenly pulled up to heaven.

What was Peter doing (v. 9)? He went up on the flat roof of Simon's house to pray.

What didn't Peter know? He didn't know that Cornelius' men were coming to see him and they were getting near.

What happened to Peter next as he was waiting to eat (v. 10)? He fell into a trance. Which is kinda' like having a vision from God.

What did Peter see in the trance (v. 11)? The sky opened and a large sheet was let down by its four corners.

What was in the sheet (v. 12)? All kinds of animals and birds.

What did the voice from heaven say to Peter (v. 13)? It's okay to kill and eat any of these animals.

Did Peter know who the voice was (v. 14)? Yes. He called the voice "Lord."

What did Peter say to the Lord? I have never eaten any of these animals. The Old Testament laws says they are dirty animals and God said we're not supposed to eat them.

What did the Lord say to Peter (v. 15)? If God has made the animals, they are not dirty. It's now okay to eat them. God has changed the Old Testament rules for eating. We're now in the New Testament times and things are different.

What happened next (v. 16)? Peter saw the same exact thing three more times. The sheet with the animals was lowered three more times.

Why do yet think the vision was repeated three times? To make sure Peter understood what God was trying to tell him.