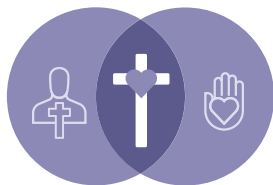


## THE GENTILE CAUSE

LESSON 7

Acts 15:1–14, 22–35

THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYONE.



### CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

#### IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God welcomes all into His family without placing qualifications on them.

#### CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can share my faith with others no matter their background.

### GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

#### ADULT

I can identify how the early Christians resolved the controversy in the text, and I can consider how their approach to teaching that the Gospel is for everyone applies today.

#### YOUTH

I can show how conflict resolution in the text informs Christian debate today and reminds us that the Gospel is for everyone.

#### ELEMENTARY

I understand that the Good News that Jesus is the Savior is for all people everywhere.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God loves me just as I am and forgives my sins for Jesus' sake.

### BIBLE VERSE

For we hold that one is justified by faith  
apart from works of the law.

Romans 3:28

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

A disagreement arises in the Church concerning the Gentile believers. Some want to make the Gentiles follow the Jewish laws. Peter, Paul, and Barnabas give testimony to the Jerusalem Council concerning their work among the Gentiles. The council sends a letter to the Gentile believers, encouraging them and welcoming them as God's chosen people.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—Who is the first person you remember teaching you about Jesus as your Savior? Who teaches you about Jesus today and encourages you in your faith?
- ▶ *At Mealttime*—The people at the Jerusalem Council spent a lot of time talking about rules that believers should follow. Take some time to review the Ten Commandments. Can anyone keep them perfectly? Talk about how Jesus kept them all perfectly for you.
- ▶ *Something to Do*—The people at the Jerusalem Council recognized that God's Word is for all people. Together, make all sorts of gingerbread-cookie people. Dress them in different designs with icing, candies, and raisins.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Pray together as a family for your pastor, asking God to help him speak the Word to all people.

