

# I CAN INVITE PEOPLE



Give the family members 1 minute to list down the names of people they know who might not know Jesus. They may be people in your families, your friends, people you regularly meet in your neighborhood, or even people you just know casually.

You may spend time sharing with each other why you thought of these specific people.

Then, set aside the list and we will come back to it later.



Acts 10:23b-38

*23 So Peter invited the men to stay for the night. The next day he went with them, accompanied by some of the brothers from Joppa. 24 They arrived in Caesarea the following day. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter entered his home, Cornelius fell at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter pulled him up and said, "Stand up! I'm a human being just like you!" 27 So they talked together and went inside, where many others were assembled. 28 Peter told them, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. 29 So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me." 30 Cornelius replied, "Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me. 31 He told me, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God! 32 Now send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.' 33 So I sent for you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here, waiting before God to hear the message the Lord has given you."*

*34 Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. 35 In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. 36 This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. 38 And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."*

Many people are searching for the right direction, truth, and something constant that they can hold on to. God himself sent us an invitation through His son Jesus Christ who died on the cross to save us from our sins. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". Only through Jesus we can be restored back to God the Father by acknowledging that Christ Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

We know this truth and one way we can share it with others is by inviting people to join us. It may be to a church service, a Victory group or a huddle group, summer camps or other activities and events where they can hear about the gospel. We can also invite them to our homes so they can see how we live.

Inviting or reaching out to people doesn't necessarily mean that we have to preach the gospel to them. Just like what Cornelius did, he invited his relatives and friends to his house. They heard the Word of God through the preaching of Peter.



Parent to Kid/s:  
2-6 years old

Have you ever been invited to a party? Tell everybody what you remembered best about it. Are you glad you were invited?

7-12 years old

When was the last time you received an invitation? Did you say "yes" or "no"? Why?

Kid/s to Parent:

Have you experienced rejections with your invitations in the past? How did you respond? What is the best response when people reject an invitation to church?

Take out the list you made earlier (see CONNECT activity). Think about how you can invite each of those people to come to church. Pray and ask God to make an opportunity to invite them and believe that God will work in their hearts. If they do not accept your invitation, do not feel bad. You have already opened a door for them just by extending the invitation. It is important that we invite people to church without fear of rejection because it is God who will orchestrate things as we obey Him.

Here are some links you can use to invite them:

To invite kids to a Kids Church Online service

> [youtube.com/VictoryKidsFort](https://youtube.com/VictoryKidsFort)

To invite kids to a Victory Huddle Group

> [bit.ly/Huddle4Kids](https://bit.ly/Huddle4Kids)

To invite an adult like your uncle or auntie to a local church

> [victory.org.ph/find-a-church/](https://victory.org.ph/find-a-church/)

To invite someone who is a teenager or a college student

> [enc.ph/](https://enc.ph/)



Dear God, we pray that Your courage will be upon us as we invite our relatives and friends to hear Your Word and know that You are our God who loves us so much. Help us to be sensitive to their openness to an invitation to church. Give us ideas on how to lead people to faith in Christ. Use us mightily as your instruments so that people will come to know You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Have you ever considered that simply inviting someone to church could be all it takes for Jesus to take hold of them and change their life? All you have to do is ask them to come! It seems too simple, right?

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes; first to the Jews, then to the Gentile.

For those of you who simply do not invite others because you do not know how, consider doing these steps

1. List down names of the people who might not know God in a deep way yet (The list you just did earlier!)
2. Pray for them even before talking to them
3. Talk to them and ask how they have been
4. Spend time with them if you have common interests
5. Share that you have been having a great time at church (If you really do have been having a great time of course.)
6. Invite them!

You may do numbers 3 and 4 many times before going to number 5!