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# Application Guide: Acts 11

## 1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever set a new trend or been the first one to try something that none of your friends had ever tried? How did it turn out?

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- b. Have you ever gotten in trouble for doing something good? How did you explain yourself?

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## 2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

**Picture it:** Imagine that you live in a place where everyone looks like you do—only one race of people for miles around. Everyone looks like they could be your brother, sister, aunt, uncle or cousin. Then, someone with different hair and skin color shows up. You decide to stand up and boldly make friends with this new person because of what you learned in Acts 10, and you get in trouble for it. When you go to explain your actions, like Peter did, what would you say? How would you explain that this is what Jesus did for us when He left heaven to come to earth as our Savior?

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**Now imagine the opposite is true:** You are going to a new country to work on a special project, and suddenly you are the one who looks different and isn't familiar with the local customs. How would you feel? Isolated and alone? Awkward? How would you want people in this new country to treat you?

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Now imagine that you are going to this new country as a missionary. Would it feel different? Why?

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Do you think we should act like missionaries in our own country? Why?

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**3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)**

**Choose one or both:**

- a. Think of someone you know at school/church/work that is not well accepted due to his or her race or culture. Think of two ways you can reach out, showing kindness and acceptance to this person this week.
- b. Think of someone at school/church/work that you can witness to. Make plans to share one of your favorite Christian books with them and ask them if they have any prayer requests you can pray for.

**4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)**

- a. Pray for Jesus to help you better understand Peter's dream. Ask Jesus to show you the areas in your life where you need to be more accepting and loving.
- b. Ask Jesus to bring to mind the ways that you can be a cross-cultural missionary, just like Jesus was when He left heaven and came to earth.

**5. Outreach Idea**

Talk to your Sabbath School and/or Pathfinder leaders about conducting a type of Sabbath afternoon or Sunday outreach project. Find an area in your town where there are people that are different from you that could use help with either spiritual or physical needs. Check into refugee housing projects, homeless shelters and such, and ask about shut-ins from your church. Find a need, then be the hands and feet of Jesus to meet it.

