



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 2, Lesson 8

## Peter and Tabitha (Dorcas)

Lesson Aim: To learn ways our lives can  
point people to Jesus.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is the kindest thing someone has done for you?

**GAME:** Tabitha's Clothes

### THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

Read Worship Scripture: Jeremiah 31:3.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

### THE WORD TABITHA IS RAISED TO LIFE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God made Saul a bold witness for His kingdom.

If a Bible Timeline is available, point out Peter and Tabitha. Point out Joppa, Israel. **In the city of Joppa, Tabitha was known for her kindness. As we read, listen for ways God used her and Peter to point the people of Joppa to Jesus.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 9:36-42. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 9:42. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY YOU CAN POINT OTHERS TO JESUS

**What did Tabitha do to show God's kindness?** (She was always doing good and helping the poor.) **What did she make?** (Clothes.) **People knew Tabitha believed in Jesus. How did her life point them to Him?** (She showed His kindness.) **What can you do to show the kindness of Jesus? What can you do to help the poor? God makes our hearts to want to do good in different ways such as helping, healing, teaching, or encouraging others. What special talents and interests has God given you? How might those point others to Jesus?**

**God had a plan for Tabitha's life that would point others to Jesus. That was God's plan for Peter, too. He was one of Jesus' first followers. God made Peter a leader that boldly took action. God**

**gave him a heart to want everyone to follow Jesus and a talent to speak boldly about Jesus. Peter had witnessed God raise three people from the dead. Do you remember who?** (Jairus' daughter, Lazarus, and Jesus.) **How might seeing those miracles have helped Peter trust God could bring Tabitha back to life? What miracle have you seen or heard about that helps you trust God for miracles?**

**What did Peter do that shows you he knew he could not raise Tabitha to life on his own?** (He prayed.) **Peter prayed on his knees. In what position do you like to pray? How does that position help you focus on God? Through this miracle, many people in Joppa believed in Jesus. Peter did three things when he was with Tabitha:**

- **First, Peter PRAYED. Why is it important for us to pray first?** (We come closer to God and are more able to do things His way.)
- **Then, Peter boldly ASKED Tabitha to get up. When we trust God, we can boldly ask others to trust God and make a choice or take action.**
- **Finally, Peter LENT A HAND to Tabitha. He helped her do what he challenged her to do. It's important to help others with their challenges so they don't get discouraged.**

**With the help of the Holy Spirit, you can point people to Jesus, like Peter. Who can you pray for, ask to trust God, and lend a hand to this week?** See GOT TIME? DISCUSSION: P.A.L. BRAINSTORM.

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**God had a plan for both Tabitha and Peter. Many in Joppa believed in Jesus because of this plan. God promises He has plans for your life, too. Let's find that promise in the Bible.** Reveal Jeremiah 29:11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: P.A.L. card
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #8
- OFFERING OF ART: Peter lending his hand to Tabitha
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Kind Service

**GAME:** Kindness Charades

**CRAFT:** Covered in Kindness Blankets

**DISCUSSION:** P.A.L. Brainstorm

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Erase It, Then Say It; Balloon Toss

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**