

At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5 Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation Unit 2, Lesson 8

Peter and Tabitha (Dorcas)

Lesson Aim: To know we can help others.

THE WELCOME

TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Help others."

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the Holy Spirit who changes us. He changes us to be more and more like Jesus. One way we can be more like Jesus is to help others. That is today's Whisper Verse. Let's try it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "Help others." Include sign language.

God will give us the strength to help others. Sing: "I Can Do Everything."

One way we can help others is to give our offering. These offerings are used to help people grow closer to Jesus. Sing: "Change My Heart, O God" or "How Wide?" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Today, we will hear a story about a lady named Tabitha. She was always doing good. She made clothes and helped the poor. When she died, Peter said, "Tabitha, get up!" and God did a miracle—she came back to life! Our God is mighty! Sing: "Mighty to Save."

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Tabitha and Peter both believed in Jesus. When others heard what happened to Tabitha, they believed in Jesus, too. The Bible says that anyone who believes in Jesus is a new creation. Sing Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song: "A New Creation."

THE WORD GOD BRINGS TABITHA BACK TO LIFE CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God kept Saul safe while he told others about Jesus. Today, we will see how Tabitha helped others. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 9:36.

WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 9:36-42

Read poem. Display visual.

- > There once was a lady named Tabitha.
- > Everyone knew she was kind.
- > She made clothes and helped the poor,
- > Doing good for others all the time.
- When Tabitha died, her friends all cried.
- > They asked Peter to come to her bed.
- He got down on his knees and prayed.
- > "Tabitha, get up!" was all he said.
- He reached out his hand and helped her up.
- > Her friends saw she lived once more.
- When everyone heard that she was alive,
- Many believed in her Lord.

Who helped the poor people in this story? (Tabitha.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Acts 9:36 from the teacher's Bible.

Tabitha helped others. Can you help others, too? (Yes.) Let's say our Whisper Verse together: "Help others." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY WE CAN HELP OTHERS

CRAFT: "Tabitha, Get Up!" Puppet

GAMES: "Tabitha, Get Up," "Help Others" Ball Roll

SNACK: Help Serve Snacks **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Acts 9:36-42

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: New Hearts, "New Heart"

Memory Pass

STORY TIME