



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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.) **The people of Joppa knew Tabitha believed in Jesus. How did her life point them to Jesus?** (She showed Jesus' kindness.) **What can you do to show the kindness of Jesus to others?**

God makes each of 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 good 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 knew Jesus brought Jairus' daughter and Lazarus back to life. He knew Jesus had risen from the dead. How might seeing those miracles have helped him trust God could bring Tabitha back to life? What miracle have you seen or heard about that helps you trust God for other miracles?

What is the first thing Peter did once he was with Tabitha? (He prayed.) **What miracle did God do through Peter?** (God brought Tabitha back to life.) **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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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