

# **PETER AND TABITHA**

BABY/ TODDLER LESSON
ACTS 9

#### **BIBLE POINT:**

We can follow Jesus.

### BIBLE VERSE:

"They continued to tell the Good News-that Jesus is the Messiah." Acts 5:42

### **SCHEDULE**

Activity

Prayer

Worship

**Bible Story** 

Craft

#### ACTIVITY:

Have your child look in the mirror. Talk to your child about the nice clothes we have to wear. Point to their shirt. Talk about the color and how soft it is. Talk about other articles of clothing. "Socks keep our feet warm, and shoes help us so we can run outside!" Have your child try on other pieces of clothing. Laugh and talk about silly outfits. Say, "Today, we are going to learn about a kind lady named Tabitha who made clothes just like what you are wearing to help her friends."

#### PRAYER:

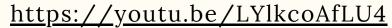
It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for the child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

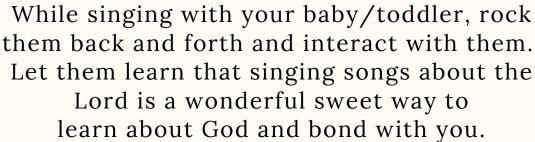
Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for loving us. Help us to love and care for others just like Tabitha did. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

#### **WORSHIP:**

Sing "God's Love Is So Wonderful".

Click link below to watch and sing along.











#### BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth." Hug the Bible to your chest.

"Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

#### Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from Acts 9:36-43.

"In a town nearby where Peter was teaching about Jesus there was a kind lady named Tabitha. Tabitha loved Jesus and every day she showed that love by helping people. Tabitha enjoyed making clothes for people who did not have a lot of money. Everyone loved Tabitha because she was so kind. But sadly one day, Tabitha got very sick! Everyone was so sad! Her friends found where Peter was teaching and asked if he would come to Tabitha' house. He came and saw many people at Tabitha' house. Tabitha' friends showed Peter all the pretty clothes Tabitha had made them.

#### **BIBLE STORY CONTINUED:**

Peter saw how sad everyone was. He asked everyone to leave, and He got down on his knees to pray to God. Then Peter said, "Tabitha, get up!" Tabitha opened her eyes and she sat up in her bed! Peter called all her friends into the room. There standing in front of them was Tabitha. They were so excited to see their friend better! Many people believed in Jesus because of what God had done. He made Tabitha all better! What a wonderful story about how God takes care of us! God wants us to be like Tabitha and love and help others. We can help others by telling our friends about God and how much He loves us!"

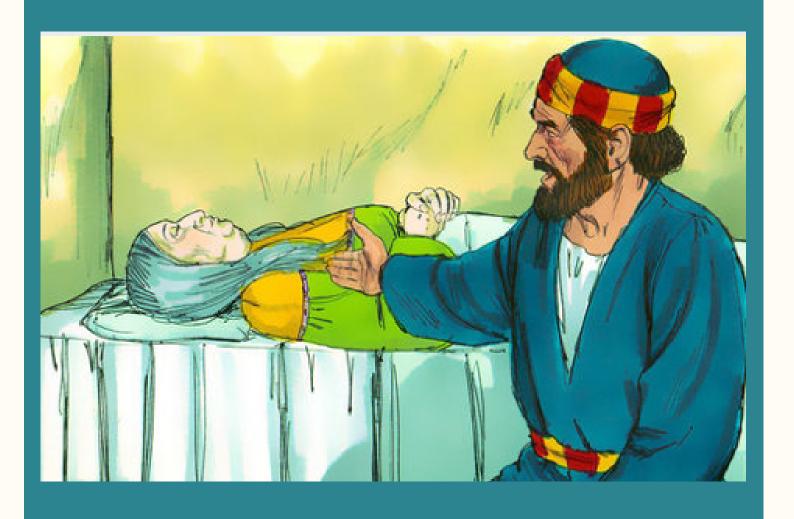
#### TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

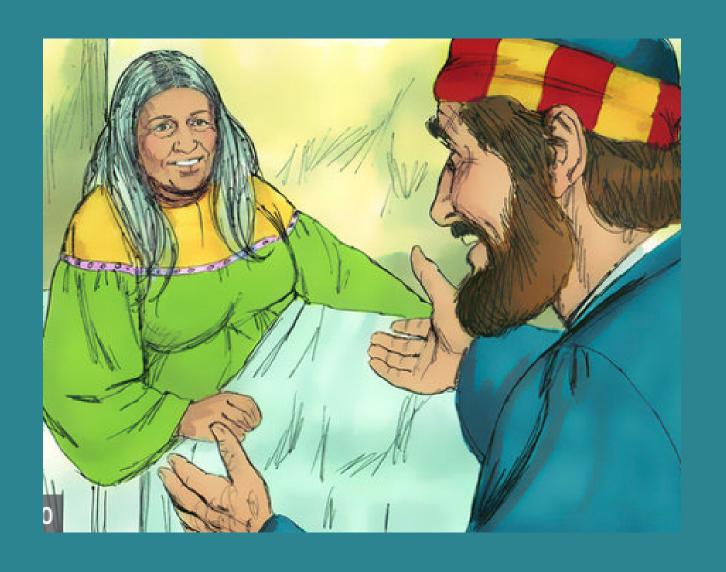
#### AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

God Loves You So Much!
God takes such good care of us!
God wants us to love and care for others.

## TEACHING PICTURES



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#### **CRAFT:**

Print out the "Tabitha Followed Jesus and Helped Others" sheet.

For this craft, talk to your child about how Tabitha loved and helped others. Talk about the amazing miracle God performed that made Tabitha feel better!

Get out glue, scissors, tissue paper, and the "Tabitha" sheet. Cut tissue paper in different shapes and sizes. Help your child add the tissue paper pieces to the shirt. Finish decorating with crayons or stickers.





