

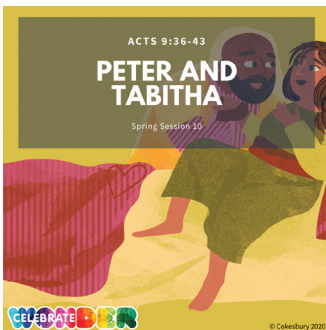
UNIT 3: LOVE • SESSION 10:

“Peter and Tabitha”

ACTS 9:36-43



SHARING LOVE: This week's story is about a special disciple named Tabitha. Her Greek name is Dorcas. She was known for her good works and compassion. She helped those in need in her community of Joppa and made clothing for them. Sadly, Tabitha fell ill and died. Peter was called to come to her home quickly. Everyone loved Tabitha and was so very sad. Peter performed a miracle and brought Tabitha back to life. This is not easily explained but miracles show us the power of God and that's what the people felt. It helped the community to understand that they were to love one another just like Tabitha had loved them. **It inspired the people to share God's love.**



BIBLE STORY: Acts 4:32-37

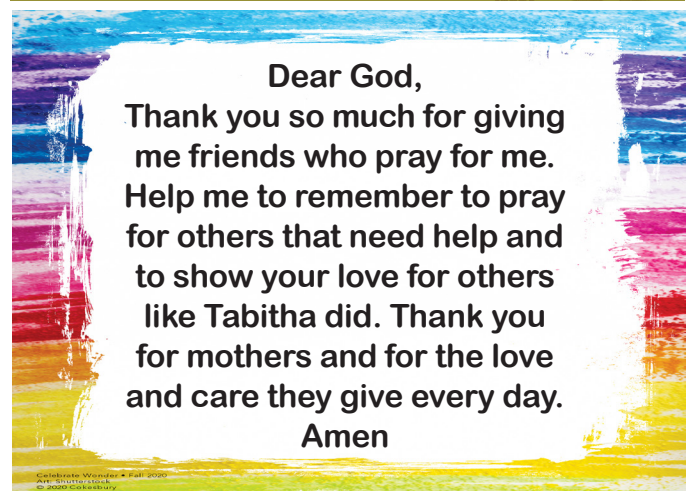
There was a disciple named Tabitha. She loved and cared for everyone who was in need. She made tunics and clothing to give away to people. Tabitha became very sick, and she died. Her friends washed her body and laid her body on a bed.

Her friends were very sad. They heard that Peter was nearby, so they sent two people to find him. The two people found Peter and begged him to come back to Tabitha's house. Peter went with them. Peter entered Tabitha's room. All of Tabitha's friends were there crying. Peter asked everyone to leave Tabitha's room. He knelt down and prayed. Then Peter said, "Tabitha get up!" Tabitha opened her eyes and sat up. Peter helped her stand as they called all of Tabitha's friends back into the room. She was alive!

Take time this week to think about who you rely on in hard times. Who shows you God's love? Tabitha's friends all prayed for her and Peter prayed for her. Praying for one another is an important part of our faith and one way that we can share God's love.

Love each other like the members of your family.

Romans 12:10a



WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- Who was loving in this Bible story? How did Tabitha show love? Peter? The community?
- Why do you think the community turned to Peter for help?
- When you are not feeling well, who takes care of you? What do they do to show you love when you are sick?
- **It's Mother's Day! What special way can you show love to your family today? How can you celebrate your mother in a special way?**
- **Our story says that Tabitha made clothes for the community. What is your favorite outfit to wear? Do you know who made it? Say a quick prayer for whoever made your clothes even if you don't know them.**
- **We have started "Community Raisers" at St. Luke's. These are events that help us raise money to share with St. Luke's ministries. Can you help us fill up our Community Raiser "Kids Share" coin jar?**

The People in the Church Loved One Another

Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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ALIVE
DEAD

DISCIPLES
DORCAS

JOPPA
PETER

PRAYER
ROBES

SEWING
TABITHA