

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Peter Raises Tabitha

WHAT YOU NEED

- Piece of paper
- Pencil/pen

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LET'S READ THE BIBLE

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Have someone in your family read the following passage:

- Acts 9:36-42

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Today we are learning about a special lady called Tabitha. She was not special because she was raised from the dead, but because of the kind of life she had. The way she lived for God before she died is just as important as God raising her from the dead.

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Tabitha was a disciple of Jesus. Jesus was her teacher. She was careful to follow and obey what Jesus taught.

Tabitha (whose name was also Dorcas) was "full of good works and charitable deeds." This means she spent her time doing good things for people. She also helped the poor people and widows of her city.

But then Tabitha became sick and later died. Two men who came to Peter and asked him to come quickly. Peter immediately went with the men. Peter prayed for Tabitha and she came back to life!

Tabitha teaches us to be true disciples in word and deed. We can't only say that we are disciples/followers of Jesus but our lives don't show it. We have to live what we believe.

Peter teaches us to be an available servant. He immediately went to Tabitha's house and he was willing to let God do His work through him.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- How did Tabitha serve others?
- What was Tabitha also called?
- Was Peter able to raise her from the dead by his own power or by God's power?
- How did God receive glory for Tabitha's death?
- Why was Tabitha considered to be a true disciple/follower of Jesus?

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NOW WHAT?

- Are you a true disciple/follower of Jesus? (*Use opportunity to pray with your kids if they don't feel they are true disciples/followers of Jesus yet*)
- Does your life show others that you are a disciple/follower of Jesus?

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Serving others is a really good way of showing that we follow Jesus.
- Take the piece of paper, brainstorm and write down 3 ways your family can serve others
- Once you have 3 ideas, pick the one you're most likely to do as a family and then write a date down to commit to doing that thing by that date. Have fun serving together!

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