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## MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Tabitha Helps

**ACTS 9:36-42**

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## BIBLE WORDS

"You are the light of the world."

**MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV**

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## BOTTOM LINE

You can love like Jesus.

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## BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

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The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

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## STORY TIME:

- Tell It

## CRAFT TIME:

- Fabric Construction
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## STORY TIME

*Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a woman named Tabitha. Tabitha loved Jesus, and she looked for ways she could love like Jesus and help others. Tabitha was good at sewing, so she helped by making clothes for people. Tabitha loved like Jesus and helped others. And we can love like Jesus and help others too! **You can love like Jesus.**"

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## CRAFT TIME

*Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Fabric Construction" Activity Page, cardstock, scrapbook paper in a variety of patterns, construction paper, scissors, glue sticks, baby wipes, and permanent marker

### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Fabric Construction" on cardstock, one per child. Cut scrapbook paper and construction paper into 2"-3" squares, rectangles, and hearts, approximately ten pieces per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Help children glue the shapes on their paper to make a quilted piece of fabric. Clean hands as needed.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "In our story, Tabitha looked for ways she could help others with her sewing. She made lots of clothes out of fabric! Let's decorate your paper to look like a beautiful piece of fabric by gluing different pieces of paper to it. Pick out the papers you want to use, and I'll help you put glue on them. Press your shapes on your paper to help them stick. *(Pause.)* Look at the beautiful piece of fabric you made! Tabitha made clothes out of fabric. That's how she loved people like Jesus. **You can love like Jesus** and cover a toy with your special piece of fabric like a snuggly robe when you get home."