
MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Tabitha Helps

ACTS 9:36-42

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.

BIBLE WORDS

"You are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

STORY TIME:

- Show It

CRAFT TIME:

- Love
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BOTTOM LINE

You can love like Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

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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 and "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

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. (*Hold up the picture of Tabitha.*) Tabitha loved Jesus, and she looked for ways she could love (*hold up the picture of the heart*) like Jesus and help others. Tabitha was good at sewing, so she helped by making clothes for people. (*Hold up the picture of Tabitha giving a dress to a woman.*) 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: "Love" and "Heart" Activity Pages, cardstock, washable paints in a variety of bright colors, paper plates, paintbrushes, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Love" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Heart" on cardstock and cut, one heart per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Pour paint on paper plates.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Cover the writing on each child's paper with the heart cutout. Paint child's hand and press it down on the paper in two different places on their paper. Be sure to hold the heart cutout while stamping child's hand. Clean hand. Paint child's hand another color and repeat. Continue until the paper is filled. Clean hands. Gently remove the heart cutout and throw away. Set child's painting aside to dry.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], when you use your hands to help **You can love like Jesus**. Let's paint your hands and make a beautiful picture. *(Make sure the heart is covering the writing, then paint child's hand.)* I'll help you press your hand down on your paper. *(Pause.)* Let's press it on your paper one more time. *(Pause.)* We'll clean your hand and paint it another color. *(Repeat as desired.)* Watch this. *(Remove the heart cutout.)* Look! There is a heart on your paper, and hearts make us think of love! **You can love like Jesus.**"