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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**

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**BASIC TRUTH**

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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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- Draw It

**CRAFT TIME:**

- Coat and Dress
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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, butcher paper, and markers in a variety of colors

**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. (*Draw a simple stick figure of Tabitha.*) Tabitha loved Jesus and looked for ways she could love (*draw a heart*) like Jesus and help others."

"Tabitha was good at sewing, so she helped by making clothes for people. If someone needed a coat, she made them a coat. (*Draw a simple stick figure man, then draw a coat on him.*) If someone needed a new dress, she made them a new dress. (*Draw a simple stick figure woman with a dress and a rip, then fill in the dress with a color covering the rip.*) Tabitha looked for ways to love like Jesus and help others. And we can love like Jesus and help others too!  
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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:** "Coat and Dress" and "Coat and Dress Cutouts" Activity Pages, cardstock, glue sticks, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Coat and Dress" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Copy "Coat and Dress Cutouts" on cardstock and cut, one set per child.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Help children rub glue on the back of their cutouts and place on their paper. Clean hands as needed.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We learned that Tabitha from our Bible Story liked to sew. So, she made things people needed, like this coat! (*Rub glue on the back.*) Press the coat on the man. (*Pause.*) She made a dress for a woman. (*Rub glue on the back.*) Press the dress on the woman. (*Pause.*) Tabitha loved like Jesus by helping others. **You can love like Jesus** too."