
MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Tabitha Helps

ACTS 9:36-42

BIBLE WORDS

"You are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

BOTTOM LINE

You can love like Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

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.

STORY TIME:

- Act It

CRAFT TIME:

- Lacey Prints
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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 looked for ways she could love like Jesus and help others. Everyone, make a heart over your head like this. (*Demonstrate.*)

"Tabitha was good at sewing. Let's pretend we are sewing like Tabitha. Hold your sewing needle like this and move it in and out. (*Demonstrate.*) Good job! Tabitha was good at sewing, so she helped by making clothes for people. If Tabitha saw someone who was cold, she made them a coat. Let's sew a coat! (*Pause.*) Great job! If Tabitha saw someone who needed a dress, she made them a dress. Let's sew a dress! (*Pause.*) Now the woman has a new dress. Tabitha looked for ways to love like Jesus and help 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: "Lacey Prints" Activity Page, cardstock, 6" paper doilies, dot markers, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Lacey Prints" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to put their doily on their paper and stamp their dot marker over it. Move the doily and stamp around on the page and repeat. Discard the doily and clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's make some pretty designs on your paper with these doilies. Put your doily on your paper, and press the dot markers over it like this. (*Demonstrate.*) You can use all the colors. (*Pause.*) Now move your doily to another spot on your paper and add more marker to it. (*Repeat as desired.*) Now let's take your doilies off. Look at the beautiful patterns you made! (*Pause.*) It's like you made a beautiful piece of fabric! Tabitha loved like Jesus and used her hands to make beautiful clothes out of fabric to help others. You can help others and **You can love like Jesus.**"