



**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:

- Game It

CRAFT TIME:

- Handprint Flame

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, "Tabitha's Goods" Activity Page copied on cardstock and cut out, toy car, toy food, and crayon

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.

"Did Tabitha love like Jesus by making a car? (*Hold up the toy car.*) Nooo! Tabitha didn't make any cars. Did Tabitha love like Jesus by making a [toy food]? (*Hold up the toy food.*) Nooo! Tabitha didn't make a [toy food]. Did Tabitha love like Jesus by giving someone a crayon? (*Hold up the crayon.*) Nooo! Tabitha didn't give anyone a crayon. Well, what about these things? (*Hold up the pictures of a coat and dress.*) Did Tabitha love like Jesus by making clothes? (*Pause.*) Yes! Tabitha was good at sewing so that's how she loved like Jesus! Yay, Tabitha! 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: "Handprint Flame" Activity Page, cardstock, washable yellow ink pads, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

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

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Help children cover their palm with ink and press it at the top of the candle.
Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, we shine like a bright light when we love like Jesus. When we help others like Tabitha, we shine bright. Let's make a light with our hand. *(Cover child's hand with yellow ink.)* I'll help you press your hand at the top of the candle on your paper. *(Clean hands.)* Look how bright and shiny your sweet little handprint is. I can love like Jesus and **You can love like Jesus.**"