

# Acts-Revelation

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## Dorcas is alive!

## Acts 9:36-42

### Younger Verse Older Verse

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### Welcome Time

Have you ever had someone make something special for you? In today's lesson we will hear about a woman who did good things for others.

### Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

In a town called Joppa, there was a lady named Tabitha. In another language her name was Dorcas. She was always helping others and doing good. She would make beautiful clothing for people. She would use a needle and thread to sew fabric together to make clothing. Dorcas would give them away! She really cared for others.

One day she became sick and died. Everyone was so sad because Dorcas was so kind to others.

Then, the women had an idea. They heard that Peter, Jesus' friend, was in the next town. They asked two men to go to Peter and ask him to come quickly.

Peter got the message and hurriedly came to Joppa. When he found the women, they immediately took him upstairs to her body. All the women began to cry. They showed Peter all the beautiful robes and clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent all the women out of the room. Then he got down on his knees and prayed. Then looking at Dorcas he said, "Get up!" Dorcas opened her eyes and sat up!

Peter helped her get up. Then, he called all the believers and women into the room. They couldn't believe their eyes! She was alive! They were so excited. God had done a miracle!

Because of the miracle, many people believed in Jesus and trusted Him. Peter stayed in the town of Joppa for a while to help people learn more about Jesus.

### Lesson Goals

Explain some of the things Dorcas did for others  
See how God made a miracle happen to Dorcas

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Dorcas did special things to help others. It really made a difference in their lives. Peter helped others know about Jesus. What are some ways that YOU can help others and make a difference.

Jesus gave us a gift too! He made a way for us to get to heaven if we believe in Him. He made the ultimate sacrifice by dying on a cross to take our punishment for the wrong things we have done. Jesus wants to give us the gift of Heaven. It is by believing in Him and trusting Him with all our heart. If you want to know what it means to have Jesus in your heart, talk to us about it.

**Learning Activities**

Think about ways that they can help others and tell them about Jesus.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Trace your hand and write one word of the verse on each finger. Put the verse reference on the palm. Encourage them to do a kind deed this week.

**Prayer Time**

Pray and ask God to let us find ways to help others this week.

**Clean Up/Snack time**

Enjoy snacks together. See if the group can share extra snacks with friends or kids that did not come. Remind them not to eat them.

Preschool Lesson  
For  
Dorcas is alive!

Bring a needle and thread to show the kids how to sew material together. Be sure that you control the needle so that no one is injured.

During Bible times, the women used needle and thread to sew clothes together. It took a long time to make shirts, pants, and skirts.

One lady that loved to sew was named Dorcas. She made many beautiful pieces of clothing and gave them to others as gifts. She was very kind and enjoyed helping others. Everyone who received a gift from her was so happy.

One day Dorcas got very sick. Back then, there were not many kinds of medicines like today. Even though many people tried to help, Dorcas died.

The whole town was so sad because they loved her.

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Dorcas was kind to others and helped many people. God wants us to be kind to others also.

Sing this song to the tune of "The more we get together."

The more we help each other, each other, each other,  
The more we help each other, the happier we'll be.  
Cuz our friends are your friends and your friends are our friends.  
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## Hands-On Activities For Dorcas is alive!

Try threading yarn through cardstock with punched holes in it. Wrap tape around the end of the yarn to serve as a “needle.”

Let kids decorate T-shirts with paint. Be careful that they do not spill on themselves.

Make a special gift for someone else. They can mold play dough into an object and let it harden or make a special craft project.

Create a “Handy” snack. Put popped popcorn into a clear plastic disposable glove to look like a hand. Talk about how Dorcas used her hands to help others. Ask them to share how they can help someone else.

Dorcas had two names: Dorcas and Tabitha. Dorcas was her name in one language and Tabitha was her name in another language. For example, in English a name is John and in Spanish it is Juan. Do you have a name that is different in another language? Share them or make up a fun one!

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