

## United with Families

May 8, 2022

**Bible Verse:** "There was a disciple named Tabitha who was always doing good and helping the poor." Acts 9:36

## Identity of Resistance

Acts 9:36-43

**The Story:** Tabitha, whose Greek name was Dorcas, lived in Joppa. She was a disciple of Jesus and was dedicated to doing good deeds and helping the poor. She became sick and died. Peter was in the nearby community of Lydda, so the other believers sent two men to ask that Peter come to Joppa immediately. Peter went with them and when he arrived, they took him to the room where Tabitha was. All the widows were crying and crowded around Peter showing Peter the clothes that Dorcas had made for them. Peter had everyone else leave the room, and then he knelt and prayed. He then said "Tabitha, stand up." She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. Peter helped her to stand. After that the others were invited back in. Peter showed them Tabitha; she was alive! When this became known in Joppa, many more believed in Jesus. Peter stayed in Joppa with Simon who made leather.

**Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/QhIRThe06es> Tabitha | Bible Story | LifeKids Aug 14, 2014

**Talk about:** The story of Tabitha takes place soon after Jesus's resurrection since it features Peter. Tabitha must have been an important and loved member of the Christian community in Joppa since the other believers sent for Peter for help. She, like other believing woman, was a full member of Jesus' community. She is called a disciple just as the men were. For Tabitha/Dorcas faith in God wasn't just a belief it was a lifestyle. What are good works that you can do in your family? Or in your school or neighbourhood? Perhaps as a family you could donate used clothes and other things that you no longer need and others can use to places that collect items.

**Music Videos:** <https://vimeo.com/524012294> *I'm going to live so God can use me*  
<https://youtu.be/G8vfPPfQ0bo> *We All Have Gifts to Share Sep 27, 2011*

**God Sightings:** Think of all the wonderful things you can see; things created by God- our families you, me, stars, sun, moon, animals, birds, and everything! We are looking at ways we see what God is doing or has done all around you. A God Sighting might be a hug or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. **You can be a God Sighting by being kind to others. My God Sighting:**

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**Faith and Prayer:** Amazing God, thank you for knowing what we need. May we have a kind heart like Dorcas and have empathy for those in need. Amen

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### **For Youth (grade 6 and up)**

**Talk about:** Tabitha/Dorcas had a bicultural identity (Hebrew and Greek). Why might she have been known as Dorcas to the widows and Tabitha to Peter and the disciples? What might this dual identity tell us about the choices she needed to make? What influences your identity? When have you found yourself forced to choose between your identity as a follower of the way of Jesus and your identity in the dominant culture?

**Music Video:** <https://youtu.be/reia7eYgsV0> Plumb - Resurrection (Official Lyric Tile Video) Aug 20, 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lko1jccEGNc> Dream God's Dream Performance.mov Feb 7, 2010