

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 253: PETER RAISES TABITHA
ACTS 9:36-43

In the city of Joppa there was a follower of Jesus named Tabitha. Her Greek name, Dorcas, means "a deer." She was always doing good things for people and giving money to those in need. While Peter was in Lydda, Tabitha became sick and died. They washed her body and put it in an upstairs room. The disciples in Joppa heard that Peter was in Lydda, which was not far away. So they sent two men, who begged him, "Hurry, please come quickly!" Peter got ready and went with them. When he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. All the widows stood around him. They were crying and showing him the coats and other clothes that Tabitha had made during her time with them. Peter sent all the people out of the room. He knelt down and prayed. Then he turned to Tabitha's body and said, "Tabitha, stand up!" She opened her eyes. When she saw Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. Then he called the believers and the widows into the room. He showed them Tabitha; she was alive! People everywhere in Joppa learned about this, and many believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for many days at the home of a man named Simon, who was a leatherworker.

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he called the believers and widows, he presented her alive..." ACTS 9:41-42

Review Questions

True or False

1. In Joppa, there was a disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas.
2. Tabitha was very mean.
3. Tabitha became sick and died.
4. Peter was in Lydda, which was near Joppa, when Tabitha died.
5. Since Lydda was near Joppa and the other believers heard that Peter was there, they told him to stay there in Lydda.
6. The other disciples sent two men to Peter and asked him to come quickly back to Joppa, but Peter would not go with them.

Questions

1. What happened to Tabitha when she got sick?
2. After Tabitha died, what did the disciples who were in Joppa do to find Peter?
3. When Peter got back to the house, what were the widows who were upstairs do?
4. What did Peter do after he sent everyone out of the upstairs room?
5. After Peter told Tabitha to stand up, what happened?
6. What happened when people all around found out about what happened?

Lesson 253 Activity

Our Faithful Tongue

We have very faithful tongues. They taste things for us all day long. But what would happen if our tongues decided not to taste any more?

Have several volunteers dry off their tongues with a paper towel. Place several different tasting things on their tongues (sugar, salt, lemon, etc.) and ask them to shake their heads “yes” or “no” if they taste anything. They won’t be able to taste until their tongues are moist again.

Explain to your class that we need to be faithful to what God has created us for. If we are not, just like our dry tongues, we will not be able to be what we have been created to be: servants of the living God.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY – ACT IT OUT!!!

Have the children act out the lesson – one child can be Peter, one child Tabitha, some children the widows and others disciples. Give each child an opportunity to play the part he or she wishes to play.

Important Lessons

Tabitha teaches us to be true disciples in word and deed. The disciples teach us to have faith in God for the miraculous. Peter teaches us to be an available servant. **We can trust God for the miraculous.**

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust in the Lord for all things, even the miraculous. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.