

Lesson 21: Peter Raises Tabitha from the Dead

[Acts 9:36-43](#)

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/2FGb5kSd_VA

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/LDvAaUVKxhs>

Worship Theme: God works through people.

Memory Verse: "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." (Philippians 2:13)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
2. I Can Do All Things Through Christ <https://youtu.be/RAti7KCmlvM>
3. Our God Is So Strong <https://youtu.be/VvrF94VKKHA>

Pray

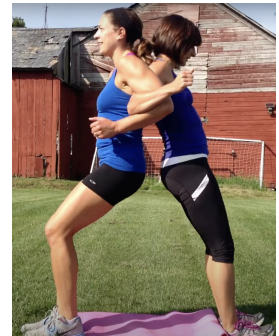
Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Back to Back



1. Have each child find a partner who is about similar in their body size.
2. Have each partner sit back-to-back with their arms hooked together and their feet flat on the floor in front of them and knees are up towards their chest.

3. The goal of this game is for the players to stand up without using any hands.
4. Just as your partner helped you to stand up without using your hands, God works through people to help others. Think about people around you who may need your help!



Introduction:

Who is God using to help you? How about people like teachers, doctors, pastors, and parents? God always works through people to achieve his goals. God has the power to do everything himself, but God works through people because this helps people to grow in faith and relationship with God. Today, we will learn about a person whom God used to bring a woman back to life!

Bible Story:

Our Bible story today is about a woman named Tabitha. Tabitha was a very nice woman. The bible says that Tabitha was always doing good and helped the poor, especially the widows. One way Tabitha helped poor people was by making clothes for them. One day Tabitha got sick and died. All the people she had helped came and cried because she was dead. They were very sad to lose their friend and even brought the clothes Tabitha made for them.

Some people heard that Peter was in a nearby town, so they asked Peter to come. The people showed their clothes to Peter and told him how special Tabitha was. Peter asked everyone to leave the room. When he was alone with Tabitha, he prayed, because he needed to know how God wanted to use him. Peter knew that God works through people.

Through prayer, Peter learned that God wanted to use him to bring Tabitha back to life. So, he looked at Tabitha and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then Tabitha miraculously opened her eyes through the power of God when Peter prayed and came back to life! Can you imagine how excited everyone was? They were glad that God used Peter to help Tabitha come back to life!

Part of God's plan is that everybody will know who Jesus is. Do you know that there are some people who may be depending on you to tell them about Jesus? God chooses to work through people. When we try to be like Jesus and do what he wants us to do, we do good deeds. People know more about God when they see our good deeds. Pray to God today and ask God to use you to help people learn about Jesus!

Questions to discuss:

1. What kind of a person was Tabitha? (always doing good and helping the poor)
2. What happened to her? (she got sick and died)
3. Who did God use to bring Tabitha back to life? (Peter)
4. Has God ever worked through you to do good and help others? (let the children answer)
5. Who can you share the good news about Jesus to in your life? (let the children answer)

Game: God Works Through People

Material Needed: Candy or some snack

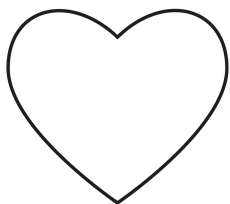
1. Listen carefully to the description of what God did through some of the people in the bible. If you know who this is about, then raise your hand and say the name. If the answer is correct, you get a candy!
2. God worked through this person to be the mother of Jesus - Mary
3. God worked through this person to be the father of Jesus - Joseph
4. God worked through this person to raise Tabitha from the dead - Peter
5. God worked through this person to write 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament - Paul
6. God worked through this person to build an ark before the flood - Noah
7. God worked through this person to have a son when he was 100 years old - Abraham
8. God worked through this person to split the Red Sea - Moses
9. Teacher can make up more questions.



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Craft: Colorful Heart

Material Needed: Colorful sheets of paper; Heart on a paper (see below to print); glue



1. Give each child the paper with a blank heart.
2. Give each child one sheet of colored paper so that every child has different colored paper.
3. They need to fill their heart with as many colors as possible. In order to do this, they ask their friends to rip off some pieces of paper and as well as rip off some of their one paper to give to others.



4. The child with the most colorful heart wins with game.
5. Remember, God works through people. We need to always be ready to let God work through us to share the Good News of Jesus and to help others!

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Think about how Peter had made many mistakes prior to the death and resurrection of Jesus. His biggest mistake would be denying Jesus 3 times before Jesus was crucified. But God did not give up on Peter. He not only forgave Peter but restored him and strengthened him. What do you feel ashamed of? Confess your sins to God now, and experience complete healing like Peter.

