

Children and family talk for Sunday 8th May 2022

Good morning!

Thankyou for joining me today as we continue our journey through the bible. Last week we heard about Peter and some of the other followers of Jesus, meeting Jesus on the beach and having breakfast together, before Jesus sent them to tell others that he was alive, and to tell them all the wonderful things he had done. Today we are going to be hearing about a woman called Tabitha, who Peter met on his travels from Jerusalem. You can find this reading in Acts 9, verses 36 to 43.

Peter in Joppa

³⁶ In the city of Joppa there was a follower named Tabitha. (Her Greek name, Dorcas, means “a deer.”) She was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ While Peter was in Lydda, Tabitha became sick and died. Her body was washed and put in a room upstairs. ³⁸ The followers in Joppa heard that Peter was in Lydda. (Lydda is near Joppa.) So they sent two men to Peter. They begged him, “Hurry, please come to us!” ³⁹ Peter got ready and went with them. When he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. All the widows stood around Peter, crying. They showed him the shirts and coats that Tabitha had made when she was still alive. ⁴⁰ Peter sent everyone out of the room. He kneeled and prayed. Then he turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, stand up!” She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called the believers and the widows into the room. He showed them Tabitha; she was alive! ⁴² People everywhere in Joppa learned about this, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for many days with a man named Simon who was a leatherworker.

This is a very early point in the start of Christianity, where the followers of Jesus are doing what Jesus asked them to and going out into the world, travelling from place to place, telling people about all the wonderful things Jesus did and carrying on Jesus’ work of healing the sick so that many people are coming to believe in the Lord.

Peter would not have heard about Tabitha if the believers nearby had not fetched him to come and see her. After Peter had spoken to God and asked Tabitha to get up, the people who were there had spread the news about what had happened and many more people came to believe. So, this story helps us to see that we are all important in God’s work, the more of us that believe and can spread the news of Jesus’ love for everyone, the more people can be helped and come to know Jesus as a friend. We can’t all perform miracles, but if you can tell a friend about Jesus, you and your friend can then tell others and more and more will hear the good news. This is how Christianity was spread throughout the world, and continues to be spread. We are all important in God’s eyes and we are all a part of God’s wonderful plan for the future, each of us has a place in growing God’s church here and now.

Let's talk to Jesus now;

Lord Jesus,
thank you that you go with us into the week ahead,
and guide us through every step.
Help us to tell others about you and your church,
give us the right moment and the right words to say,
Amen.

Let's finish by saying the grace together:

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if receiving a present)

The Love of God (Cross your hands over your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (hold hands together)

Be with us all, now and for evermore, Amen. (Bring thumbs together).

Here is a link for a worship song: 'Every move' with lyrics and you can dance along and join in if you want to! <https://youtu.be/MPvnZILn6EY>

And here is the link for the activity page: [activity-sheet-8-may-2022.pdf](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-8-may-2022.pdf)
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