



SEPTEMBER 2024

Babies-Toddlers Lesson

TABITHA HELPS

Bible Words: “You are the light of the world.” *Matthew 5:14, NIV*

Bottom Line: You can love like Jesus.

Basic Truth: I am made for a purpose.

Monthly Bible Story: Tabitha Helps • *Acts 9:36-42*

BIBLE STORY FOR NURSERY

(“Story Images” Activity Pages, Beginner’s Bible)

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a woman named Tabitha. (*Hold up the picture of Tabitha.*) Tabitha loved Jesus, and she looked for ways she could love (*hold up the picture of the heart*) like Jesus and help others. Tabitha was good at sewing, so she helped by making clothes for people. (*Hold up the picture of Tabitha giving a dress to a woman.*) Tabitha loved like Jesus and helped others. And we can love like Jesus and help others too! [**Bottom Line**] You can love like Jesus.”

HOW TO USE THE ACTIVITIES

As a nursery volunteer, your primary focus is on keeping babies-toddlers safe and happy. We understand that your classroom is busy, and your hands are literally full. However, we know that your influence on these children is more than childcare. The activities included in this lesson are suggestions of how to be more intentional in pointing little ones to Jesus. The theme will remain the same all month long. Choose one activity per week to focus on and don’t worry if you run out of time.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Monthly Parent Cue - 1 per family first weekend of the month)

Hand parents/influencers the Parent Cue handout (age specific for Babies vs Toddlers) and encourage them to review the activities with their child this week.

BIBLE STORY SONG

What You Do:

Sing the song as you rock or change the baby.

What You Say:

Sing to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell".

"You can love like Jesus.
You can love like Jesus.
When you love like Jesus,
You can be a light."

Words For Baby:

"Baby, you shine bright when you love others like Jesus loves you!"

WIGGLE WORM

(No Supplies)

What You Do:

Encourage children to do the actions you call out; wiggle like a worm, fly like a bird, bark like a dog, etc.

What You Say:

"Friends, you can do lots of things! Show me how you can wiggle like a worm. Good wiggling! Now show me how you can fly like a bird. Fly little birds! Now show me how you can bark like a dog. Bark! Bark! Show me how you can give a high-five. Now show me how you can love like Jesus. (*Hug yourself.*) Fantastic!"

LIGHT IT UP

(Toys that Light Up)

What You Do:

Encourage children to play with the toys and make them light up.

What You Say:

"Look at these fun toys! See how their lights shine so bright? You are a light too! You can love like Jesus and shine your light."

CRAFT TIME

(“Coat and Dress” Activity Page – 1 per child and “Coat and Dress Cutouts” Activity Page – 1 set of cutouts per child, glue sticks)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Coat and Dress” , one per child. Write each child’s name on their paper. Copy “Coat and Dress Cutouts” and cut, one set per child.

During the Activity: Help children rub glue on the back of their cutouts and place on their paper. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “We learned that Tabitha from our Bible Story liked to sew. So, she made things people needed, like this coat! (*Rub glue on the back.*) Press the coat on the man. (*Pause.*) She made a dress for a woman. (*Rub glue on the back.*) Press the dress on the woman. (*Pause.*) Tabitha loved like Jesus by helping others. [*Bottom Line*] You can love like Jesus too.”