

PONDER POINT: THE LORD WHO HEALS

Peter and Tabitha
Acts 9:36–42

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Acts 9:36–42 tells the story of Tabitha (also known as Dorcas) being raised from the dead.
- Tabitha was a well-respected woman, possibly a widow, who dedicated her time to good works.
- In the Bible, the Greek term mathetria, meaning “a female disciple,” refers to Tabitha alone. It’s used nowhere else in the Scriptures.
- God honored Tabitha’s servant heart by bringing her back from the dead.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Discuss with your family ways you could serve your neighborhood. Maybe a sick neighbor needs a meal or an elderly friend could use some help with yardwork. After you’ve come up with some suggestions, set a time to take action, and then serve together as a family. **Read Acts 9:36–42** to learn more about how one woman served God and what happened to her.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some ways you can care for those around you as Tabitha did?
- How did God show Himself as the Lord who heals?
- Who in our life right now needs prayer for healing?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is able to heal us into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that’s highlighted in next week’s portion of The Big God Story.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child’s name), **may God care for your body, heart, and mind in every way. May He show Himself as the Lord who heals to you and those around you.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.