

TABITHA: COMMUNITY BUILDER

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Acts 9:36-42

Memory Verse

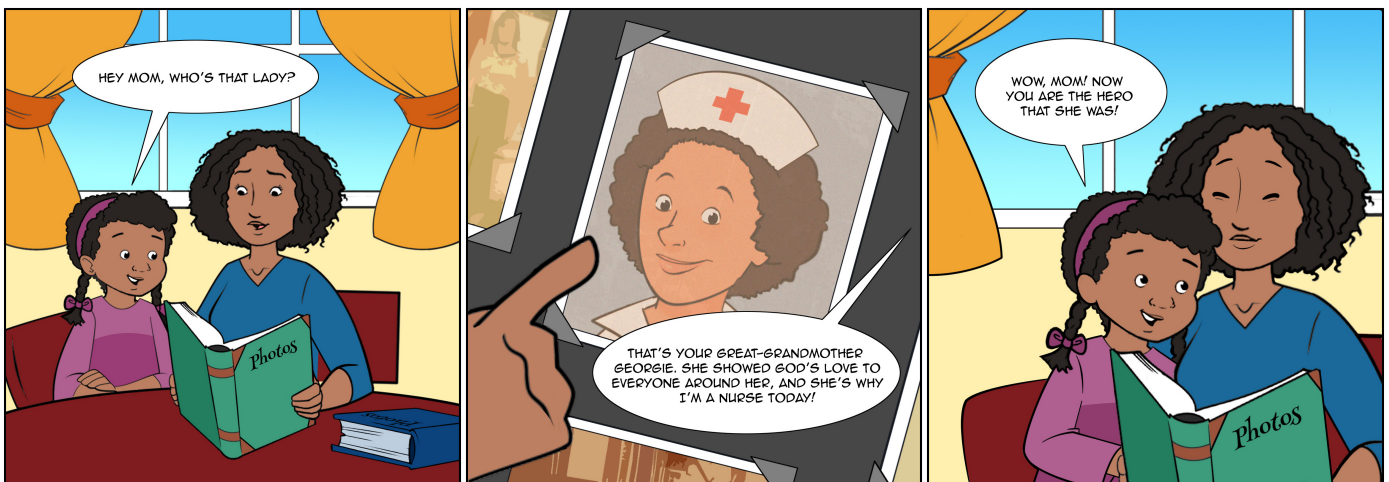
¹⁵ Don't be hateful to people, just because they are hateful to you. Rather, be good to each other and to everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 5:15



CASEY'S DAY

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The Bible is filled with ordinary people who listened to God's calling. One struck down a giant, others interpreted dreams, one rescued spies, another saved animals from a flood, and still another sewed clothes.

Tabitha was an important figure in her community. She and her friends sewed clothes and gave them away. Maybe you know someone like her: a friendly, giving person who is just loved by everyone. As today's verse says, she modeled doing "what is good for each other and for everyone else." She didn't defeat any giants, but she worked every day following God's command to love other people. Her life was linked in beautiful ways to those around her. When Peter showed God's power by bringing her back to life, the whole neighborhood rejoiced and many became believers in Jesus.

Tabitha served God by just being herself. She did not try to be something she was not: she shared her gifts with others in her community. Not many of us know people who are called to lead armies or gather animals onto an ark, but we *do* know people around us who teach and show God's love to everyone around them.

We can listen to their stories and try to be like them by using our gifts to bless others.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, please help me to see the simple things that I can do to be a part of your story. Help me to be like Tabitha and show kindness in my own way. Amen.

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