

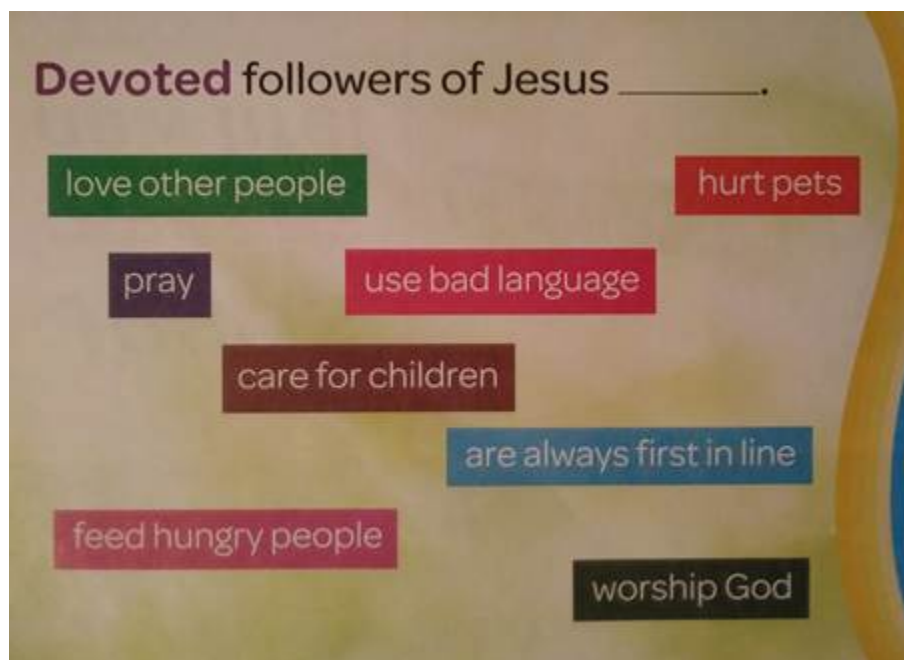
Welcome to St. Peter's Virtual Sunday School! This Sunday is Easter Sunday 4! Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter!

While we cannot meet together on Sunday morning, we can still meet virtually to learn about Jesus by reading the Bible, talking about what we've read and doing some activities. Get together with your family and do these lessons when it works for you or phone your friend or Grandma who you can't get together with right now to talk about these lessons. What encounters did you have with God this week? Remember encounters with God could include any or all of the following: comfort from Mom or Dad, like a hug; helping others at home; seeing a sunset; answer to a prayer that "pops" in your head; music being played; walking in the woods, walking around your neighbourhood and seeing/smelling flowers in your neighbours' gardens; reading the Bible.

Easter Sunday 4 (This lesson comes from Whirl Lectionary Sunday School, Year C Spring.)

In the church, we are still celebrating Easter! During the Easter season, we try to remember to act like a certain person. Guess who that is. Did you say Jesus? You're right! We remember stories about Jesus' life and try to act like Jesus in the world. We do what Jesus did and say what Jesus said. God wants everyone to experience new life, just like Jesus!

How do we know if someone is a devoted follower of Jesus? What would they say or do? Look at the statements in the picture below. How would you finish the sentence, "Devoted followers of Jesus _____." We celebrate stories of Jesus' devoted followers in the early church and today.



The Story: Peter Raises Tabitha (Attachments: Easter Sunday 4 - 1 and Easter Sunday 4 - 2)

Before you read the story, “The News of Tabitha,” look at the pictures. Look for pictures of friends talking to Peter; Tabitha sewing clothes; people crying and Tabitha alive. Read the story and Ada and Otto’s comments.

Questions to think about, answer and talk about after reading the story:

Why were people upset?

What kinds of things did Tabitha do?

Do you know someone who is a follower of Jesus? Who?

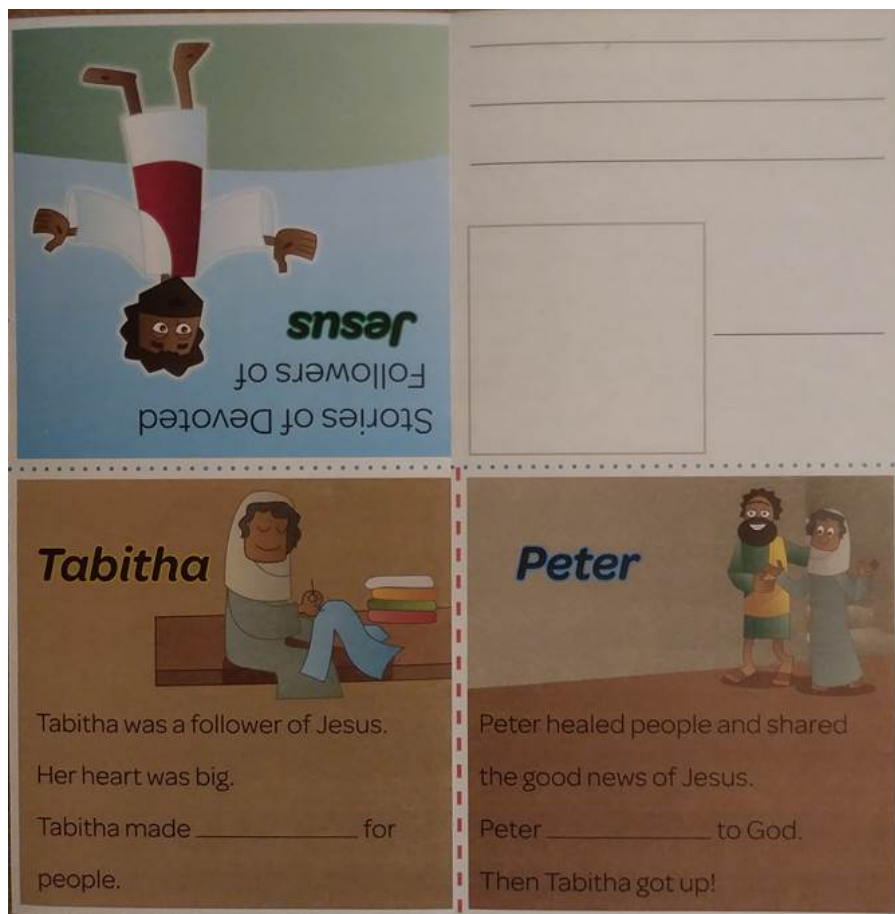
Was Peter a follower of Jesus? What did he do?

Are you a follower of Jesus?

Easter 4 Activity 1

The Easter activity is here for you to copy by drawing and writing on a piece of paper to make a booklet, but also comes as an attachment if you are able to print it.

Fold on the blue line then on the orange line so that Jesus is on the front cover.



Read Tabitha’s story. How did Tabitha follow Jesus? Fill in the missing word.

Read Peter’s story. How did Peter follow Jesus? Fill in the missing word.

How do you follow Jesus? Talk to a member of your family. How does he or she follow Jesus?

Share your booklet with another member of your family. We celebrate stories of Jesus' devoted followers in the early church - and today.

Easter 4 - Activity 2



Print the attached Activity 2 document or draw pictures of the stages of the butterfly's life. Caterpillars have new life as butterflies. We have new life in Jesus!

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be a devoted follower by living like Jesus. Amen.

Other Activities to do this week:

You've Got Talent! We all have special gifts that can be used to serve God. Talk to your mom and Dad about the "front line workers" working in our community to keep us healthy and safe. Make a poster to show your thanks. Write "You've Got Talent!" on the poster and "Thank you" as well and put it in your window.

Surprise! Tabitha's story ended in an unexpected way. There are other stories in the Bible that end in unexpected ways. Read one or more of the following:

Matthew 14:13-21; 1 Kings 17: 1, 9-15 or John 11:1-2, 38-44.

Helping Hands: Trace and cut out multiple handprints. Write or draw a picture of a way your family helps others on each one. Glue them on a piece of paper in the shape of a heart with the words, “Our family Serves” in the center.

Think of ways to use your talents, or learn something new. (Like Otto, if you don’t know what a gazelle is, find out!) Learning is a talent! And, have a great week.

Stay home, stay healthy, stay safe.

Blessings,

Jane



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The News of Tabitha

ACTS 9:36-43

Peter was staying in Lydda, near Joppa. He healed people and shared the good news of Jesus. Two men from Joppa ran up to Peter. "Please come with us!" they cried. "Our friend Tabitha has died!"

Peter felt sad. Tabitha was a follower of Jesus. Her heart was BIG. She gave her time to sew tunics for people who needed clothes.

Everyone who knew Tabitha loved her. She was kind and helpful.

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Who do you know who is kind and helpful?

Peter looked at the two men. Their eyes were filled with hope. "Take me to her house," he said.

Did you know Tabitha's name means gazelle?

Nope. Um, what's a gazelle?



Tabitha's home was filled with people. They cried out in sadness.

"God, why did you take Tabitha?"

"We miss her!"

"Who will make clothes for people in need?"

Peter stood beside Tabitha's body. A group of widows gathered around him. They cried and showed him the beautiful tunics Tabitha had sewn.

Peter asked them to leave so he could be alone. He knelt and prayed to God. Then he stood up and whispered in Tabitha's ear, "Tabitha, get up."

Tabitha's eyes popped open! She saw Peter and smiled. Peter held out his hand and helped her up.

When the widows saw Tabitha, they exclaimed, "Tabitha is ALIVE! It's a MIRACLE! God is SO good!"

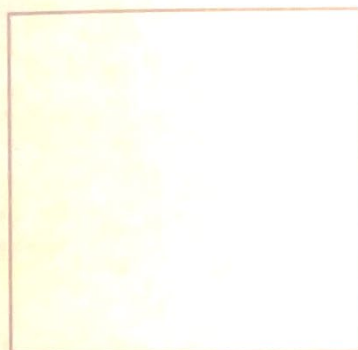
Tabitha's story was told all over Joppa. More and more people believed in the Lord.

Now THAT is an amazing story! Peter raised someone from the dead. Jesus did that too!

I bet the widows are glad Tabitha can make clothes for people again.







Tabitha



Tabitha was a follower of Jesus.

Her heart was big.

Tabitha made _____ for
people.

Peter



Peter healed people and shared
the good news of Jesus.

Peter _____ to God.

Then Tabitha got up!



Jesus
gives us
new life!

