

Dorcas and Peter Are Helpers

Bible story based on Acts 9:36-41

In-Class Worksheet and
Take-Home Paper

Storytime

Lesson 6



Dorcas loved Jesus. She showed her love by helping others. One of the things Dorcas did best was to make clothes. She gave the clothes to people who were too poor to buy new clothes. Dorcas helped others by making new clothes for them.

When Dorcas died, her friends sent two men to ask Jesus' friend Peter to come help. They said,

"Please come at once." So Peter went with the men.

Peter asked the people to leave the room where Dorcas was. Peter helped by believing and asking God to make Dorcas alive again. Peter prayed. Then he said, "Dorcas, get up!" And she did! God had made her alive!

God used Dorcas and Peter to help others.

A Jacket Kind of Day

"Natalie, please hurry," called Mrs. Crawford. She was taking Natalie to play at Maya's house.

Natalie was looking for the game she wanted to play with Maya.

"Just a minute, Mom," Natalie said. She looked under her bed again. The game was in a corner. Quickly Natalie grabbed the box, went down the stairs, and followed her mom out the door and into the car.



As they were driving to the Williams' house, Mrs. Crawford said, "It's windy and cool today. Did you bring your jacket?"

Natalie shook her head. "I forgot. I was busy looking for my game."

"Then you should play indoors," said Mrs. Crawford. "It's a jacket kind of day."

"It's a good thing I brought my game," said Natalie. "We can play that."

Natalie felt the wind blowing as she walked up the sidewalk to Maya's house. Her mom was right—it was a jacket kind of day.

"Have a good time," said Mrs. Crawford. "I'll see you later."



"Let's keep your game inside to play later," said Maya. "We can play outside first."

Natalie said, "I can't. I forgot my jacket."

"I wanted to show you how to do cartwheels," said Maya. "We have to do that outside. Wait a minute! I can help!"



Soon Maya came back holding a jacket in each hand. "My mom said we both have to wear jackets outside. She said you could wear one of my jackets. I've got two, just our size!"

"Thank you," said Natalie. "I can hardly wait to do cartwheels!"

The two friends had a good day helping each other. Maya helped Natalie learn how to turn cartwheels. Natalie taught Maya a new board game.



Talk About It

Bible Truth:
Jesus' friends
help others.

- How did Maya help her friend Natalie? What are some things you can do to help your friends? You can help people other than your friends. There are many people who need help. Some need clothes, some need food, some need a ride to the store, or some need us to tell them about God. Let's think about people we know that we can help.
- We can pray and ask God how we can help others.

Help Dorcas Mend

Use your crayons  to fill in the holes in the clothes.



Faith in Action

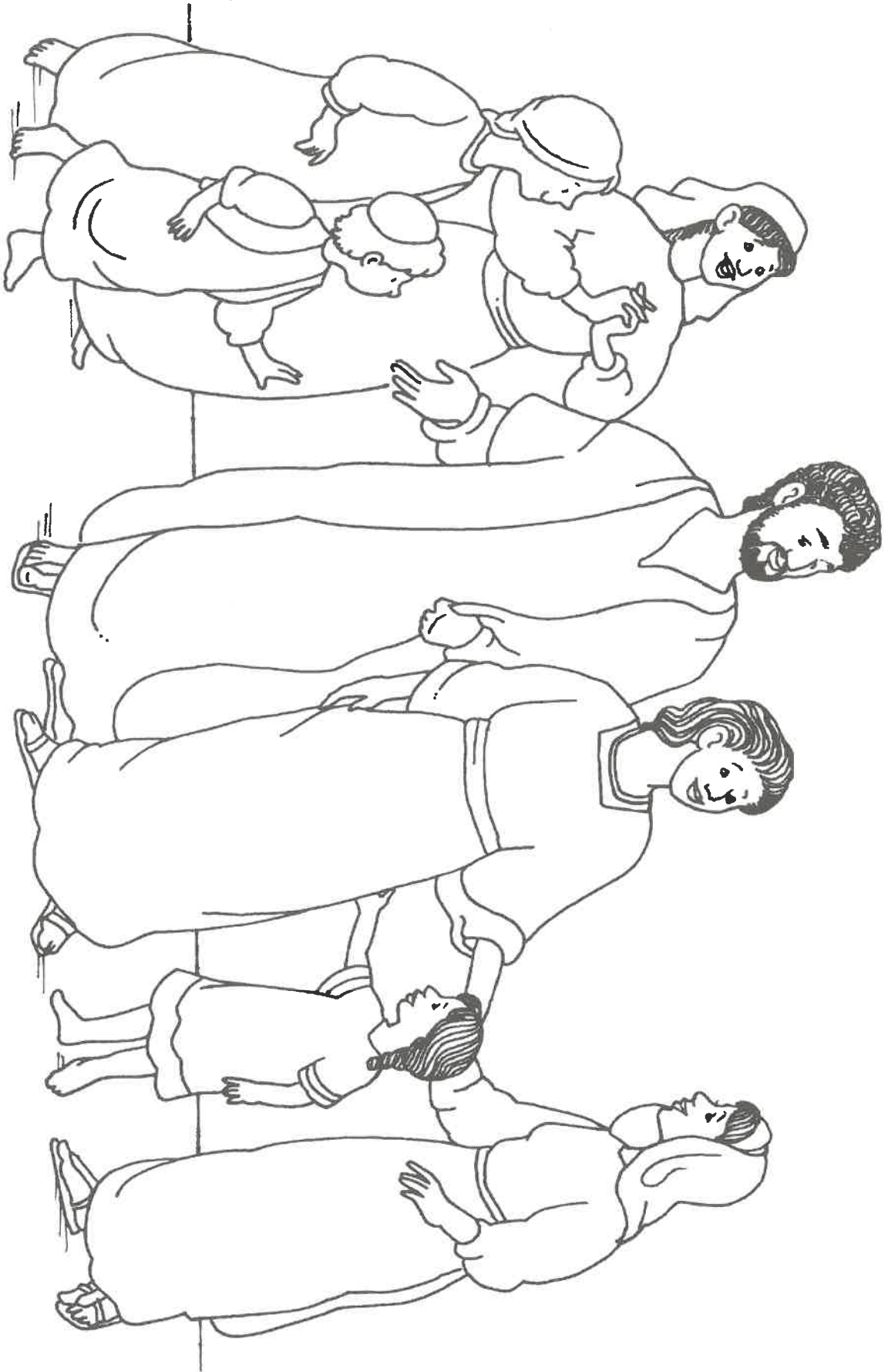
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MEMORY VERSE:

"As I have loved you, so
you must love one another."

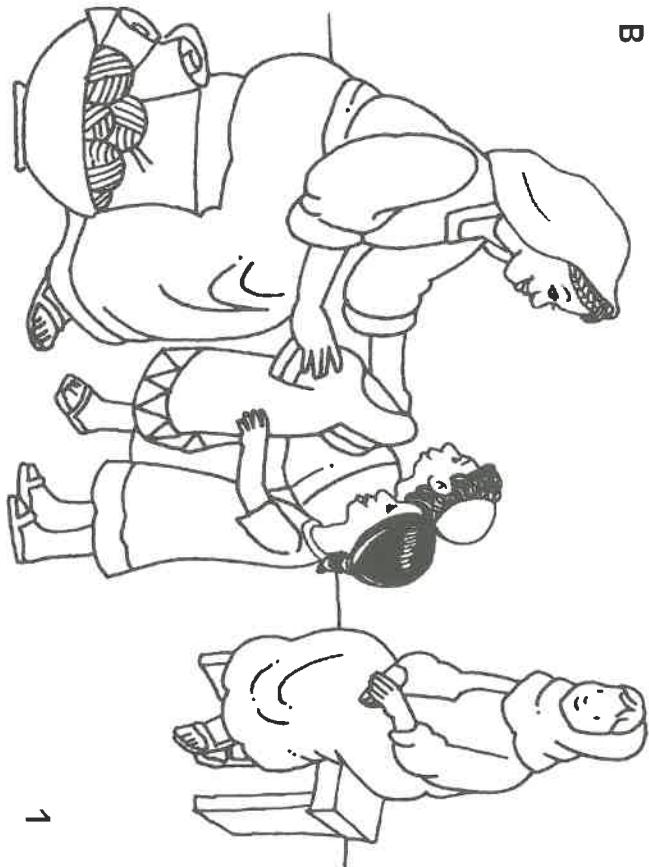
John 13:34

- How did Dorcas help others?
- How did Peter help Dorcas?
- What are some ways that you have helped others?
- Say the memory verse to someone, then put it into action this week.

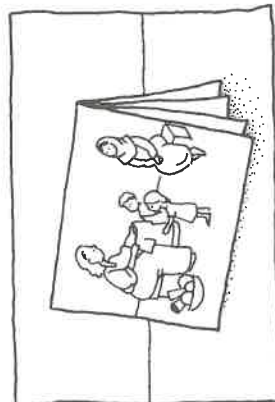


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FOR PARENTS

In class today, your child heard how Dorcas helped others and then how Peter helped Dorcas (Acts 9:36-41). Your child learned that Jesus' friends help each other.

At home this week, use this picture book to review the Bible story. Suggest practical ways your child can help others: setting the table, playing with a younger sibling, being a good friend, and so on. Practice the Bible memory verse together.

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