



Tabitha and Timothy

Acts 9:36-39; 1 Timothy 4:12

Memory Verse
Your word is truth.
John 17:17 NIrV

I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

The Bible has God's words in it, and we can learn so much when we read about the people in the Bible. And today, I am going to tell you about (hold up two fingers) two people in the Bible who lived for God. Living for God means doing what God says and being like Jesus.

The first true story from the Bible is about a woman named Tabitha.

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Tabitha (cross arms over chest) loved God, and she wanted to live for God.

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One way Tabitha lived for God was by helping people. Tabitha made clothes for people to wear.

If you are wearing a shirt, can you point to your shirt?

Point to your (or a child's) shirt.

If you are wearing pants, can you point to your pants?

Point to your (or a child's) pants.

If you are wearing a dress, can you point to your dress?

Point to your (or a child's) dress.

Yes, we all need clothes. And Tabitha made a lot of clothes! She helped a lot of people.

But that's just one way to live for God. Let's hear another.

This true story from the Bible is about a young man named Timothy.

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Timothy (cross arms over chest) loved God and wanted to live for God, too.

Now raise your hand if you are young? **(Pause.)** Well, guess what? Timothy was young, too!

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And even though Timothy was young, he taught others about God. Timothy told people that God loved them.

Let's all say this together: "God loves you!"

CHILDREN and LEADER: God loves you!

LEADER: Yes, Timothy taught people about God and showed them how to love like Jesus. Timothy lived for God!

There are so many different ways that we can live for God. Let's all think of different ways we can live for God. **(Tap head.)** Think, think, think.

Can you draw a picture to cheer up a friend? **(Listen.)** Yes!

Can you tell people that God loves them? **(Listen.)** Yes!

Can you share food with other people? **(Listen.)** Yes!

We can live for God--every day and everywhere we go!

Raise your hand.

Raise your hand if you think you can live for God. **(Pause.)** Everyone's hand should be up because we can all live for God—just like Tabitha and Timothy!

These Bible stories about Tabitha and Timothy show us that we can do what God says and be like Jesus.

The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! What does the Bible teach you?

CHILDREN and LEADER: The Bible teaches me the best things!

LEADER: Yes, The Bible teaches me the best things.

Pick up and close Bible.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible. We can read about people like Tabitha and Timothy and how they helped people. You're the best God! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.