

THE MESSENGERS (PRESCHOOL)

WEEK 2

BIG IDEA

We can share the stories of God's miracles.

BIBLE

Peter Heals Tabitha: Acts 9:36-43

WELCOME TIME

PLAY | Free Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tables will be set with toys and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know kids and build relationships.*
 - *Get on the floor and be silly*
 - *Play along with what they're playing*
 - *Ask get-to-know-you questions*
 - *Learn names and use them as you interact*

MUSIC | Worship Playlist

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *During free time, use one of our spotify playlists to play some background music.*

CLEAN UP

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before moving onto the lesson content, play the "Clean Up" song and work together as a class to put all toys and activities away.*
 - *Place all toys in labelled tubs.*
 - *Place all tubs away in labelled cabinets.*

INTRO

ACTIVITY | First Aid Game

- Welcome back! This month is all about the people who delivered the message about Jesus to the world.
- One of the things they told about Jesus was how he healed lots of people who were sick. Let's play a game about helping someone who is hurt!
- **SUPPLIES:**
 - *colorful tape*
 - *life-size person drawing*
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Hang the life-size person drawing on a wall that is easily accessible. Split the group into two teams and assign each team a color. Give each kid a piece of tape of their team's color. When you say go, have them race to where you placed the drawing, and have them place their "bandage" (tape) on the person. Keep going until the drawing is completely covered in tape or until everyone on each team has had a chance to go.-*

- That was fun! Today we'll hear about someone who was sick and then was healed!

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Peter Heals Tabitha

- **SUPPLIES:**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the story from Acts 9:36–43 using the script below. Invite kids to participate as you teach. Ask another leader to play the "Special Messenger" part right after the story.*
- In today's story, there was a woman named Tabitha. Tabitha was loved by everyone! Maybe it was because . . .
 - She smiled and waved hello to people. *[ask kids to smile and wave]*
 - She shook people's hands. *[ask kids to shake someone's hand]*
 - She fist-bumped with friends. *[ask kids to fist bump]*
 - She gave high fives. *[ask kids to high five]*
 - She gave the warmest hugs. *[ask kids to hug (if comfortable)]*
- We don't know if she did those things exactly, but we know from the Bible that she was a kind person who loved Jesus.
- But one day, something awful happened. Tabitha got very sick and then . . . she died. *[Ask kids to show their saddest face]*
 - I know! So sad, right?
 - But when the apostle Peter (an apostle was like a messenger for God) heard the news, he knew that this wasn't going to be the end of Tabitha's story.
- Peter went to the house where Tabitha was. Everyone who was there was crying.

- **Can you show me how you might cry if you were as sad as they were?**
- Peter sent everyone out of the room, then he started to pray. Then he said something to Tabitha, and I need you all to help me say it.
 - **On the count of three, everyone say, "Tabitha, get up." Ready? One, two, three . . . Tabitha, get up!**
- And guess what? Tabitha got up!
 - She opened her eyes *[have kids close and open their eyes]*
 - She wriggled her fingers and her toes. *[have kids wiggle fingers/toes]*
 - She took a deep breath. *[have kids take a deep breath]*
 - She slowly sat up, stretched, and looked around. *[have kids stretch]*
 - She was alive again!
- Everyone in town heard about what had happened and decided to follow Jesus, too. They knew that the God that Peter and Tabitha believed in was the only one who could do miracles like this!

BIG IDEA | We can share the stories of God's miracles.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Enlist the Special Messenger (SM) to "interrupt," carrying a huge greeting card that says, "We can share the stories of God's miracles."*
- **Storyteller:** That was a really sad story with a happy ending. **Can you imagine how Tabitha's friends must have felt?**
- *[Interrupting] SM:* Special Delivery! Special Delivery! I have a card meant for everyone in this room. Here. Why don't you read it to everyone? *(Hands card to Storyteller.)*
- **Storyteller:** Why thank you, Special Messenger. Let's see what it says. *(Open card to show the group.)* **We can share the stories of God's miracles.**

- **SM:** Well, what do you know! That's what you just learned! **-We can share stories of God's miracles.**
- **Storyteller:** That's right! Let's all say it together! **We can share stories of God's miracles!**

MUSIC | Worship

- Great job listening today, friends! I think it's time to get up and move around! Let's worship God together with singing and dancing.
- **SUPPLIES:**
 - *motion videos*
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play the motion videos and encourage kids to dance along! Here are the songs for this month:*
 - *"I'm Gonna Tell"*
 - *"Everyone Everywhere"*
 - *"Very Big Things"*
 - *"Anything At All"*

MEMORY VERSE | Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

- Great job! God loves to hear you sing to him! Everyone can take a seat on their spot again.
- This month, we're memorizing a verse from the Bible that is all about being God's messengers - we can share the stories about God and the wonderful things He does!
- Let's practice it together right now!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Say the verse once while doing the motions, then ask kids to repeat after you. Practice as needed!*
Then I heard [point to your ear] the Lord asking [point to your mouth], "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? [raise arms as in "I don't know"]

"Who will go for us?" *[walk in place]* **And I said, "Here I am. Send me!"**
[raise hand] **Isaiah 6:8** *[close and open hands like opening a book]*

- Great job! We're going to keep working on that and practicing those words all month long, so keep up the good work!

PRAYER

- We are going to split up into groups with our friends, but before we do, let's pray together,
- Will you fold your hands together and close your eyes to show me you're ready to pray?
 - Dear God, remind us to share the stories of your miracles. Nothing is impossible for you! Thank you for loving us and for hearing our prayers. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

DISCUSSION | Miracle Stories

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a paper plate and at least one marker. Tell them to draw a happy face on one side of the plate and a sad face on the other side. Review the Bible story using the plates they've just made.*
- Phew, today's story made us go through lots of feelings!
- Using the plates you just made, tell me how each part of the story made you feel!
 - **Peter was a follower of Jesus.**
 - **Tabitha helped people.**
 - **Tabitha got sick and died.**

- **Tabitha's friends were crying.**
- **Tabitha came back to life.**
- **When people heard the news, they began following Jesus, too.**
- Tabitha back to life when Peter prayed! He wasn't a doctor or anything but he trusted God to do a miracle, and God did!
- We might not be hospital workers – Peter wasn't either! – but there is one thing we can do. **We can share stories of God's miracles** and help people know God, too!

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTION:** *After discussion, pass out this week's coloring page along with crayons.-*
- *While kids color, review the memory verse with each child, awarding prizes. Kids can get an additional prize for bringing their Bible.-*

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EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY | Mailed It!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *-Use the envelope printable and have kids draw a picture on the back side or help them write a simple message like, "God made you." Help kids fold it into an envelope.*

- **If you could share a story about God with one person, who would it be?**
- **Let's make them a little message right now!**