

Together @ Home

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together the story of Dorcas.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Acts 9:36-43

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank You for the story of Dorcas and for the ways she used her skills and talents to make clothes to care for the people in her community. Thank You that her kindness helped others to know Your kindness and love.

Please help us to use the talents, abilities, and interests that You have given us to care for the people around us so that we may share Your love with others, too.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What did Dorcas do to help the poor people in her town?

A question for children to ask adults

In the Bible book of James 2:17-18 it says, "Faith by itself--that does nothing--is dead. ...I will show you my faith by what I do." What does this mean? How does it relate to Dorcas?

Discuss these questions as a family

What's the kindest thing someone has done for you?

*Can people say that we are full of good works like Dorcas?
What are some things that we can do to show kindness and care for others so they will know God's love for them?*

Family Activity 1

Kindness Charades

Dorcas was always doing good and giving to the poor.

Each person should brainstorm some good deeds and acts of kindness that show the goodness and kindness of Jesus.

Write your ideas on small separate slips of paper (don't show them to one another).

Fold the slips in half and place in a cup.

Take turns drawing out a slip of paper and acting out the deed or action.





A verse to remember

Galatians 6:10a

"When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it."

Can you learn this verse together? You could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

You will need:

- Construction Paper or cardstock
- Glue, tape, or staples
- Stickers and decorative supplies
- Scissors
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Twine, yarn, or string
- Hole punch



Procedure:

1. Cut out two large hearts from paper/cardstock.
2. Add verses and captions to the hearts, noting that this is a gift of "coupons."
3. On small squares of paper, write out acts of service that can be used as "coupons", such as helping with a chore or spending time with someone.
4. Use a hole punch to create holes in the heart papers. Use yarn or string to "sew" the two hearts together to create an envelope.
5. Place the coupons inside the heart, and give to a beloved recipient!



Having a hard time thinking of acts of service to write on your coupons? Here are some suggestions:

Put away the groceries
Set the table for dinner

Fold the clean laundry
Help clean a sibling's room

Read a story to a younger sibling
Help wash dishes and put them away

Coloring Page



The People in the Church Loved One Another Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

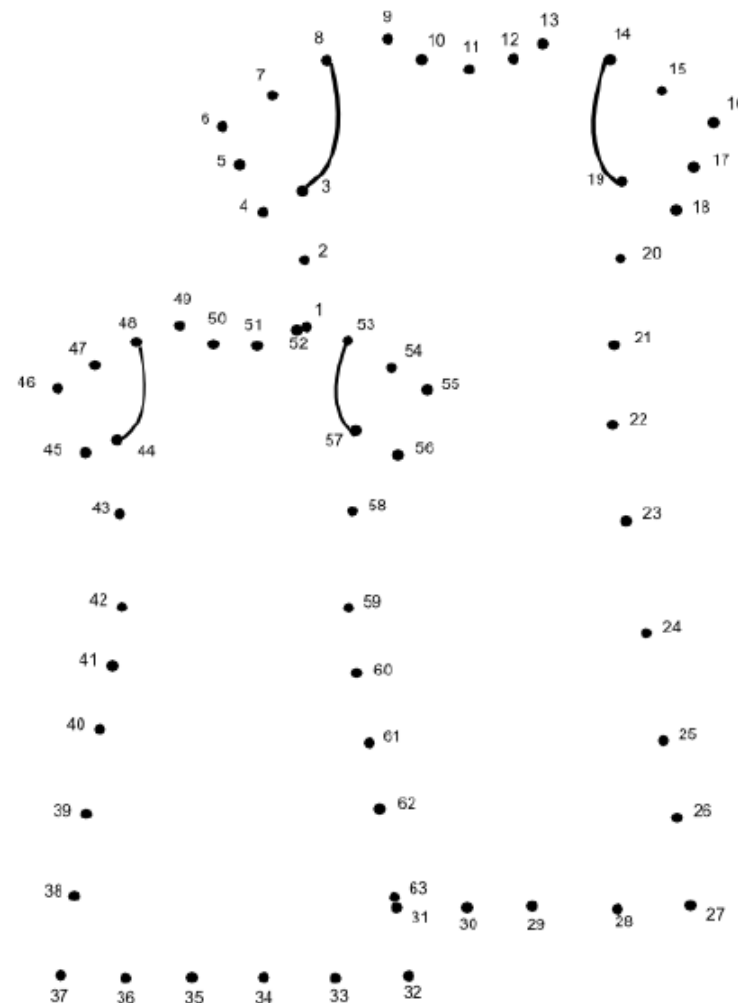
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ALIVE	DISCIPLES	JOPPA	PRAYER	SEWING
DEAD	DORCAS	PETER	ROBES	TABITHA

Dorcas Dot-to-Dot

Dorcas made gifts for her friends in her church. Dorcas died, and her friends were sad. God helped Peter bring her back to life!

Connect the dots to see what Dorcas made for her friends.



What can you make to give to someone?