

Helpful Friends—Additional Activities

Coloring Page

Provide copies of the reproducible Bible story picture for this lesson for children to color. (Available at DiscipleLand.com/BTCS)

Sewing Food (15 minutes)

This snack illustrates Tabitha's talents as children "sew" their food. **Supplies:** fruit leather, pretzel sticks, water, plates, napkins, cups

Pass out plates and napkins and cups of water. Give each student a square of fruit leather and a several pretzel sticks. Teach them how to stick their pretzels through the fruit leather and go in and out as if they were sewing. **Tabitha gave her time and talent to sew clothes for people who could not afford to buy them. In this way she showed her love for the people and for Jesus.** As the children eat their snack, encourage them to think of ways they can show love for Jesus by helping others.

Getting Dressed (20 minutes)

This craft emphasizes that Tabitha gave her talent to sew clothes. **Supplies:** cardstock, scraps of many different kinds of cloth cut into different shapes, glue

Before class, draw the outline of a person on paper and make copies on cardstock, enough for each child in your class. **Tabitha knew that some people in her town did not have money to buy new clothes. They were cold in winter and could not replace old clothes that had worn out. I want you to provide clothes for these paper people.** Pass out the paper, cloth and glue. Encourage the children to be creative in making clothes, mixing the kinds of cloth and colors. They can give their people hats, shoes and gloves and maybe a blanket beside them. **Jesus was very pleased with Tabitha for giving her time and talent.**

Love Gifts (20 minutes)

This craft provides the children a means of donating something. **Supplies:** flannel fabric, rice, funnel, pins, needle and thread, notecards or cardstock, markers, stickers

Decide where you will donate the finished bags so you can tell your students. Before class, cut flannel into 6 x 12-inch rectangles and sew two together, leaving a 1-inch opening for the funnel, creating bags. Make enough for the children in your class. Do not turn them right side out. **Let's make rice bags to give to older people who might need to keep warm. You can put these bags in a microwave for a few minutes to heat the rice. They become cozy and warm.** Have children turn the bags right side out. Assist children as they pour the rice through the funnel into the bags. The bags should be about one-third full. Finally, make cards with stickers and markers to attach to the bags. Show the children how you will sew the opening closed on one bag. Attach the cards to the bags. If you can, take a picture of the place where you drop off the bags so the children can see where their gifts were sent.