

Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:

LESSON TITLE: Peter Raises Tabitha

**THEME: We can trust God for the
miraculous!**

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:36-43



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! This is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week we learned about Peter Raising Tabitha from the dead. The theme was "We can trust God for the miraculous." It's exciting to know that we serve a God who can do the miraculous. He is not limited in any way, even when it comes to life and death. We learned in our story this week that the Lord raised Tabitha from the dead. Isn't it great to serve a God who has power over life and death?

Sometimes we might think that miracles are only for people in the Bible and not for our lives today. While the Lord may not do everything we may want Him to do or in the way we want Him to do it, He certainly can do anything. We need to trust in the Lord for everything in our lives, even the miraculous.

The section of scripture that we studied was Acts 9:36-43. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

SUPER-NATURAL!

Text: Acts 9:40a – “But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, ‘Tabitha, arise.’”

Also read Acts 9:36-43

Have you ever heard of the word supernatural? Do you know what that means? It means something that is more than what is natural. It is something that happens that is greater than what might normally happen. God is supernatural because He can do things beyond what any person can do. For example, He can part a sea and make the ground dry land like He did for Moses and the Israelites or He can make time stand still for a while like He did for Joshua. We sure could not do any of those things on our own, but we serve a God who can do the supernatural. He can do the miraculous. Is it not wonderful that we can put our trust in the Lord? He created the stars, the universe, our planet, and each one of us. Certainly He has the power to do anything He wants to do. I know I want to put my trust in a God who can do anything.

We also know that He loves us and will help us in our time of need. As Peter served the Lord, he certainly found out that God is a supernatural God. Peter had been hand-chosen by Jesus to be a follower of His. While Jesus was on earth, Peter had seen many miracles that the Jesus had done. He knew that there was a life that was supernatural and that was the kind of life that he wanted to live. He did not doubt the power of the Holy Spirit. In today’s passage, we see Peter being used by God to do a supernatural work for Him.

Tabitha was very much loved by those who worshipped with her in her church. When she died they went to Peter and asked him to come to them. Peter came and put everyone out of the room. Then he prayed to the Lord to find out what He wanted to do. Then he was used by God to raise her from the dead! Wow! Now that is supernatural! But remember God can do anything. God may want to use our lives to do supernatural things. God still does many miracles today in people’s lives. Our lives can be SUPER-natural when we trust in Jesus.

- Can you think of any other “supernatural” things that the Lord has done in the Bible?
- Did Peter live a supernatural life?
- Who did Peter put his trust in?

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Miracle: Something that only God could do through His power.

God Provides!

Text: 1 Kings 17:9 - "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

Also read 1 Kings 17:1-16

God does miracles! He performs miracles in the lives of His children every day. He does this because He loves us very much. Even when we don't deserve it, God still blesses us with miracles. Today's Bible reading teaches us that God can use a miracle to provide for His people and for others. Sometimes He will even provide for those who do not know Jesus to show that He loves them and wants to have a relationship with them. His desire is that everyone would turn to Him and put their trust in Him for their salvation.

Elijah was a mighty prophet in the Old Testament. We see in the Bible that God used him many times to warn the children of Israel when they were sinning against God. As we see in today's Bible reading, it had been a long time since it had rained in Israel and the food wasn't growing in the fields. Everyone was starving, but the whole time God provided Elijah with food from birds and a place where there was water. It was a miracle of provision! God provides us with many things each and every day. Later God sent Elijah to a widow's home to provide for him after the water dried up at the brook. Another miracle happens when God refills the widow's jars with flour and oil until the time of no rain is over. What a wonderful miracle! The widow was not even an Israelite, but God gave her and her son food, taking care of her until rain came again.

We need to trust in the Lord to take care of our needs. He gives us what we need to live and often He provides even more than need. We can trust the Lord to do miracles in our lives. When God provides for us, let us remember to be thankful and give Him all of the glory for what He does in our lives. Let us also remember to share with others. The widow shared what little bit she had with Elijah and was blessed because of it. God's miracles in our lives should be shared with others.

- Who told Elijah to go to the brook? Who told him to go to the widow's house?
- Who refilled the barrels?

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Provision: Something given to support a person. Food and water are provisions that keeps us alive. Salvation through Jesus is a provision from God so we can live eternally with Him.

God Protects!

Text: 2 Kings 6:20 - "So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, 'LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see.' And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and there *they were*, inside Samaria."

Also read 2 Kings 6:8-23

There were some very mean men looking for the prophet Elisha! They wanted to kill him! He had been a faithful servant of God and had told the king everything God said about the army of Syria. Syria was trying to take over the land of Israel and there was a great war, but God was protecting His children and making sure they knew what the army was doing before they did it. When the king of Syria found out that it was Elisha who was telling all of their secrets, he sent the men to find the prophet of God and to kill him.

God gave a wonderful miracle of protection to Elisha in today's Bible reading and we also see at the same time what kind of man Elisha really was. We read that Elisha's servant was afraid, but Elisha knew the LORD would deliver him. He just prayed and God gave the solution to the whole problem. Elisha asked if God would let his servant see the armies of God surrounding the army of Syria. And God allowed the servant to see God's army, a great army with chariots of fire. There was nothing to fear because God had them protected all along.

God made the mean men blind and gave them into Elisha's hands. Elisha knew that God would protect him. Next, we see how merciful Elisha was. He does not kill the men who were sent to kidnap and kill him. He sends them back home and the king of Syria sees what a great and marvelous God Elisha has. Syria never tried to conquer Israel again. God's power was so great that the king never went back. Our God is wonderful! We can trust Him that He will provide for us and protect us, sometimes even using miracles to help us. The next time we are afraid of something let us remember that God is on our side and is willing to help us in our time of need. We just need to pray and ask Him for help.

- Was Elisha afraid of the men coming after him?
- What did Elisha do when he was threatened by the men?
- Why do you think Elisha freed the men who came to hurt him?

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Confident: Trusting in God for all things. Elisha was confident God would provide a miracle that would save him.

A Miracle of Freedom

Text: Acts 12:11 - "And when Peter had come to himself, he said, 'Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me *from* the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.'"

Also read Acts 12:1-19

The ruler of Rome was very mean and wanted to get rid of all of the Christians. During this time, it was very difficult to be a Christian. Many were hurt and placed in jail. A lot went to be with Jesus in heaven too. Peter was a bold leader of the Christians, and he stood up for Jesus. The king, Herod, wanted to make an example of Peter because he was known by all of the churches. Peter also knew Jesus well and had walked with Jesus when He was here. By getting rid of Peter, King Herod thought it might get rid of all the Christians.

What did the church do when Peter was arrested? They prayed that God would free him. Peter was going to be made an example to scare everyone away from being a Christian. He was guarded closely by soldiers. In fact, he was chained to two Romans guards. It was impossible for someone to sneak in to free Peter. In addition, if the guards messed up and Peter got away, then they would be killed. Imagine the surprise that night when the young girl opened the door and saw Peter. God had answered their prayers with a very powerful miracle.

The Bible says it was the angel of the LORD who freed Peter. He removed the chains from the guards, opened the prison door and led Peter out of prison. Isn't it amazing how the Lord freed Peter? It was a miracle! Peter was supposed to die, but God had other plans for him. He wanted Peter safe to spread the gospel of Christ.

God has freed us from chains too. When Jesus died on the cross, He freed us from the chains of sin. We no longer have to serve sin, but we are now free to serve Jesus. All we need to do is ask Jesus to come into our lives. We can also be free in Jesus and have the miracle of freedom from sin.

- Where was Peter before the Angel of the Lord came?
- What did the church do that was so important?

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Freedom: Being free from bondage or prison. The miracle of salvation in Jesus frees us from the chains of sin.

Day Five

A Miracle to See

Text: John 9:11 – “He answered and said, ‘A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

Read John 9:1-11

It is a miracle that we are saved from our sins. God has provided that miracle for you and me through Jesus dying on the cross. We are all like the blind man we read about in today's Bible story. From the day we were born, we have the blinding disease of sin. But Jesus can provide a miracle. He can wash away all of our sins that separate us from having fellowship with God.

In our Bible reading we see Jesus making clay and placing it over the man's eyes. Then Jesus sends the man to go wash in a pool of water. Remember, the man was still blind. But the man trusted Jesus would perform a miracle. He had been blind from birth, so he went to the pool. He could not see the Lord's face, but he trusted that Jesus would perform the miracle.

We should all have that kind of trust in Jesus. This week we learned about how much Peter trusted that Jesus would raise Tabitha from the dead. We also saw how obedient Elijah was and how the widow placed her trust in God, and she did not even know Him. We saw Elisha believe and trust God in a scary situation, and we saw the faith of the church and how Peter was freed from prison. Truly we serve and love a God who performs miracles. We can trust Him to do miracles in our lives too.

- Ask God to remind you of a miracle He has done for you and thank Him for it.
- Is there a miracle you want the Lord to do in your life?
- Have you asked Jesus to wash away your sins by becoming your Lord and Savior?

Kid's Prayer Time



We can trust God to do miracles. This week focus on asking God to show you the miracles in your life He wants to do for you. Prayer is the way we speak to God and make our desires known to Him. It is our way of talking to God. Pray and trust God for miracles.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"He helped her up and presented her alive to the widows and saints. People everywhere heard about this and many believed on the Lord."

Third Grade and Above

"Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord."

Acts 9:41-42