Bible Story for This Week

WALKER / TODDLER

Acts 9:26-31 SAY: In our Bible Story today, there was a woman named Dorcas, who loved Jesus. Dorcas was a great helper! She made clothes for people who needed them. (Pretend to pull a needle through fabric).

One day, Dorcas became sick and she died. When Jesus' friends heard this, they went to find Peter. Peter was one of Jesus' special helpers. "Hurry, please come to us!" the people said. When Peter came, the women were crying. They showed Peter some of the clothes Dorcas had made. Peter knelt down and prayed to God.

Then Peter said, "Dorcas, stand up!" Dorcas opened her eyes and sat up. Peter helped her stand. (with your child, pretend to lay down and then stand up). The people saw what happened and were so happy! They told everyone what they had seen, and many people believed in Jesus. Turn to your child and say "Jesus loves you." We can help others learn about Jesus too!

Activity:

Throughout this week, be intentional about giving your child the opportunity to help you with some chores around your home.

Small children have very short attention spans. Choose simple chores that can be completed quickly and easily. Some ideas include: putting books on the book shelf, putting toys in a bin, watering plants, holding the dust pan, and dusting a section of furniture.

Be joyful! If you want your toddler to work with a joyful heart, then you first must emulate joy for them. Make this work fun! Your child is already happy to help Mommy and Daddy, but try adding in something extra special, like music, and dance your way through a chore. Then, praise your child for helping. SAY: "You're a great helper! Just like you can help me, you can help others by telling them about Jesus!"