



SABBATH KEEPING YOUTH

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You Will Be Rewarded

Luke 14:12-14

“Then Jesus said to the man who had invited him, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, don’t invite only your friends, your family, your other relatives, and your rich neighbors. At another time they will invite you to eat with them, and you will be repaid. Instead, when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then you will be blessed, because they have nothing and cannot pay you back. But you will be repaid when the good people rise from the dead.’”

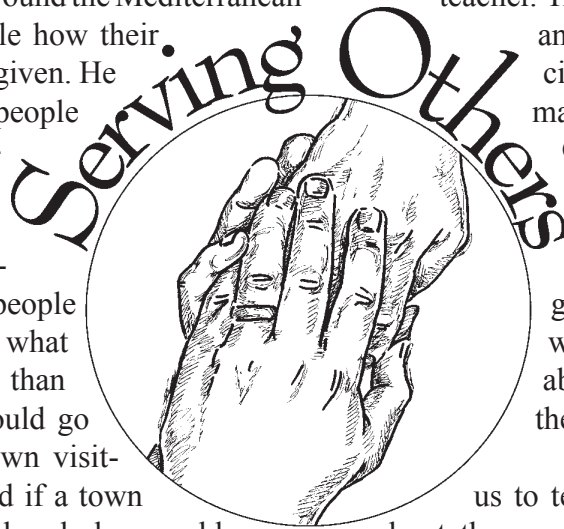
Spread the Word

● One day while Paul was praying, God told him to go and preach the good news about Jesus. Paul set out to travel around the Mediterranean Sea telling people how their sins could be forgiven. He loved seeing people become Christians! Paul was a Christian with a passion. Traveling and telling people about Jesus was what Paul loved more than anything. He would go from town to town visiting churches, and if a town didn’t have a church he would start one. Had Paul visited your church he would have shared exciting stories of his journeys. You would have been on the edge of your seat as he described the mockery and abuse he received while

preaching about Jesus.

Paul was quite a man. He had been a Pharisee and had studied with a famous teacher. He understood the Jews and he was also a Roman citizen. Paul could speak many languages including Greek and Aramaic. He had something in common with just about everyone. This really gave Paul an advantage when talking to people about his favorite topic, the love of Jesus.

Jesus commanded all of us to tell people in our world about the good news of God’s love. Your world is the school you attend, the neighborhood you live in, your teammates, and your church. Ask God to give you passion like Paul to share the love of Jesus with your world!!!



The Parents’ Corner

● Getting involved in a service ministry can be a family event. Use these ideas to teach your kids that being a follower of Jesus is an everyday thing.

- Adopt a needy family. Pray for them. Write to them. Study their culture. Eat their food. Learn some of their language.
- Minister to your neighborhood by doing kind things for your neighbors. Mow a lawn. Take some baked goods to someone. Wash a car. Take some flowers next door. Write a card. Take care of some children.
- Get your kids involved in ministry at your church. There are plenty of things they can do. Sing in the kid’s choir. Pick up trash in their Sabbath School room. Send a minister an appreciation letter. Pray for all their teachers. Help with a younger class.

Community Service

Mother Teresa entered a Calcutta convent at the age of 18. In 1948 she became an Indian citizen and founded the Missionaries of Charity, which helps abandoned children and the dying. She is admired all over the world for her deep respect for God's gift of life. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Her dedication and service to others has no religious boundaries. Her example is a model for us as we strive to live a life of service to others.

"You get closer to Christ by becoming closer to each other. As Jesus said, 'Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me' So you begin . . . I begin, I picked up one person - maybe if I didn't pick up that one person I wouldn't have picked up 42,000. The whole world is only a drop in the ocean. But if I didn't put the drop in, the ocean would be one drop less. Same thing for you, same thing for your family, same thing in the church, just begin . . . one, one, one." - Mother Teresa

Personal Growth

-Kateri Tekakwitha-

Kateri was often called "Lily of Mohawks." She was a woman with uncommon religious conviction. As a Native American who converted to Catholicism, Tekakwitha blended a deep appreciation for her own culture with a profound faith. She was cast away from her tribe, but still committed her life to deep personal awareness and prayer. She spent much of her life in service to others. She was known to often spend time praying in the woods and was an influence to many.

The King Will Judge All People

Matthew 25:34-40

"Then the king will say to the people on his right, 'Come, my Father has given you his blessing. Receive the kingdom God he has prepared for you since the world was made. I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' Then the good people will answer, Lord when did we see you hungry and give you food, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you? Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me.'"

Continue the story in Matthew 25:41-46 to see what happens to the people who did not do this for God.

Dorcas

Acts 9:36-42

What does it mean to serve others? Is it easy to serve others? Does God command us to serve others? Why do we have to serve others? To serve others is to do a service for them and help them. This usually requires giving of your time and self. It is a selfless act, which helps you to see that the world does not revolve around you. You should not be so wrapped up in your needs but look to see where you can help others in need.

God has always been concerned with the care of the poor. The poor included orphans, widows and foreigners because they had few options to earn a living. An orphan is someone who has lost both of his or her parents. A widow is someone whose husband has died. In Bible times, widows had no way to make a living. It was the law that if the widow's husband had owned land it would go to the oldest son. The oldest son was then to take care of his mother but this did not always happen. If there was no son, the widow still lost the land. The widow could only get the land back if a relative of her husband married her.

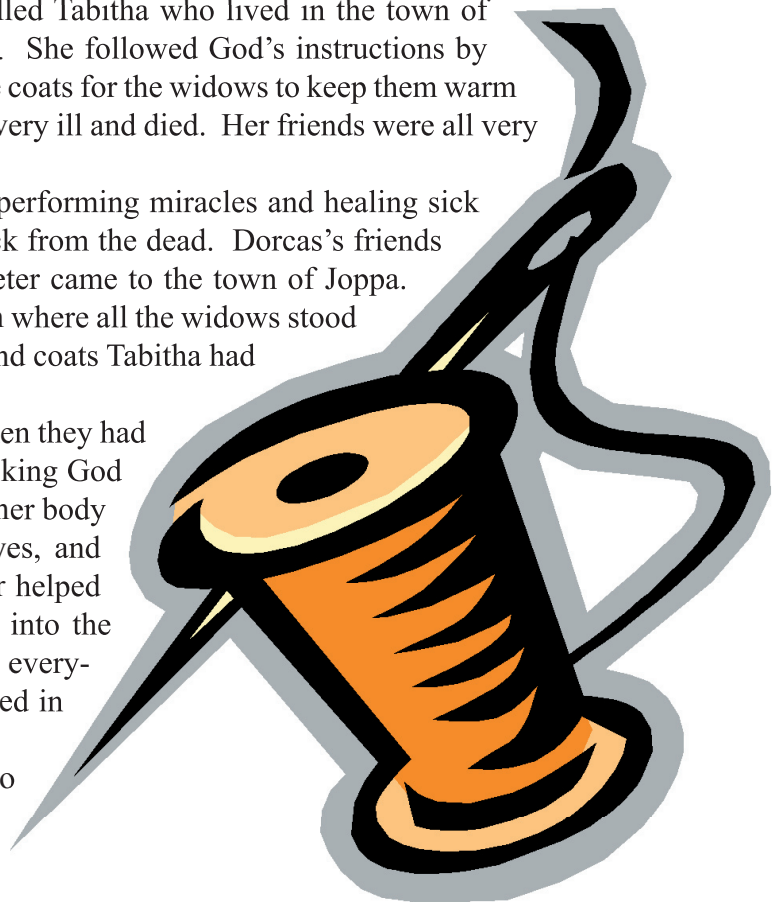
God has instructed the Jews to care for the poor. They could not harvest the edges of their fields. It was left so the poor could "glean" or pick up the grain. A farmer could not go over his harvest a second time to pick up the grain that was dropped. The growers of olives were not to strip the trees of fruit. Any bunches of grapes not picked by the vineyard workers were left for the poor. This was all done to help the poor. This law is written about in Leviticus 19:9; 23:22 and Deuteronomy 24:19.

There are many ways to serve others and many people in the Bible who would serve. There was a woman named Dorcas, sometimes called Tabitha who lived in the town of Joppa. Dorcas was a very kind and giving person. She followed God's instructions by caring for the widows of Joppa. Dorcas would make coats for the widows to keep them warm in the winter. There came a time when she became very ill and died. Her friends were all very upset.

Dorcas's friends heard that Peter had been performing miracles and healing sick people. An apostle had not yet brought anyone back from the dead. Dorcas's friends believed that Peter could, so they sent for him. Peter came to the town of Joppa. "When he arrived they took him to the upstairs room where all the widows stood around Peter, crying. They showed him the shirts and coats Tabitha had made when she was still alive." (Acts 9:39)

Peter asked everyone to leave the room. When they had all gone Peter got down on his knees and prayed asking God to breath life back into Dorcas. "Then he turned to her body and said, 'Tabitha, stand up!' She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up." (Acts 9:40) Peter helped her stand up and then called all the widows back into the room. They were overwhelmed with joy. "People everywhere in Joppa learned about this and many believed in the Lord." (Acts 9:42)

"Being kind to the poor is like lending to the Lord; He will reward you for what you have done." (Proverbs 19:17) Dorcas was a woman who was kind to the poor and served others in her community. God then rewarded Dorcas for her good works by raising her from the dead. Through these acts God's Word was spread. By doing community service you will be an example to all and help spread the Word of God.



Unscramble the words, then use the circled letters to make a word that describes Tabitha.



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|---------------|---|-------|-----------------------------|
| RODASC | ○ | _____ | Her name in Greek |
| IEDD | | ○ | Departed from life |
| WEEDS | ○ | _____ | Made with fabric and thread |
| CIKS | | ○ | Not well |
| VILEA | | ○ | Breathing and active |
| POPAJ | | ○ | Her hometown |
| GIPNELH | ○ | _____ | Being useful |
| TEERP | | ○ | He performed a miracle |

Tabitha was a _____ (follower) of Jesus



Congratulations!

You should have completed the puzzle by now.

Remember the eight qualities you have learned that you should possess and acts to perform on a daily basis. They are leadership, co-operation, community service, personal growth, faith, accomplishments, courage and peace. Keep up the good work!

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