

# HELP

Elementary  
Week 3

## **PARENT BIBLE STUDY**

**Read: Acts 9:32-43**

The miracles in the book of Acts brought people to Jesus. Families, communities, whole towns began to believe in Jesus after seeing someone healed. Imagine the people in Joppa who knew Tabitha because of her good work helping the poor. They watched her get sick and die. Then they saw her come back to life after Peter prayed. As the story spread, people in Joppa believed in the Lord.

This was a way Peter told people about Jesus. He healed the sick. Acts 5 tells us that people would carry the sick out to lie in the streets so that Peter's shadow would fall over them as he walked by and they would be healed. Acts 19 talks about the miracles of healing God was doing through Paul so that even handkerchiefs or work aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, and they were cured, and the evil spirits came out of them.

But was this healing really coming from shadows or special handkerchiefs? Looking back, we see that after Peter and John had healed a lame man in Acts 3, they were thrown in jail for preaching about Jesus' resurrection power. When they got out, they prayed for even more power and boldness to proclaim the name of Jesus and to perform more miracles and wonders. God answered their prayer and validated their message that Jesus was the way to God.

The miracles were an answer to their prayer. They showed the power of the name of Jesus. They showed the change possible with faith in him.

**How would your prayers change if you had more faith about what God could do through you?**

**Are you asking God for a miracle for you, or for the sake of people knowing Jesus?**