BOOK FAIR

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Timothy and Tabitha • Acts 9:36-39; 1 Timothy 4:12
I can live for God.

MEMORY VERSE: "*Your word is truth." (John 17:17 NIrV)*

KEY QUESTION: What does the Bible teach you?

BOTTOM LINE: The Bible teaches me the best things.

OPENING ACTIVITY: Teach Love

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Bible Bookmark

CRAFT: Tabitha & Timothy

CLOSING ACTIVITY: Mega Tunnel

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OPENING ACTIVITY | Teach Love

What You Need:

- ☐ Plush friends, Little People®, and /or toy animals
- ☐ Butcher paper
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Toy food
- ☐ Chairs

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:

***Before the Activity*:**

- Set the plush friends, Little People®, and/or toy animals in chairs around the table.

- "Hi friends, look at all our toy friends, they're sitting so nicely! Let's teach them some ways we can love."

During the Activity:

- Encourage children to teach the toy friends to show love and live for God, they can draw a picture for a friend, share a snack, or talk to each other about God.

- "Pick a friend and let's teach them that they can draw a picture to cheer someone up. *(Pause.)* Those are such nice pictures and would brighten my day! We could look at the pictures and read the Bible together with our friends. *(Pause.)* And another way we can love is to share a snack! *(Pause.)* You did a great job teaching your friends some very important things."

After the Activity:

- "We are going to learn how to love like Jesus every day and everywhere we go because it's in the Bible and the Bible teaches us the best things!"

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY | Bible Bookmark

What You Need:

- ☐ "Bible Bookmark" Activity Page
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ Self-inking stamps
- ☐ Stickers
- ☐ Scissors

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:

***Before the Activity*:**

- Write each child's name on their paper. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions together with the children.

- "Friends, come stand with me, and let's do the motions as we say our verse together. Ready? 'Your *(point up)* word *(open hands like a book)* is truth,' *(move index finger forward from mouth)* John 17:17" *(open hands like a book)*.

During the Activity:

- Encourage children to decorate their bookmark. Say the verse with the motions one more time.

- "Let's decorate these bookmarks so we can mark where our Memory Verse is in the Bible. You can use the markers, stamps, and stickers. *(Pause.)* These look great! Let's do the motions as we say our verse together one more time. 'Your *(point up)* word *(open hands like a book)* is truth,' *(move index finger forward from mouth)* John 17:17 *(open hands like a book)*. Fantastic!"

After the Activity:

- "The Bible teaches us how to do what God says and love like Jesus. The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you? *[Bottom Line]* The Bible teaches me the best things.**

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CRAFT | Tabitha and Timothy

What You Need:

- ☐ "Tabitha and Timothy" Activity Page
- ☐ Fabric
- ☐ Foam heart
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:

Before the Activity:

- "Hello friends! Come over and join me so we can make a special story picture together."

During the Activity:

- Encourage children to color their paper and add different textural elements while retelling the story.

- "Today, in our Bible Story, we learned about two people who lived for God. Color your pictures as we talk about today's story. Tabitha made clothes for people who needed them. Can you color the picture of Tabitha? *(Pause.)* Now, pick out a piece of fabric and glue the fabric to Tabitha. *(Pause.)* Great job! Timothy was a young man. Can you color Timothy on your picture? *(Pause.)* Timothy taught people about God. Can you put your heart sticker on Timothy? *(Pause.)* Hearts remind us of love, and God loves us so, so much!"

After the Activity:

- "Your pictures look so wonderful! Timothy and Tabitha lived for God by helping people, and you can live for God too! We can learn how to live for God when we read the Bible because ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you?** ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things."**

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BIBLE STORY

Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"The Bible has God's words in it, and we can learn so much when we read about the people in the Bible. And today, I am going to tell you about *(hold up two fingers)* two people in the Bible who lived for God. Living for God means doing what God says and being like Jesus.

"The first true story from the Bible is about a woman named Tabitha.

"Tabitha *(cross arms over chest)* loved God, and she wanted to live for God.

"One way Tabitha lived for God was by helping people. Tabitha made clothes for people to wear.

"If you are wearing a shirt, can you point to your shirt? *(Point to your (or a child's) shirt.)*

"If you are wearing pants, can you point to your pants? *(Point to your (or a child's) pants.)*
"If you are wearing a dress, can you point to your dress? *(Point to your (or a child's) dress.)*

"Yes, we all need clothes. And Tabitha made a lot of clothes! She helped a lot of people.

"But that's just one way to live for God. Let's hear another.

"This true story from the Bible is about a young man named Timothy.

"Timothy *(cross arms over chest)* loved God and wanted to live for God, too.

"Now raise your hand if you are young? *(Pause.)* Well, guess what? Timothy was young, too!

"And even though Timothy was young, he taught others about God. Timothy told people that God loved them.

"Let's all say this together: 'God loves you!'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "God loves you!"

LEADER: "Yes, Timothy taught people about God and showed them how to love like Jesus. Timothy lived for God!

"There are so many different ways that we can live for God. Let's all think of different ways we can live for God. *(Tap head.)* Think, think, think

"Can you draw a picture to cheer up a friend? *(Listen.)* Yes!

"Can you tell people that God loves them? *(Listen.)* Yes!

"Can you share food with other people? *(Listen.)* Yes!

"We can live for God--every day and everywhere we go! *(Raise your hand.)*

"Raise your hand if you think you can live for God. *(Pause.)* Everyone's hand should be up because we can all live for God—just like Tabitha and Timothy!

"These Bible stories about Tabitha and Timothy show us that we can do what God says and be like Jesus.

"The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: ***[Bottom Line]*** **"The Bible teaches me the best things!"**

LEADER: "Yes, ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things.** *(Pick up and close Bible.)*

"Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER - Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible. We can read about people like Tabitha and Timothy and how they helped people. You're the best God! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING ACTIVITY | Mega Tunnel

What You Need:

- ☐ Pop-up tunnel

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:

Before the Activity:

- Set the tunnel in an open space. Have children stand at one end of the tunnel and you stand at the other.
- "Friends, look I have this awesome tunnel, and today we're going to use it as a megaphone! Come over here and let's get started."

During the Activity:

- Use the tunnel as a mega-phone to say the **Bottom Line.**
- "Everyone, stand here on this side of the tunnel, and I'll go over to the other side of the tunnel. Each of you will take a turn to lean into the tunnel and hear what I'm saying. Then we'll see if you can answer me back. Are you ready? [Child's name] come up to the tunnel. *(Pretend to talk in an exaggerated echo-type tone.)* **What does the Bible teach you?** *(With child.)* ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things.** Great job, now its [child's name]'s turn. *(Continue with each child.)* Great job, everybody!"

After the Activity:

- "We can tell everyone, everywhere about God. We can talk about God, Hear from God, Pray to God, and Live for God. The Bible teaches us how to do these things because ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things! Who teaches you the best things?** ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things!"**

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