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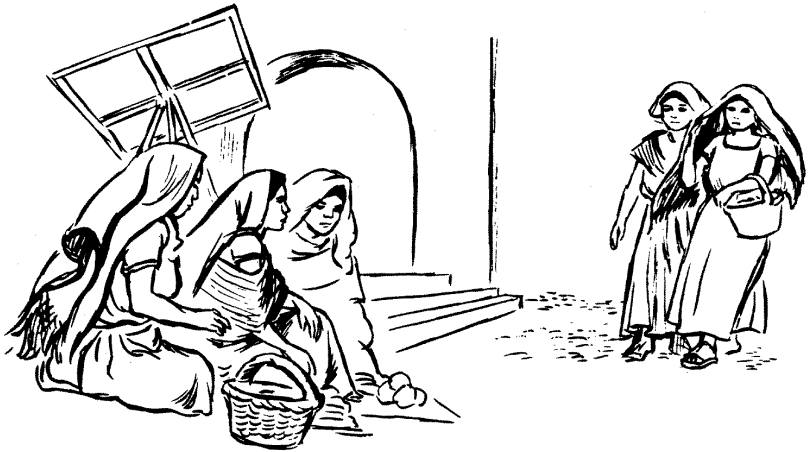
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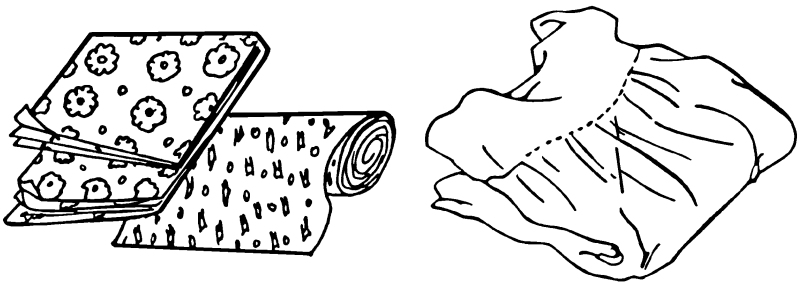
Dorcas lived during the time following Jesus' death and resurrection. Dorcas was her Greek name. In Aramaic, the common language of that time, her name was Tabitha.



Tabitha lived in the seaport city of Joppa. Because ships came in from so many places, she was able to buy beautiful cloth and thread.



Tabitha (Dorcas) was a follower of Christ. The Bible tells us that she was always doing good and helping the poor.



Sadly, one day, Tabitha became sick, and died. Her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.



When the disciples in Joppa heard that Peter was in a nearby town, they sent for him to come at once.



When Peter arrived, he was taken to the upstairs room where Tabitha lay.



Many widows stood around Peter. They were crying and showing him lovely clothing she had made.

Peter sent them all out of the room, knelt, and prayed. He then said, "Tabitha, get up."

Acts 9:40 (NIV)



Tabitha opened her eyes and sat up. Peter helped her to her feet. He then called in the believers and widows so they could see that Tabitha was alive!

Because of this miracle, many people in Joppa believed in Jesus.

"Religion that God accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows....and keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

James 1:27 (NIV)



