**Kind like Dorcas**

**Acts 9:32-43**

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.  He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Dorcas was always upset when she walked around the place that she lived as so many people were sick or needed help. She had heard the teachings of Jesus and knew that she needed to look after those in need, so she did what she could to help. It seems she made clothing for those in need and supported local widows.

Q – what things in your community make you sad when you see them?

Q – how do we show kindness to those in need around us?

Our communities are often full of issues, but so is our country and our world. Many issues hit the news – black lives matter, climate change, deforestation, war, famine… We often help those in need around the world by raising money, sending aid and joining protests.

Q – what issues in the world would you like to change?

Q – what can you do to help in these issues?

Challenge

This week take time to look at some of the issues in your area and how you can help. Remember Dorcas helped out of the kindness of her heart, because she was moved by their need.

Q – who needs your help this week?