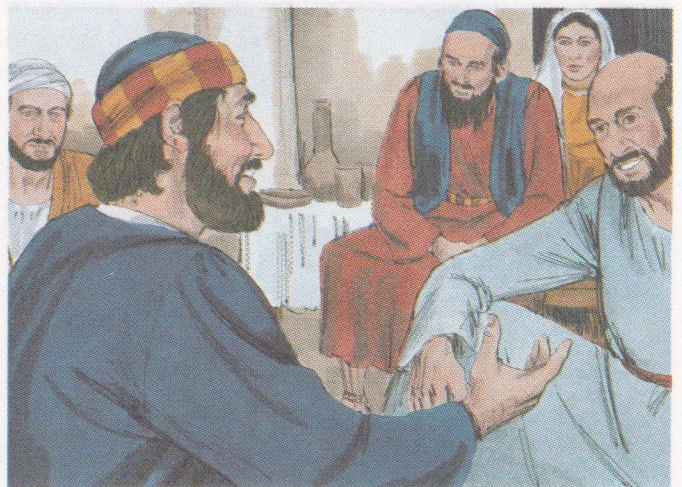


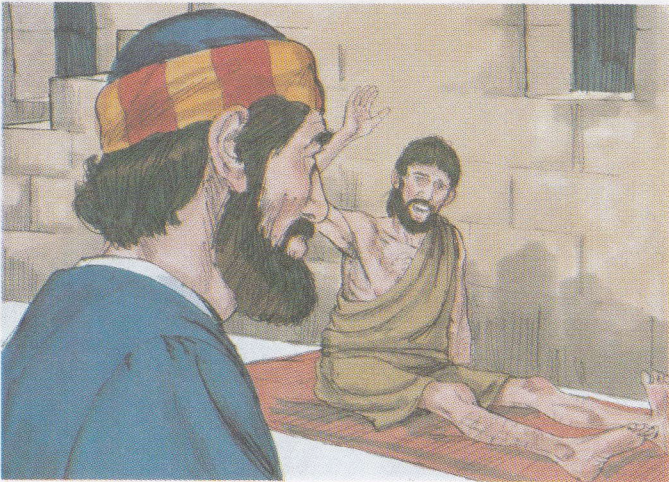
# Peter Heals Aeneas and Dorcas



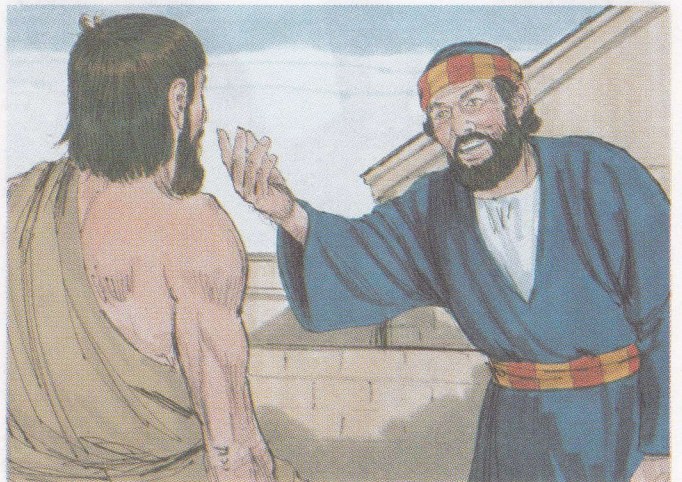
**1** When the persecution of the church began in Jerusalem, many of the disciples went to other places in Judea and Samaria. Most of the apostles remained in Jerusalem.



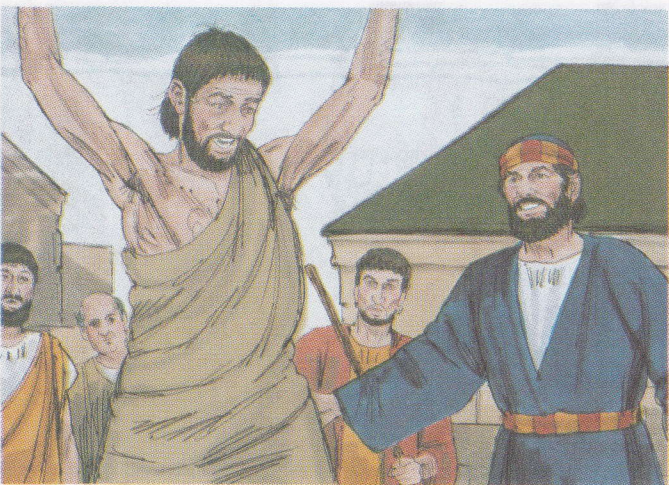
**2** But Peter traveled about the country preaching. On one occasion he went to visit the saints (as the disciples were called) in Lydda, a town near Joppa.



**3** In Lydda, Peter met a man named Aeneas. Aeneas was paralyzed. He had not been able to get out of bed for eight years.



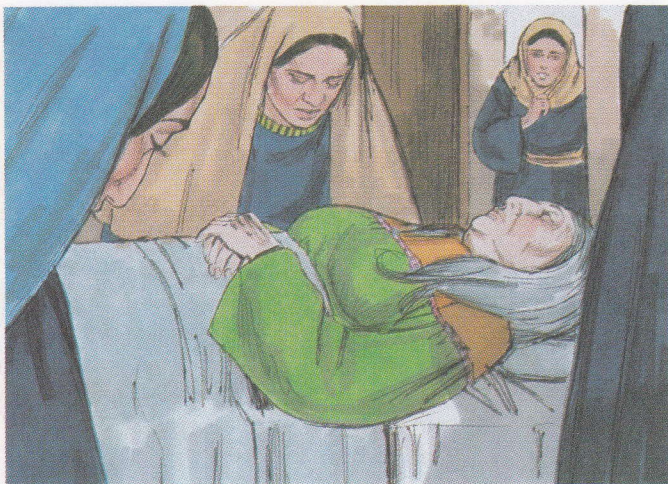
**4** Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed."



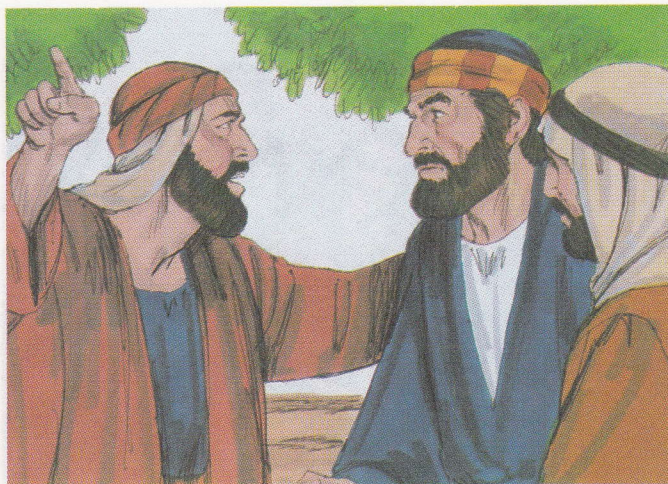
**5** Immediately Aeneas got up! Everyone living in Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they became believers in Christ.



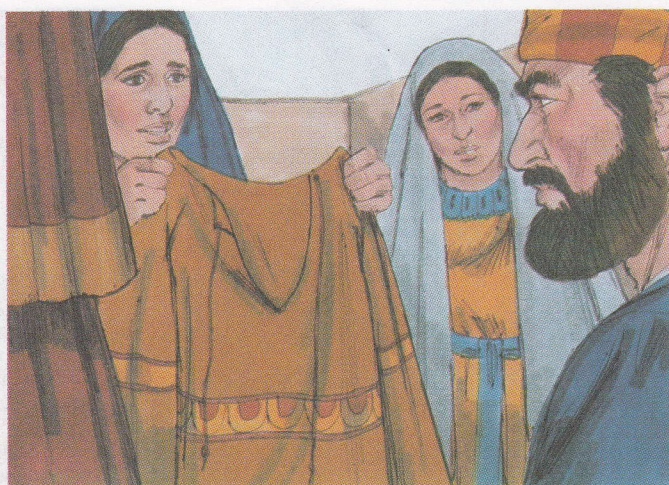
**6** Now, one of the disciples living in nearby Joppa was a woman named Tabitha (which is Dorcas in Greek). She was always doing good and helping the poor.



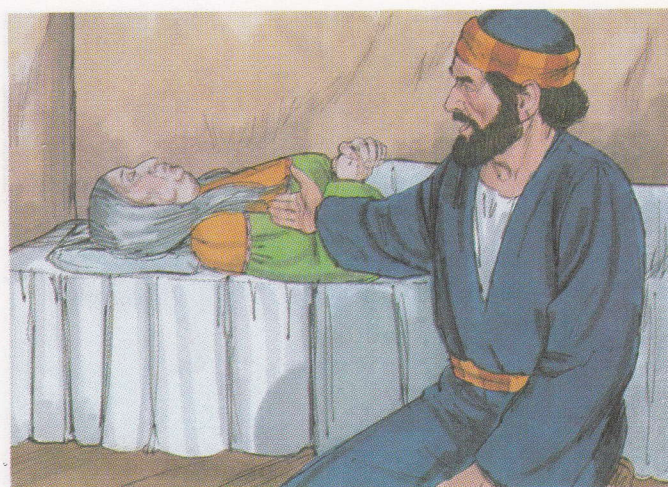
**7** While Peter was at Lydda, Dorcas became sick and died. Her friends washed her body and placed it in an upstairs room.



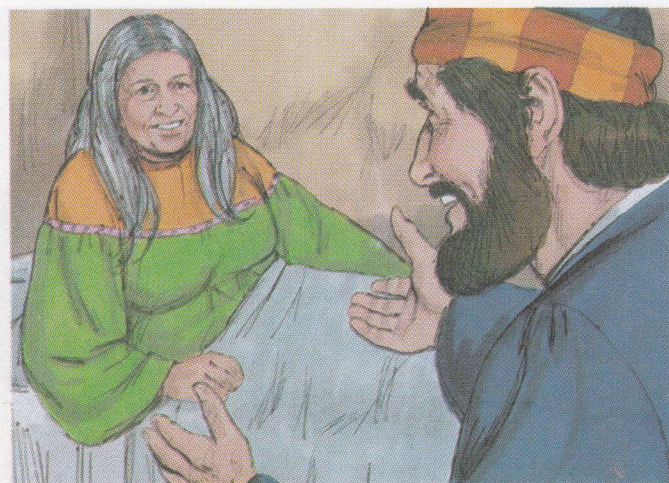
**8** When the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him. "Please come to Joppa at once," they urged him.



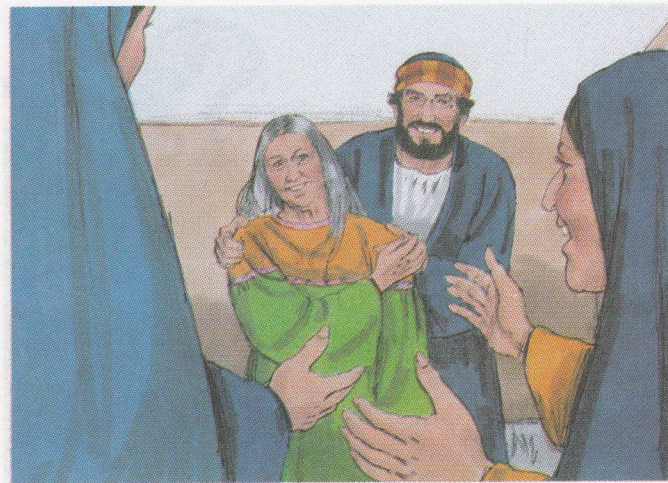
**9** When Peter arrived in Joppa, he went upstairs to the room where Dorcas's body lay. The women there showed Peter the robes and other clothing that she had made while she was alive.



**10** Peter then sent everyone out of the room. He got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned to the dead woman and said, "Tabitha, get up."



**11** She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Peter took her by the hand and helped her to her feet.



**12** Then Peter called in the others and presented Dorcas to them alive. When the news of this spread, many people believed in the Lord. Peter remained in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.