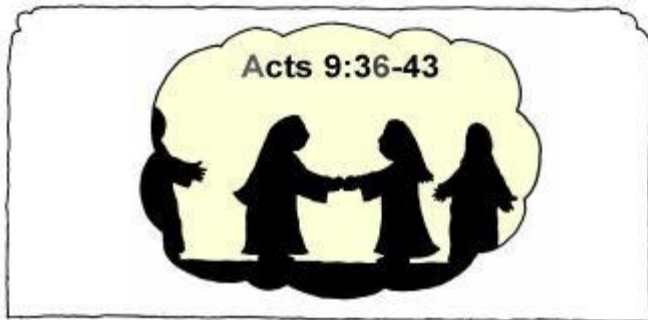


DORCAS

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In the Bible the story about Dorcas inspires us to take care of poor people. What can I do to help them?



In the seaside town of Joppa Dorcas was always busy sewing coats to give to poor widows and their children.



She loved to take care of them, the way Jesus had done, showing God's love by being kind and helpful.



When Dorcas got sick and died, her friends remembered how much she had helped others and had believed in God's son Jesus.



Peter, a disciple and helper of Jesus, had healed a sick man in the next town. Her friends went and asked Peter to come quickly and heal Dorcas too.



Peter went to Joppa and prayed for Dorcas, as Jesus had shown him. "Father God you alone have power to bring Dorcas back to life."



As Peter prayed Dorcas opened her eyes and sat up. Peter thanked God for answering his prayer.



Everyone was happy to see Dorcas alive and well. It was a miracle and many began to follow Jesus and to help poor people.