



Stand Out

Dorcas - Showing Appreciation

“ . . . let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Being kind to others makes us happy too.

Our story today is about a woman named Dorcas who spent her time thinking of ways to bless others.

Dorcas was a disciple, she had a special work to do which she did with her whole heart. She recognised that she was very good at helping ladies who had lost their husbands, women who did not have anyone to look after them. So she spent much of her time sewing and making clothes for them. The bible says she was “ . . . full of good works and charitable deeds.” Acts 9:36

There are opportunities around us all the time to help others. If we pray and ask God to show us how we can be a blessing to others, we will notice how we can help. A very easy way to be a blessing to others is to be ever cheerful, be kind, and be positive. You will find opportunities around you all the time to do these things.

Dorcas was very kind, she was definitely a blessing to those around her but one day she got sick and died. We must remember that even if we are following Jesus, we are not going to be well all the time, sometimes we get sick and sometimes, good people die. But even in her death Dorcas was a witness to God. Peter, the disciple, brought Dorcas back to life. God still had work for her to do. Dorcas was not concerned with becoming well known, she just used her talents to the best of her ability and because of this we remember her.

God can use anyone for his glory, including YOU!! Here is another Dorcas making a difference in her neighbourhood [CLICK HERE](#). What could you do to share Jesus? How can you Stand Out?

Let's celebrate that God is always good. . [Sing](#)



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Showing Appreciation



During Lock down, we showed our appreciation for the NHS and key workers, who kept us safe and our country running by displaying rainbows, and clapping in the evenings. Showing appreciation for those whose work stands out lets them know while they are alive, that we love them and are grateful for all they do for us.



Materials

- Colouring pens
- Paper
- Camera/Phone/recording device

Instructions

1. Make a card for someone, you would like to say thank you to.
2. Record a message of thanks for someone to brighten their day
3. Record a joke/funny story to cheer someone up.
4. Send the card/message and brighten someones day.



“Let all that you do be done in love” 1 Corinthians 16:14

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Think About It

Can you think of someone who stands out? People like Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela or Chadwick Boseman. These people used their special talent to bless others. By doing this we remember them, they stood out. So can YOU!

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Share It

What is your special talent?
What are you very good at?
What is it that you like to do the most? Anything can be used to share Jesus.

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Read It

You can read the whole story in Acts 9:36 - 43
What are the names of the other disciples?