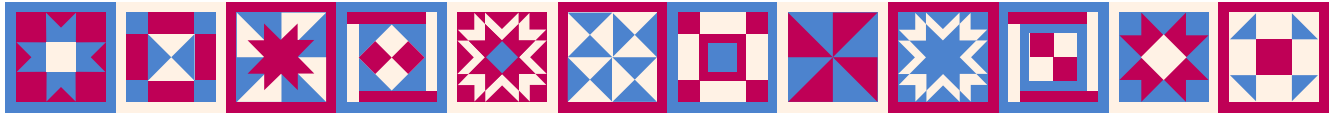


A Quilting Lesson



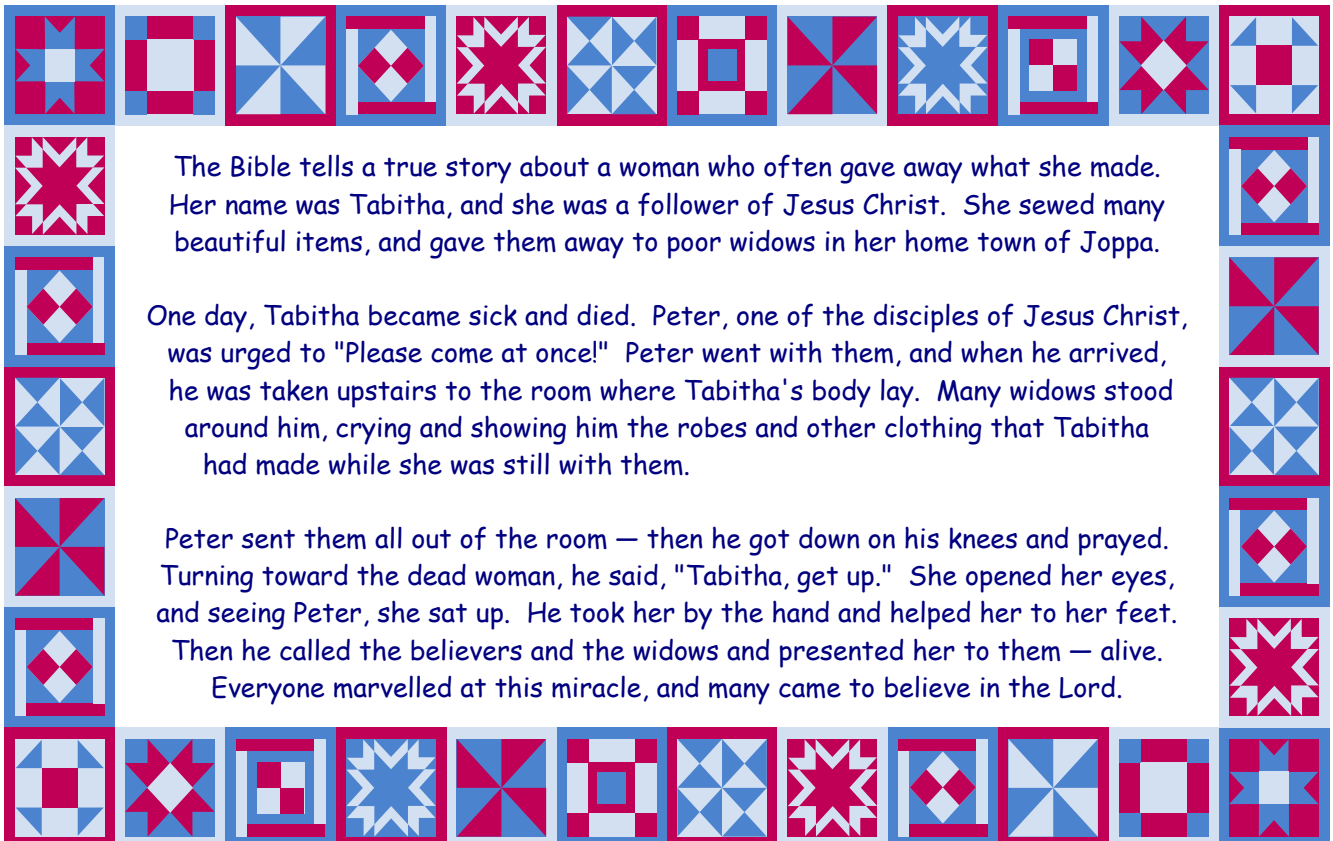
It's amazing what you can do with a needle & thread.

Some people make beautiful quilts for themselves & their friends.

Quilts take much skill to make...

- ❖ First, you need a good design or pattern.
- ❖ Then you have to choose the right colours of fabric, and cut out the shapes.
- ❖ Next, each piece must be carefully sewn together — the fussiest quilters do this by hand, but some use a sewing machine.
- ❖ Finally the fabric backing and soft stuffing are added to complete the quilt.
- ❖ Talented quilters are very careful with their finishing touches too, adding more stitchery and neat edgings to make their quilts extra special.

A fine quilt can take months (or even years!) to make. It's a great deal of work. And after all that, you'd think a quilt-maker might find it hard to give it away.



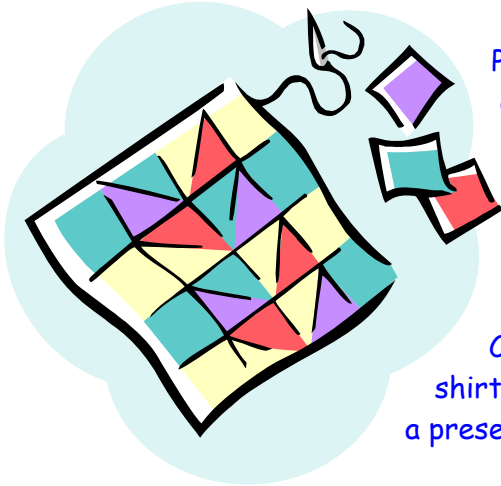
The Bible tells a true story about a woman who often gave away what she made. Her name was Tabitha, and she was a follower of Jesus Christ. She sewed many beautiful items, and gave them away to poor widows in her home town of Joppa.

One day, Tabitha became sick and died. Peter, one of the disciples of Jesus Christ, was urged to "Please come at once!" Peter went with them, and when he arrived, he was taken upstairs to the room where Tabitha's body lay. Many widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Tabitha 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 the believers and the widows and presented her to them — alive. Everyone marvelled at this miracle, and many came to believe in the Lord.

Read about Tabitha's story in the Bible — See [Acts 9: 36-42](#).



Peter, working in the power of Christ, performed a miracle for this special, generous lady. She had shared her talent with a needle & thread. Now she was given this miracle as her own gift.

*If you have a special talent, **share it.***

Can you **sew on a button** that has fallen off a shirt? Or **mend a hole** in a sock? Or **tie a fine bow** on a present? Then do it for someone.
That pleases God.

*Just like making a quilt, it takes patience to help people.
But it's wonderful to share the **best** that we have with others.*

