

Acts-Revelation

Lydia believes in Jesus Acts 16:11-15

Younger Verse

Treat others just as you want to be treated. Luke 6:31 CEV

Older Verse

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Welcome Time

Have you ever had someone spend the night at your home? It is fun to have friends over and talk and stay up late. Let's see who comes to visit...

Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

We learned in last week's lesson that Paul and his friend Silas began to travel together. They traveled in a ship and then on land to tell many people about Jesus. Every where they went, they took time to tell people the good news of how to get to Heaven by believing in Jesus Christ.

As they were traveling, they stopped at the city of Philippi. It was a big city with lots of people. They stayed there for several days.

On church day, they went outside the city to a beautiful spot by the river to pray.

As Paul and Silas walked closer, they saw a group of women in a circle talking. Paul and Silas began to talk to them. They probably shared how Jesus had changed their lives. One woman that was listening was named Lydia. She was in Philippi on business. She made beautiful purple cloth at her home and sold it to traders in the city.

Lydia believed in God and worshipped Him. When she heard Paul talk about Jesus, she knew that she must trust in Jesus and ask Him to come into her life.

Immediately she asked Paul to baptize her to show that she really believed in Jesus. She wanted others to see that she wanted to follow Jesus.

When we are baptized, it shows others that we believe in Jesus and want to do things His way. The water does not change us or make us special. Baptism is a picture of how we change. As we go down into the water, we are giving God our old selves and when we come up out of the water, we are asking

Lesson Goals

To learn what it means to believe in Jesus
To share with someone how to truly know Jesus
To tell what baptism means

Jesus to change us to be like Him and follow His ways. Lydia's whole family was baptized also. What a wonderful day it was.

Lydia was so excited about being a believer in Jesus, she asked Paul and Silas to stay with her family. She had a big home and plenty of room for the travelers.

Paul and Silas stayed with Lydia and her family. They probably talked all night long about Jesus. Lydia and her family probably had many questions about how to follow Jesus and tell others about Him.

Lydia was changed that day. Before, she had just known about God. Now she knew how much God loved her and how He sent His Son, Jesus, to make a way for her to get to Heaven. She trusted Jesus that day and showed others by being baptized. Do you know how to get to Heaven? Do you know who Jesus really is? Talk to us if you want to know more.

Learning Activities

Try activities that will help the kids see what it means to believe in Jesus and how to share their faith in Him.

Memory Verse Activities

Write the verse and erase one word at a time until the class can say the verse from memory.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help you find someone to invite to church this week.

Clean Up/Snack time

Snack on something purple this week to remember Lydia and how she believed in Jesus.

**Planning for May 9th
The Jailer trusts Jesus
Acts 16:16-40**

Preschool Lesson
For
Lydia believes in Jesus

Paul and his friend, Silas, traveled many places to help people know about Jesus. They got on a boat and sailed to more places to help people know how much Jesus loved them.

One church day, they walked to the river to pray. When they walked up, there was a group of women meeting there. Paul and Silas began to talk to them. They probably shared how Jesus had changed their lives. One woman that was listening was named Lydia. She was there to sell beautiful cloth. She made beautiful purple cloth at her home and sold it to traders in the city.

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Sing this song to the tune of "BINGO."

There was a girl who loved the Lord
And Lydia was her name-O
L-Y-D-I-A, L-Y-D-I-A, L-Y-D-I-A,
And Lydia was her name-O.

She learned about Jesus' love and how He came to help her,
L-Y-D-I-A, L-Y-D-I-A, L-Y-D-I-A,
She learned about Jesus.

Hands-On Activities For Lydia believes

Use markers to dye cloth purple. Or use the markers and draw crosses on a piece of cloth.

Practice weaving with purple construction paper or crochet using purple yarn. There is an easy way to crochet a chain stitch using your hands. If you are unfamiliar, ask one of the children. Most likely, one will know how to do it. There is a page attached to help you learn.

For smaller kids, show them that red and blue make purple. You can use play dough or even food coloring in two glasses of water. Be careful that it doesn't spill.

Make the Lydia puppet and act out the story.

Most of our lessons in Acts help children to understand what it means to believe in Jesus and help them see the importance of telling others about Him. This lesson is another opportunity to help them see what it means to truly BELIEVE in Jesus and how just knowing about God is not enough. It also helps kids that are Christians to see the need to help others come to believe in Him. Be sensitive to the Spirit as you share with your kids. Be observant and see what God does through you.
