

Paul Tells Lydia About Jesus
(be happy to tell others about Jesus)

Acts 16:12-15

We have a story today from God's Word about Paul. Paul was going on a trip to tell others about Jesus, God's Son. He was a Bible time missionary – someone who told others about Jesus. When he and his friends arrived across the sea, they walked to a city where they planned to stay for a while. They *wanted to* tell others about Jesus.

One morning Paul and his friends walked outside the city to the riverside. They came to the place where people who loved God came to pray. They sat down to wait and see who would come. Paul saw some women coming and said, "Hello, I am Paul. I can see that you love God because you have come here to the river to pray."

A woman named Lydia replied, "Yes I do. My friends and I come here often to talk to God. I sell purple dye and purple cloth which is used to make very beautiful clothing for rich people. I live in a country where the people do not love and worship God, but my friends and I know about Him and worship Him.

Paul asked her, "Do you know about Jesus?" Lydia asked, "Who is he?" Paul asked her to sit on the grass with them. He *wanted to* tell her about Jesus, God's Son who came from heaven to live on the earth for a while. Lydia wanted to know more. Why did He come? Where is He? She wanted to meet the Son of God.

Paul wanted to answer all of her questions. He told her that Jesus came to earth as a baby, God's only Son. He told her that Jesus grew up and became a man and did wonderful things: He made sick people well, He made blind people see and lame people to walk again. Jesus taught everyone about God, his heavenly Father and how much God loves us all.

Then he told her how Jesus was nailed to a cross. That Jesus died for the sins of everyone but that He did not stay dead. He came back to life and his friends saw him. They walked with him, talked with him and even ate with him.

Lydia asked, "Where is Jesus now? We would like to meet him!" Paul replied, "Jesus has gone back to heaven. We cannot see Him, but we can talk to Him, just like we talk to God. He sees us and stays close to those who love Him. You can know Jesus by asking Him to be your Savior."

Lydia was very excited to hear about Jesus. She believed that Jesus is the Son of God. She believed that He died for her sins. Then she thanked Jesus for loving her and asked Him to be her Savior. She wanted to be baptized to show others that she believe in Jesus.

Paul was so happy for her. Lydia wanted to tell all the people in her house about Jesus. She also wanted Paul and his friends to come and stay at her house while they were in the city. She loved Jesus and wanted to help them. Paul and his friends stayed with Lydia as long as they were in the city telling others about Jesus. Soon many people in the city believed and loved Jesus, including the people in Lydia's house.

Paul and his friends wanted to tell others about Jesus and traveled around doing that. As soon as Lydia learned about Jesus, she wanted to tell others and she did. All the people in her house believed in Jesus and were baptized.

Bible Verse:

Go home to your friends and tell
them what great things the Lord
has done for you. Mark 5:19 (NKJ)

**Lydia believes
in Jesus.**

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Lydia Made Purple Cloth

Materials: *Master: Lydia made purple cloth... (one per child on cardstock)
 *Purple felt (cut in squares & rectangles - 3 per child)
 *Small craft sticks (2 per child)
 *Yarn *Liquid glue *Bible verse label



Give the children two craft sticks and a length of yarn and help them to construct a “clothesline” with the yarn and craft sticks on their piece of construction paper and glue into place. Help the children glue their purple cloths to the clothesline. Review the story with the children.

Good News Bracelets

Materials: *Chenille stems (*pipe cleaners*) to make bracelets (one per child)
 *Colored plastic “pony beads” (one per child of black, red, white, green and yellow)

Help the children string their beads in the following order: black, red, white, green, yellow and twist the chenille stem together to make a bracelet. Tell the children the meaning of each color of bead.

- Black: Sin in our lives.
- Red: For the blood Jesus shed.
- White: Clean heart with Jesus
- Green: Growing relationship with Jesus
- Yellow: Heaven’s golden streets

Lydia made purple cloth and she loved God. She prayed with her friends at the river. One day Paul came to her town and told her about Jesus! She was happy to hear the Good News.