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ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

OCTOBER 17, 2021

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY:** Hey, Sew Sister (Lydia) • Acts 16:13-15

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:** Use your gifts to help others.

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:** *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 139:14 (NirV)*

**MONTHLY LIFE APP:** Individuality—Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference.

**BASIC TRUTH:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids that they get to act out today's Bible story together!
- Assign one kid to be Lydia and one kid to be Paul.
- Explain that you'll read a couple of the following points and the kids can either pantomime the actions or come up with some lines to say. (If you have a very creative bunch, let them think of some other ways they can demonstrate what's happening in the story.)
- After every couple of story points, switch roles so everyone has a chance to act something out.
- For the points that require others to be involved, let kids volunteer to play those parts.
- (If the acting out starts taking a long time and getting drawn out, you can "pause" the action and simply read a few points to speed things along.)

## Story Point

- A woman named Lydia sold fine purple cloth.
- She was very gifted in making fine purple cloth, and she set up a business in a city called Philippi to sell it.
- Lydia believed in God and began meeting with other women outside the city gates at the river bank to worship God.
- God spoke to the apostle Paul in a vision and told him to go to Macedonia, which is where Philippi was.
- Paul went to tell the people of Macedonia the good news about Jesus.
- Paul and his friends set sail for Macedonia then traveled to Philippi.
- Paul and his friends went down to the river, hoping to find a place of prayer.
- There by the river, Paul saw Lydia and the women praising God.
- Paul told them the story of Jesus and how anyone who chose to follow Him could have a relationship with God forever.
- God opened Lydia's heart to believe in Jesus, and she wanted to be baptized!
- Lydia was baptized along with everyone in her family.
- Afterwards, Lydia invited Paul and Luke to her house.
- Many times, Lydia opened her home for Paul and other followers of Jesus to gather there.
- Lydia continued to use her gifts to help others.

## WHAT YOU SAY:

"Lydia had the gifts of making fine cloth and being a good business woman. She used the money she made to buy a home for her and her family. She allowed Paul and his friends to stay at her home whenever they needed it.

"I'm so thankful we have stories like Lydia's in the Bible to show us how to use our gifts. We all have gifts and abilities, and they all look different. What are some of your gifts and abilities? (Briefly let kids share about what they like to do and what they're good at.) But, we all also have a choice in how we use those gifts. Just like Lydia, you can **[Bottom Line] use your gifts to help others.**"

## CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"Dear God, thank You for making us each unique and different. Thank You for giving each of us gifts. Please show us our gifts and show us ways we can use our gifts to help others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."