



Family Devotion

Week of August 2 • Acts 16:13-15

Go to God's Word

13-14 On the Sabbath, we left the city and went down along the river where we had heard there was to be a prayer meeting. We took our place with the women who had gathered there and talked with them. One woman, Lydia, was from Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth, known to be a God-fearing woman. As she listened with intensity to what was being said, the Master gave her a trusting heart—and she believed!

15 After she was baptized, along with everyone in her household, she said in a surge of hospitality, "If you're confident that I'm in this with you and believe in the Master truly, come home with me and be my guests." We hesitated, but she wouldn't take no for an answer.

Acts 16:13-15, The Living Bible

Reflect

1. In this story, Paul is on a missionary journey sharing the Good News of Jesus. A woman in his audience, Lydia, listens "intently" to Paul. What does it look like when you're listening intently?
2. The passage says that, "the Master gave her a trusting heart". Who is the Master? What does it mean to have a trusting heart?
3. The passage says that after listening to Paul, Lydia believed! What is the first action that Lydia takes as a believer?

Observe

The passage says that Lydia was a dealer in purple cloth. During ancient times, purple cloth was difficult and therefore expensive to make. Purple dye was gathered drop by drop from the veins of shellfish that were found in the Mediterranean. It took thousands of shells to make a yard or two of purple cloth. To help your children remember this story of Lydia and her trusting heart and hospitality, try the following activity with your children:

Supplies: Quart-sized Ziploc bag, white shaving cream, red & blue food dye

Directions: Fill the Ziploc bag about halfway with shaving cream. Put 3 drops of red food dye on one side of the bag and 3 drops of blue food dye on the opposite side of the bag. Seal the bag tightly and remove all the air. Hand the bag to your child and let them squish the colors together

to make purple. Next, snip the corner of the bag and let your child “write” by squeezing the shaving cream out of the small hole, like they’re decorating a cake with icing. Have your children practice writing some key words from the passage such as: believe, trust, heart, Lydia, baptized.

Worship

Worship together by watching this Seeds Family Worship song based on [Acts 17:24-25](#). When you’ve watched the worship song, head over to The Bible Project and watch their video on the [Book of Acts](#).

Pray together as a family asking God to give you a trusting and generous heart like Lydia.