



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 3, Lesson 13

## Paul and Lydia

Lesson Aim: To know God opens our hearts  
to respond to Him.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is your favorite color clothing to wear?

**GAME:** Fast Responders

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SAVES US

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 27:8.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

### THE WORD GOD OPENS LYDIA'S HEART

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: The Holy Spirit led Paul to Macedonia.

Point to Paul and Lydia. **As Paul continued on his second missionary journey, he traveled by sea to a few towns and then to Philippi, in Macedonia.** Track Paul's second missionary journey, or point out the distance from Troas to Philippi. **Today, we will discover who Paul, Silas, and Timothy met in Philippi.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 16:12-15. Find and Highlight Key Verse Acts 16:14. First. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY RESPONDING TO GOD

**What did Paul and his friends plan to do at the riverbank?** (Pray.) **Why was Lydia there?** (To pray.) **What was her job?** (She sold purple cloth.) **What do you think Paul told Lydia about Jesus? We don't know his exact words, but we know his message was always about Jesus. He may have told her how much Jesus loves her. He may have told her what he told the Romans when he wrote, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."**

**What do you think it means for God to open your heart? We are able to understand or believe something about God. God opened Lydia's heart to respond to Paul's message. What does respond mean?** (To respond is to react or do something.) **Have you ever felt God was opening your heart to believe in Him or to do something?**

Lydia was already a worshiper of God, but she did not yet believe in Jesus. When God opened her heart, she would have understood Jesus is God's Son and that a relationship with Him as Lord is the only way to have a right relationship with God the Father. Lydia first responded by believing in Jesus as her Lord. How do we know she became a believer? (She was baptized, and she called herself a believer when she invited Paul and his friend to stay with her.) **God is the one that caused Lydia to believe, to want to be baptized and to serve Paul and his friends. Some of the ways we can respond are worshiping, reading the Bible, telling others about Jesus, loving others, praying, serving, and giving. What are some ways you have responded to something God has done in the Bible or your life?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Nearly one thousand years before God opened Lydia's heart, King David wrote a psalm about his own heart. **Check out what King David asked God to do.** Reveal Psalm 19:14. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**The meditations of your heart are your thoughts and feelings. What did King David want his words, thoughts, and feelings to be?**

(Pleasing to God.) **What kinds of words and conversations do you think are pleasing to God? What kinds of thoughts and feelings do you think are pleasing to God? Our Bible Memory Verse gives us ways to have thoughts and feelings that are pleasing to God. Who remembers what it tells us to think about?** Read Philippians 4:8 or sing the Bible Memory Verse Song "Whatever Is True."

If time allows, play THE SIGNS OF PHILIPPIANS 4:8 in GOT TIME? segment, or simply discuss the meaning of each phrase in the Bible Memory Verse.

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Strip of purple cloth
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #13
- OFFERING OF ART: Paul telling Lydia about following Jesus
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Purple Service

**GAME:** Acts 16:13-15 Word Game

**CRAFT:** Paul's Letter Keeper

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY**

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** The Signs of Philippians 4:8, Up and Down Bible Verse

### **BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**