



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
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, which was a Roman city 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. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY RESPONDING TO GOD

**Where did Paul and his friends go to find a place of prayer?** (To the river.) **Who did Paul meet there?** (A group of ladies with Lydia.) **What was Lydia's job?** (She sold purple cloth.) **What do you think Paul told Lydia about Jesus?** **We don't know his exact words that day, but we do know his message was always about Jesus. He may have told her Jesus is God's Son who died for us and was raised from the dead as Lord. He may have told her how much Jesus loves her.**

**Who opened Lydia's heart?** (God.) **God is the one who opens our hearts. What do you think it means for God to open your heart?** **When God opens our hearts, we are able to understand or believe something about God that we couldn't understand or believe until God opened our heart. He opens our hearts to believe in Jesus. He**

**opens our hearts to understand new things about Him and His plan for us. God opened Lydia's heart to respond to what Paul said about Jesus. To respond means to react or to do something. When God opened Lydia's heart, then she believed Paul's message. Believing is the first thing she did. Then, Lydia chose to be baptized as a sign that she was now a follower of Jesus. What did Lydia then invite Paul and his friends to do?** (She invited them to come stay with her.)

**Before we read the Bible, we can ask God to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to His Word so we will understand what God is telling us in the Bible verses we are reading. When God opens our hearts, we can understand new things about Him. We can respond as Lydia did by believing, understanding, and taking action.**

### **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 with his heart.** Reveal Psalm 19:14. 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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**