



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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 expect to do at the riverbank in Philippi? (Pray.) Who did Paul meet? (A group of ladies with Lydia.) Why was Lydia there? (She gathered with the women 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."**

**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? We are able to understand or believe something about God that we couldn't until God opened our hearts. He opens our hearts to**

**believe in Jesus. He opens our hearts to understand new things about Him and His plan for us. Have you ever felt God was opening your heart to believe in Him or to do something?**

**God opened Lydia's heart to respond to what Paul said about Jesus. To respond means to react or to do something. The first way Lydia responded was to believe. What are the two other ways Lydia responded? (She was baptized, and then served others by inviting Paul and his friends to her house.) Lydia was baptized as a sign she was now a follower of Jesus. She invited Paul and his friends to her home as a way to serve. When God opens our hearts, we can respond in some way. It may be by believing and taking action as Lydia did. Some of the ways we can respond are worshiping, reading the Bible, telling others about Jesus, loving others, praying, serving, and giving.**

### **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
- 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**