

WEEK 3: Lydia

Big Idea: Baptism is how we tell everyone that we want to follow Jesus forever.

HANGOUT

1. Discuss: Have you ever seen someone get baptized? What happened? What was said?
2. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Baptism is how we tell everyone that we want to follow Jesus forever.**
3. Discuss:
 - Can you think of any other ways that people show their commitment to someone or something that's really important to them? (e.g., marriage is a commitment between two people; pet adoption is a commitment to care for an animal; a contract is a legal commitment between people in business, etc.)
 - Have you ever made a commitment to someone? What was it? Did you do or say something to show your commitment?

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

4. Let the kids know that in today's God Story, someone gets baptized after hearing the good news about Jesus and deciding to follow him.
5. Look up and read about Lydia in Acts 16:11-15.
6. Discuss:
 - Who got baptized in this story? (Lydia and everyone in her household)
 - Where did Paul and Silas meet Lydia? (on a riverbank outside of the city)
 - What was Lydia's job? (Lydia was a merchant of expensive purple cloth)
 - Who opened Lydia's heart as she listened to Paul? (God)
 - What was the kind thing that Lydia did for Paul and Silas? (asked them to be her guests)
 - What stands out to you about this story?
 - Where do you think Lydia and her household were likely baptized? (in the river)
7. Remind the kids that following Jesus starts with hearing the good news. Lydia heard the good news, followed Jesus, and was baptised!
8. Review the good news together:
 - What did Jesus come to show us? (God's love)
 - What did Jesus come to save us from? (sin)
 - What did Jesus come to share? (his peace)

HUDDLE

9. Let the kids know that there are lots of ways we can follow Jesus in our everyday lives. Baptism is one of those ways. Supply paper and drawing supplies for each person. Direct everyone to write: "I can follow Jesus by..." on their page. Help with writing as needed. Encourage the kids to write or draw examples of what following Jesus might look like at home, at school, and in the community. Invite everyone to share their ideas.
10. Pray, "Thank you, Jesus, for loving [name each group member if possible] and for teaching us to follow you in every part of our lives. We love you, Lord! Amen."

Word Search

U F U T B K I E L H R F J K I
V H T O L C E L P R U P Z G S
K N E M O W T Q U U V O N O A
R N S P L Q R E V E I L E B L
E H A K H O U S E H O L D X I
Y C T B J O M E R C H A N T S
A A S I R B V D Z T L L U A P
R E Z V P E E G U E S T S N K
P R S P X Z V W L T D V J B Z
N P U F I C F I S Y O P H P B
B O C T R M X K R I D G V I A
L G P P J L I M A T X I M L V
X A P V S W E N D O O G A F O
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PAUL

SILAS

PREACH

PRAYER

RIVERBANK

WOMEN

LYDIA

MERCHANT

PURPLE CLOTH

GOOD NEWS

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BELIEVER

GUESTS

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KIDS