

Lydia

These resources are designed to help you explore the Bible as a family together at home while we can't go to church. Be as creative as you want to be and enjoy spending time with each other and with God.

Prepare yourself...

Heavenly Father, heavenly King,
we come before you today just as we
are.

We come to listen and to learn.

We come and lay everything down
to stand in your awesome presence.

Amen.



Read the Bible...

Today's verses are found in **Acts 16:11-15**. You can read them in a Bible or find them [here](#).

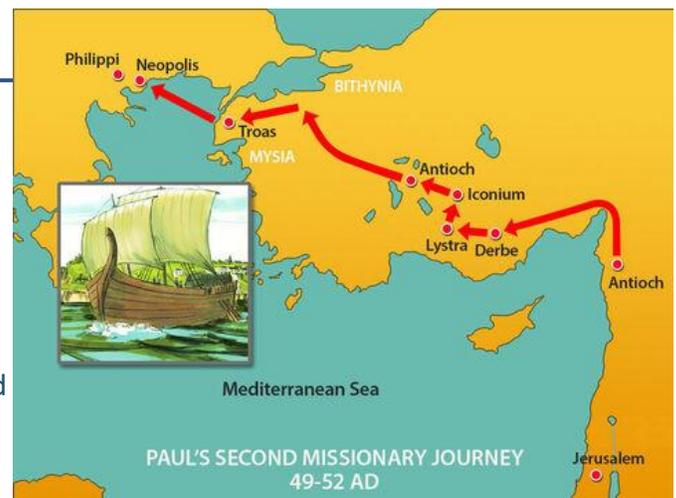
In this part of the book of Acts, Paul is on his second journey around various cities taking the message of Jesus to the people there. In the city of Troas, Paul had a vision of a man in Macedonia begging him to come and help them. Paul believed this vision was from God and that he was to take the Good News about Jesus to the people in Macedonia, so he and the others with him travelled there. Macedonia was in Europe so this was the very first time that people in Europe heard about Jesus. It was there, in the city of Philippi that they met Lydia. Watch the story: [Lydia baptised](#) You can still find the cities of Troas and Philippi on a map, try looking them up and wonder what the journey was like for Paul and his friends. Remember they wouldn't have had the same transport as we do now!



Question...



Where is the furthest place you've travelled to?



Talk together...

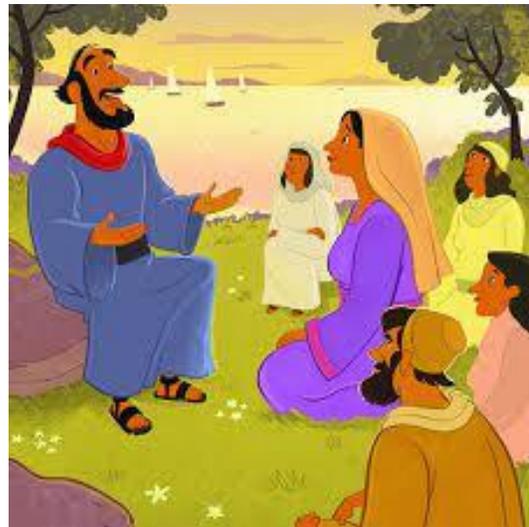
- What does the Bible tell us about Lydia?
- What did Lydia do when she heard about what Jesus had done?
- What is baptism? Why do people get baptised?
- Have you been baptised?
- Who else was baptised at the same time as Lydia?
- Why do you think Lydia asked Paul and the others to stay with her?
- Can you remember the first time or the first person who told you about Jesus?
- What can we learn about God from this story?
- What can we learn about ourselves?



Play together...

Chinese whispers

Paul didn't often whisper about Jesus, but he did pass the message on to lots of other people and wanted them to do the same. Play a game of Chinese whispers with your family, passing a message, word or sentence along to one another.



Make something...

Purple collage

Find as many purple things as you can in your house and gather them into one place. Then use the items to make a cross or a heart or another shape that can help remind you that God loves you.

Alternatively you could use purple pens, crayons, paint, scraps of fabric to use on paper to create your purple collage shape.

How many different shades of purple do you have?

Pray together...

Loving God, help us to be like Jesus, and like his disciples sent on their mission – caring, sharing and welcoming – so that your will may be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Amen.

Praise together...

[I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N](#)

[1 2 3 Jesus is alive](#)

[Glory to God forever](#)

