



Sunday, May 22, 2022

Lydia - Acts 16:9-15



What's the Big Idea?

We Work Together to Spread the News of Jesus!

Today's story is about an amazing woman named, Lydia who was baptized by Paul. She owned her own business making purple cloth that she sold to rich and famous people. We often see babies get baptized, but did you know that adults get baptized, too? Lydia was one of those adults who heard about the incredible love of Jesus and wanted to be baptized. And what's even more interesting is that after she got baptized, she had her whole household do the same. During Lydia's time, a household meant family, friends, employees, and slaves. When Lydia's "household" was baptized, that was probably a lot of people!



Lydia's reaction to receiving the love of Jesus was to help share it with others — first in her household and then by growing Paul's ministry. Just like Lydia worked with Paul to spread the news about Jesus, we can also work together as a community to spread the news of Jesus by the ways we love and help others.

Read It

Find this week's story on page 532 of your Spark Story Bible!



Talk About It

- 1) What is your favorite color?
- 2) Who do you tell about Jesus?
- 3) When you were baptized, was anyone else baptized with you?
- 4) Together, help each other tell as many things about Jesus as number of years old you are. A four-year-old thinks of four things about Jesus, a nine-year-old, nine — parents may need some help to come up with their number of things! Use the Bible for help!

Pray: Thank you, Jesus, for asking us to tell people about you and God. Help us to do it. AMEN.

Try It

Lydia was excellent at making beautiful purple cloth. Use some paints and see how many different shades of purple you can make. Mix them up!



Memorize It

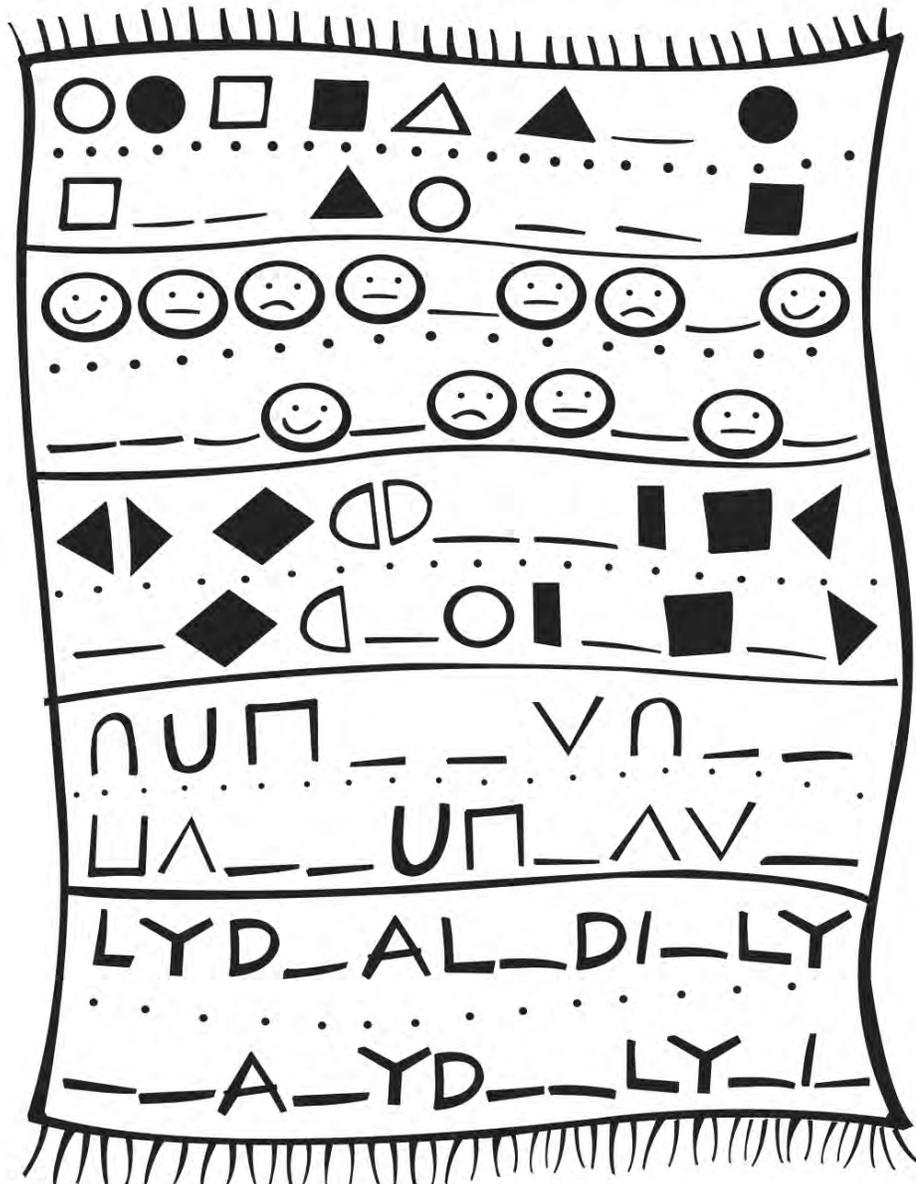
Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. Acts 16:14b

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Lydia's Perfect Pattern

When the disciples visited, Lydia was busy making fabric. She was so amazed and astounded by their news that she lost her place in the pattern! Can you help her by filling in the blanks in each of these patterns?



Lydia was amazed. "Will you baptize me and everyone who lives in my house?"

