



WEEK
THREE
OCTOBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray that God will prepare the kids' hearts to hear what He wants to teach them this week. Ask God to help you show kids the ways in which He has gifted them to help others and point back to Him. Pray that kids would have plenty of opportunities in the near future to use what God has given them to make someone else's life better.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Hey, Sew Sister
Lydia
Acts 16:13-15

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Use your gifts to help others.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.
Psalm 139:14, NIRV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Individuality—Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference

BASIC TRUTH

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EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, drawing paper, colored pencils or crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids to Small Group as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the container.
- Give each kid a piece of drawing paper and ask kids to choose their favorite color of crayon or pencil.
- Invite the kids to draw a picture—the more detailed the better—with just their favorite color.
- If you have several shades in the same color family, allow older kids to use those for a little more nuance in their drawings.
- Ask:
 - What would the world be like if it were just one color?
 - What does it say about God that He made the world with so many colors?
 - What does it say about people that we all have colors we love or are drawn to?
 - How do you decide on your favorite color?
 - Has your favorite color ever changed?
 - What are some ways we use colors? (as warnings, to communicate information, in our food, in our buildings, in our clothes, etc.)



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



INGREDIENTS MAY CONTAIN [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Ingredients May Contain" Activity Pages, colored pencils or markers, scissors, tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out the Activity Pages and set out the colored pencils and markers.
- Instruct kids to think of a candy that might represent Lydia from the Bible story.
- Ask prompting questions.
 - Would a candy that represented Lydia have purple sprinkles?
 - Would it have fluffy nougat because she was comforting and hospitable?
 - Would it be mint flavored—like the herbs she could gather in the place where the women prayed and met Paul?
 - Would it have something new and exotic that would make the candy bar a best-seller?
- Once kids decide about the details of their candy, invite them to name the candy they invented.
- Instruct the kids to design and color their wrapper on the blank side.
- Direct them to fill in the "May Contain" section on the back of the wrapper.
 - Help younger kids by asking questions.
 - Would a candy bar inspired by Lydia contain a ton of Awesomeness?
 - Would a candy bar inspired by Lydia contain Helpfulness, Business Sense, Generosity, or Artistry?
 - Would a candy bar inspired by Lydia give you extra Creativity for the day or provide all the Kindness you need?
 - Does this candy bar need a warning? May cause extra Hospitality. Could make you Thoughtful and Unselfish. May increase Curiosity. Eater could develop Keen Business or Leadership Skills.
 - Older kids might approach this as if Lydia was a social media influencer who created a sponsored post or who collaborated with a candy company.
- When kids have filled out both sides of the candy wrapper, give each kid a pair of scissors and direct them to follow the lines to cut out their wrapper.
- Instruct the kids to fold the wrapper on the fold lines.
- Set out the tape.
- Direct the kids to tape the top of the wrapper to the bottom and seal up the sides.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"These are some delicious—and inspiring—candies! Lydia sure had a lot of gifts! She had skills—those are things she learned to do. Can you name some of the skills Lydia had? (*dying cloth, running a business, and organizing people*) She also had unique inner characteristics. Do you have any idea what those could have been? (*curious, spiritual, generous, smart*) She had a specific life experience: she was a wealthy businesswoman and had a group of friends.

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(INGREDIENTS MAY CONTAIN, CONTINUED)

“All those pieces—skills, character, and experience—made her unique and combined to make the gifts she used in our Bible story. She used her home and her business to help Paul and the church. She used her generosity and her friend connections to help the church.

“You, too, have those pieces. You have skills like . . . *(invite kids to name their skills or even those of their friends)*. I have seen much of your inner character, like being smart and brave and kind. And you have a specific experience in your life! You’re a brother or sister or cousin or neighbor, a teammate, a classmate, a friend. When those things combine, your gifts are beautiful and unique.

“And just like Lydia, you can **use your gifts to help others**. I can’t wait to see how you choose to do that!”





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SHARE IT!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Share It!" Activity Pages, Bible marked at Psalm 139, butcher paper or similar, permanent markers (washable markers, crayons, or colored pencils if using cardstock)

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Cover the work space with butcher paper or something similar.
- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible where marked.
- Give each kid a "Share It!" Activity Page
- Guide kids to point to the words as you read the verse aloud.
- Set out the markers and invite kids to decorate their sheets as they choose.
- As they work, use the conversation below as a guide to "bring it home."
- Encourage kids to give their pictures to someone as a way to share God's love. The recipient can put it on a window or mirror.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Use your gifts to help others.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"The important thing to remember this week is to **use your gifts to help others**. One of the BEST gifts that we can use to help others is the gift of God's Word. So just like Lydia shared God's Word with the people of her town, YOU can share God's Word with people you know, too. You can give them your picture to put on a mirror or window. And when you share Psalm 139:14 with them, they can know how valuable and special they are to God. So remember to use your *(pause for kids to fill in the blank)* to help *(pause)*."

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God gives EVERYONE special gifts that they can use to help others. What's a gift you have that you can use to help others? (*give hugs; share my things; help fold towels; etc.*) Great ideas!

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Use your gifts to help others.

"WHATEVER gifts God gives you, remember that YOU are one of a kind! God made you to make a difference in the world that NO ONE ELSE can make. So **use your gifts to help others.** [*Kid's name*], **use your gifts to help others.** [*Kid's name*], **use your gifts to help others.** (*Repeat with each kid.*) Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You that You give each of us gifts that we can use to help others. Help us share our gifts so that others can see how truly AMAZING you are. We love You, Lord. Amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell parents today's Bottom Line: **Use your gifts to help others.**

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