



WEEK
THREE
OCTOBER 2021

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Hey, Sew Sister
Lydia
Acts 16:13-15

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Use your gifts to help others.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP SUPPLIES

- Table
- Three "mystery boxes" with lift-off lids (decorated with question marks, if possible)
- Different types of fruit candy with easily identifiable shapes (see "What You Do")
- Large mixing bowl for the used candy

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **MOVIE NIGHT - Mega Awesome Costume Party**
 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29th - 6:30
 - Register online - fliers go out next week
 - Movie - Hotel Transylvania 2
- **LOVE WORKS SERVE DAY - November 6th**
 - Every month we help support local organizations to serve our community.
 - BUT TWICE A YEAR we have a HUGE SERVE DAY
 - Nov 6th
 - SIGN UP TODAY

STORY SUPPLIES

- Magnifying glass
- Table
- Six paper lunch bags labeled A, B, C, D, E, F, filled with the following items:
 - Piece of purple fabric (bag A)
 - Water bottle (bag B)
 - Flashlight, turned on (bag C)
 - Toy plastic megaphone (bag D)
 - Some type of plastic or toy food (bag E)
 - Philippians 1:3-6 sheet, printed from the LG Assets PDF and rolled into a scroll (bag F)

MONTHLY WORSHIP LINEUP:

- Week 1 – The Best Is Yet To Come & The Blessing
- Week 2 – Might Get Loud & Graves Into Gardens
- **Week 3 – There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do & Never Lost**
- Week 4 – This Is Living & The Blessing
- Week 5 – Might Get Loud & Way Maker

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

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10 MINUTES

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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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, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

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

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO: There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

AUDIO: Never Lost

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! I'm [your name], and I'm so glad you're here at Mission. All month here, we're talking about individuality.

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

Individuality is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"You see, God made each of us in His own image. He made every person unique and special, so that we can share His love and show others what He's like.



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"There are a couple of things I know for sure from hanging out with all of you. One, you're all awesome individuals, and two, you all have VERY strong opinions about the best kind of candy. I get it. I do, too! Since you're all candy experts, I thought we could play one of my favorite games: Mystery Box!

Walk behind the table with the three mystery boxes.

"I'll bring up three contestants. They'll each reach inside their box and try to figure out what kind of candy is inside . . . without looking! The first contestant to tell me the correct candy, wins. The other two contestants get to stay up here and play again. Sound like fun? Who wants to give it a try?"

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Pick three kids to start, making sure to pick kids who don't have any allergy concerns. Have the contestants close their eyes while you show the audience the candy you're putting inside the three boxes. Do this while holding up your finger to your lips so the kids in the audience know not to say the candy's name. Put a few pieces of candy inside each box. (The Worship Leaders can help with this.)

Note: Try to choose candy with a specific shape like candy corn, Skittles®, Starburst®, gummy worms, peach rings, suckers, Ring Pops®, etc. Make sure to use only fruit-flavored candy to avoid any allergies. (Or for extra precaution, you can play the game with Small Group Leaders instead of kids.)

Tell the kids they can reach inside their boxes when you say, "Go." Let them reach inside and guess. The kid who guesses right first can have a seat, and the other two can stay up for the next round while you pick a new contestant. During this transition, dump the contents of the boxes into the mixing bowl so you can put the new candy inside.

Play as many rounds as time allows. Thank everyone for playing and dismiss the remaining contestants to their seats.

"Wow—you all REALLY know your candy! Nice guessing, everyone."



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, everyone! I’ve got a really cool story here from the Bible (*hold up Bible*), and I need your help to piece it together. This story is about a woman named Lydia who was from the city of Thyatira.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #1 (LYDIA IN THYATIRA)

“That’s a fun city name to say. Try it with me.

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: “Thyatira.”

STORYTELLER: “Nice job! (Hold up the magnifying glass.) We have some clues that will help us tell Lydia’s story, and they’re scattered throughout the room. They look like this (*hold up the sample clue bag*) . . . and they have the letters A, B, C, D, E, and F written on them. Could you help me look for the clues?”

“Let’s tiptoe around and look! I need 5 volunteers to help me find our clues.

AUDIO: MYSTERIOUS MUSIC (SUGGESTION: “FRENCH CONNECTION” BY HENRY SALOMON Y SU ORQUESTA)

Tiptoe around with the magnifying glass to model to the kids to take it slow . Have small group leaders help them find all six clue bags.

“Great job, everyone! If you have the clue with an A on it, bring it to the stage. If you have a clue with a different letter, hold onto it for later.

Invite the kid with clue A to come up, open the bag on stage to reveal the purple cloth inside, then go back to their seat.

“Thanks, [*kid’s name*]! (*Hold up the cloth.*) This is some really beautiful purple cloth. These days, we can go to the store and find some fabric in a color like this, but back in Lydia’s time, it took a LOT of work. Fabric like this was very special and valuable—and Lydia was an expert at making it. She would have traveled to other cities to sell it . . . like the city of Philippi.”

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #2 (LYDIA SELLING CLOTH IN PHILIPPI)

THE ONE TRUE GOD

STORYTELLER: “Where Lydia grew up, most people were taught to believe in false gods. But maybe Lydia wondered if there was something more.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #3 (LYDIA WONDERING)



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"There wasn't a meeting place or a synagogue in Philippi where people could gather. So Lydia and her friends would meet and talk about God outside the city. That brings us to our next clue—clue B.

Invite the kid with clue B to come up, open the bag on stage to reveal the water bottle inside, then go back to their seat.

"Thanks, [kid's name]. (Hold up the water bottle.) This must be a clue about where Lydia and her friends met to talk about God. Where do you think it could be? (Pause for response.) Yes! They met to talk about God by the water—on the riverbank.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #4 (LYDIA AND FRIENDS ON THE RIVERBANK)

"Lydia and the other women had a place where they could talk about God . . . but they still hadn't heard about Jesus yet. That was about to change. I wonder who would tell them about Jesus? Let's look at our next clue: C."

Invite the kid with clue C to come up, open the bag on stage to reveal the flashlight inside, then go back to their seat. (The flashlight should already be turned on.)

"Thanks, [kid's name]. ('Accidentally' flash the flashlight in your eyes.) Oh, wow—that's bright! That reminds me of the person who told Lydia and her friends about Jesus. It was Paul! Paul was someone who used to try to stop people from believing in Jesus; but Jesus appeared to Paul in a blinding light (cower like you're squinting in the light), and Paul believed!

"Paul was so excited about Jesus that he went to lots of places to tell others about Him. At the same time that Lydia and her friends were meeting to talk about God (reference the screen), Paul was staying in a city called Troas.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #5 (PAUL'S VISION IN TROAS)

"God sent a vision to Paul of a man who said, 'Come over to Macedonia! . . . Help us!' (Acts 16:9, NIV) So Paul and his friends traveled to Philippi, which was in Macedonia, to tell people there about Jesus. Remember, Philippi was the city where Lydia and her friends met to talk about God!"

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #4 (LYDIA AND FRIENDS ON THE RIVERBANK)

GOOD NEWS!

STORYTELLER: "Let's find out what happened next. Who has clue D?"

Invite the kid with clue D to come up, open the bag on stage to reveal the megaphone inside, then go back to their seat.

"Thanks, [kid's name]. (Hold up the megaphone.) I don't think Paul had one of these, but he DID share the message of Jesus.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #6 (PAUL TELLING LYDIA AND FRIENDS ABOUT JESUS)



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"Paul told Lydia and her friends how anyone who chooses to follow Jesus can have a relationship with the one true God—a relationship that will last forever!

"A man named Luke, who was one of Paul's companions, explained what happened.

Open the Bible to Acts 16:13-14 (NIRV) and read.

"On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate. We walked down to the river. There we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered together. One of the women listening was from the city of Thyatira. Her name was Lydia, and her business was selling purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to accept Paul's message.

"Isn't that amazing? Lydia decided to believe in Jesus, and she and her family were baptized!"

AT LYDIA'S PLACE

STORYTELLER: "Then Lydia did something very kind and generous. Let's find out what it was. We need clue E.

Invite the kid with clue E to come up, open the bag on stage to reveal the food prop inside, then go back to their seat.

"Thanks, [kid's name]. (to audience) What is this? (Pause for response.) Why do you suppose our clue is a [food item]? Well, because Lydia invited Paul and his companions to her home.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #7 (AT LYDIA'S HOUSE)

"Lydia said . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 16:15 (NIRV) and read.

"Do you consider me a believer in the Lord? . . . If you do, come and stay at my house.

"So Paul and his friends went to Lydia's house. Lydia welcomed them and shared what she had with them. (Hold up the food item.) Later, Paul and his friend, Silas, were thrown in prison, then released. They came back and stayed in Lydia's home so they could rest before they left the city.

"Paul always remembered how generous Lydia had been, and how she had shared what she had to help him and his friends. We know how thankful he was because he actually wrote about it.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #8 (PAUL WRITING)

"That brings us to our last clue—clue F!

Invite the kid with clue F to come up, open the bag on stage to reveal the scroll inside, then go back to their seat.



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"Thanks, [kid's name]. Let's see what Paul wrote to the Philippians.

Unroll the scroll and read Philippians 1:3-6 (NIRV) from it.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. I am happy because you have joined me in spreading the good news. You have done so from the first day until now. God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns. (NIRV)

"Paul remembered the time he spent in Lydia's house with great joy!"

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Lydia's story is an incredible example of how you can use what you have to help others. Remember, God had made Lydia really good at a special skill—making purple cloth. (*Hold up the purple cloth.*) She made money by selling the cloth, but she didn't just use the money for herself. When Lydia put her faith in Jesus, she immediately invited Paul and his friends to stay at her house. She took what she was good at, and she used it to help Paul when he was in need."

"In everything she did, Lydia used her gifts to help others. That's something you can do, too.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

Use your gifts to help others.

"You see, each of us has gifts from God that are part of our individuality. You might be talented at making things. You might have a loving and kind personality. You might make people laugh. As you continue to discover the gifts God has given you, you can put those gifts to use by helping other people. Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, please help us be like Lydia. Show us how we can use the gifts You've given us to help the people around us. Most of all, help us share Your love so people will see what You're like . . . and so they'll want to learn more about You, too. Thank you for giving us gifts, skills, and abilities that we can use to help others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “I just love Lydia’s story! I love how she put her faith in Jesus, then she used her gifts to help Paul and his friends. Lydia’s gift was that she was good at business. She was good at selling purple cloth that people really wanted. She also had a gift for making people feel welcome in her home. She used the money she made in her business to give Paul and the others a safe, comfortable place to stay.”

“When we’re good at something, or we have a lot of something, we shouldn’t just use it to help ourselves or to make ourselves look good. God gave us gifts that are part of our individuality. We should use those gifts to help other people.

“That’s what we need to remember today.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Use your gifts to help others.

“If you think about it, that’s what Jesus did. He constantly taught people, healed people, and loved people. He was always finding ways to help others!

“We know that God has given each of us different gifts we can use to help others. We can use those skills and abilities to **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated.** Maybe you’re good at spelling, and you can help your friend study for a test. Maybe you’re really patient and gentle, and you can play with your baby sister so your mom can get some things done around the house. Maybe you can talk with your family about ways to work together to help others in need.

“You can head to Small Group now and talk some more about how you can share the gifts God has given you. I’ll see you later!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP