



Paul Tells About Jesus

Acts 16:9-15

Paul was a man who loved God very much. Paul wanted everyone to know about Jesus, God's Son. Up and down the dusty roads Paul would walk. He would stop in towns and tell the good news: "God loves you and Jesus is His Son."

One night, Paul had a dream. In the dream, a man asked him to please come to his country. After Paul woke up, he and his friends got into a boat. They sailed to a big town in that country.

The big town was called Philippi. It was near the ocean. Many people came there to buy and sell things. One thing people bought and sold there was cloth dyed a beautiful purple color.

Paul and his friends walked alongside a river. They found a group of women. The women had come together to pray. These women loved God. They wanted to hear all about Jesus and His love. Paul told them about Jesus. Paul's words were good news!

Many women believed Paul's words. One woman who believed in Jesus was named Lydia. Lydia sold purple cloth. She probably sold the cloth to rich people. She probably had a big house. Lydia was baptized. So was everyone in her house. They all showed they believed in Jesus.

Now Lydia was part of God's family, so she wanted to share! Lydia asked Paul and his friends to stay at her house. She wanted to help them. Paul and his friends stayed at Lydia's house. Paul and his friends had come a long, long way to tell people in Philippi the good news of Jesus' love!

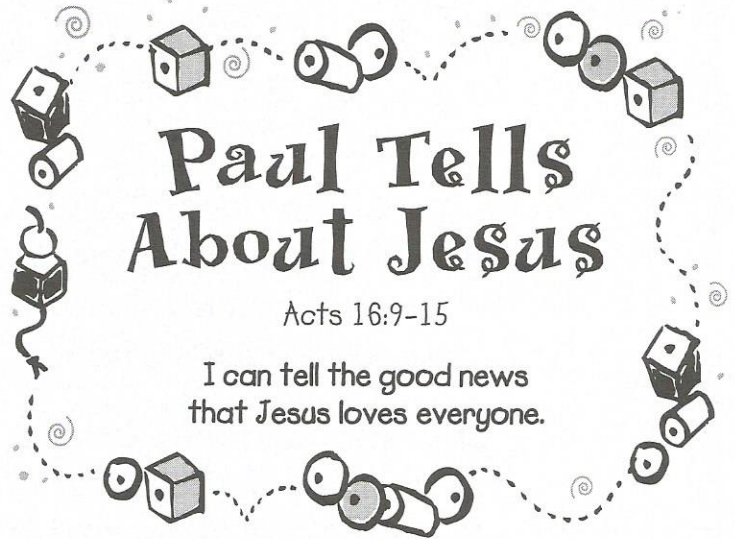
Purple Collages

Collect

Bible, purple collage materials (scrap paper, yarn, fabric scraps, etc.), glue sticks, white construction paper, markers.

Do

1. Children glue collage materials onto white construction paper.
2. After the glue has dried, children may wish to use markers to outline the collage shapes and add other designs.

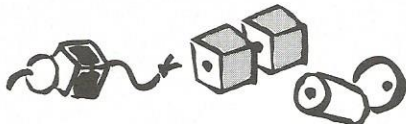


Talk About

- ☀ Our Bible story is about a woman named Lydia. Lydia made money by selling purple cloth. Paul told Lydia the good news about Jesus. Paul told Lydia that Jesus loved her. Let's make purple collages to remind us of Lydia.
- ☀ Lauren, I see you sharing your purple tissue paper with Dylan. Thank you. Sharing is a way to show Jesus' love. Jesus loves everyone. Who can you tell about God's love?
- ☀ Paul told Lydia the good news about Jesus. Andy, who can you tell the good news that Jesus loves everyone?

Enrichment Ideas

1. Provide purple play dough for children to play with.
2. Before class, cut several Bible-times coat patterns from poster board. In class, invite interested children to trace around coat patterns onto white construction paper. Give each child a paintbrush and purple paint to paint coats.





Preschoolers LOVE to tape things! They believe in getting them taped down REALLY well! :)



They also love getting pictures taken of their art work!

The Story of Lydia

New Testament Heroes

One of them was Lydia, who was from the city of Thyatira and sold expensive purple cloth. She was a worshiper of the Lord God.

Acts 16:14.

