

READ IT

Welcome

Today's Bible story is
Lydia
from Acts 16:9-15.

Lydia worked with Paul to spread the news about Jesus.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Lydia
- Purple cloth
- Paul
- Baptized

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!

Read the whole story together in the Bible. Then say this prayer together.

Say this prayer while everyone holds something purple.

Thank you, Jesus, for asking us to tell people about you and God. Help us to welcome them into our homes and into our lives.

Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 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!



Eye Spark

Next time you see something purple, think of this story of Lydia and think of how your family could welcome people into your home.



Ear Spark

Every time you hear the splash of some water, remember the baptism of Lydia and everyone in her household.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Use purple napkins during your mealtimes. Eat purple foods! Wear purple for dinner! Enjoy purple and remember Lydia, the amazing woman who sold purple cloth, welcomed Jesus' followers into her home, and told everyone she knew all about Jesus.

For younger kids

Use some paints and see how many different shades of purple you can make. Mix them up!

For older kids

Go online to see if you can trace the route of Paul and his companions in Acts 16 on a map. What do we call this part of the world now?

