



## Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

### **Week 5: Church**

#### Older Preschool

#### **Theme Verse**

*"Use your talents to serve others"* (1 Peter 4:10).

#### **Objective**

Church helpers teach about God and Jesus.

#### **Teach**

Who is a church helper? How do they share Jesus at church and other places? One church helper, named Paul, and his friend, Silas, traveled to many cities to tell the people about Jesus. One of the cities was Philippi. It was an important city.

One day, Paul and Silas walked outside the city near the river. They knew sometimes people met there to pray. When they arrived, some ladies were gathered there. One of the ladies was Lydia. She sold purple cloth. She loved God but did not know about His Son, Jesus. Paul began to share the story of Jesus with the ladies. Lydia listened to all Paul had to say, just like you are listening to me right now.

Lydia knew she wanted to trust Jesus as her Savior. Lydia's family also believed in Jesus and they were all baptized. Then, she invited Paul and Silas to her house. As a result of Paul sharing Jesus with Lydia and her friends, many people believed in Jesus! The church at Philippi became the first church in Europe.

Our verse this week is *"Use your talents to serve others"* (1 Peter 4:10). Paul told others about Jesus, and Lydia wanted her family and friends to know about Jesus. Who can you tell about Jesus?

*Pass a small tray with a non-breakable item on it. As each person receives the tray, they should say the next word of the verse. Do this several times now passing the tray a little faster. Pass the tray faster and faster as you keep saying the verse faster and faster. Remind the children that Paul, Silas, and Lydia used their talents to share Jesus with others.*

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What was Paul and Silas' talent? (Sharing Jesus)
2. What was Lydia's talent? (Selling purple cloth)
3. What is your talent? (Answers may vary.)
4. How can you use your talent to tell others about Jesus? (Answers may vary.)

### **Play**

Match the Fabric

Materials Needed:

Two sets of five different squares of fabric (Examples: felt, flannel, burlap, silk, cotton, wool, etc.)

Big Bag

Directions:

Place one set of the five different squares of fabric in the bag. Place the other five fabric squares on the table. Have someone pull out a fabric square from the bag. Have them match this square to the one on the table. Continue until all fabric squares have been matched.

Divide the fabric into the two different sets again. Blindfold someone. Let them feel a piece of fabric. Now, reach into the bag and pull out the fabric that feels like the matching fabric. If the fabric squares match, allow the next person to try. If the squares do not match, let them try again to pull out the correct one. Before you finish, ask the children, "Why did we play a game with fabrics?" (Remind them that Lydia was a seller of purple cloth/fabric.)

### **Sing**

["Love the Lord"](#)

### **Live it Out**

This week, we learned how Paul and Silas taught Lydia about Jesus. How can we use our talents to tell the people we know about Jesus, as well?

### **Closing Prayer**

Dear Lord, thank You for loving me and sending Jesus. Help us to tell our friends and others we meet about Jesus. Help us to use our talents to Share Jesus with others. In Your precious name we pray, Amen!