



## The Jesus Story – 12 – August Good News to Share!

**The Point:** We have Good News about Heaven

**Storyline:** Paul in Macedonia – Acts 16:11-40

### Make the Point:

- We have good news to share

### Presentation Ideas:

- **Week One:** Lydia  
Start by playing the sound effects CD. Let the children guess the sounds. After they have identified several, prepare them to hear God's word. Pray with them for all hearts to be open to hear God's message. After the prayer, tell the children to listen for the name of the person who was listening. Read The Story of Lydia provided from the Day by Day Bible. After you read the story, ask if they know the name of the person who was listening. Talk to the children about how worshipping and listening to God makes our hearts ready to obey.
- **Week Two:** The Jailer  
Show the video from the Read and Share Bible, Vol. 1, Paul's Travels. Talk about how brave Paul and Silas were to pray and sing to God even when they were put in jail. Discuss ways the kids could be brave to share Jesus' love with their friends.  
**Communion Idea:** Let each tribe pass around the "chains" and talk on their rugs about how just like Paul and Silas were freed from their chains in jail, Jesus frees us from the chains of sin. Ask kids to quietly be praying a prayer of thankfulness as communion is served.
- **Week Three:** Review the story of Paul in Philippi with the children by reading from Acts 16:11-40 and stopping at key words to let them "fill in the blanks." Talk about: Paul wanting to tell everyone how God changed his heart, how Lydia's heart was open to obey because she was worshipping and listening, how the Jailer believed and obeyed right away. Then, use the beach ball to encourage the children to think of things they can tell others about God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Hold the ball as you share something and then gently toss to one of the kids who will share. Keep repeating around the room.
- **Week Four:** To finish the story, play Chapter 44 "A Dream of Heaven" from the Jesus Storybook Bible DVD. Talk to the children about what heaven will be like and that the best news we have to share is that we will get to see Jesus, our brother and God, our Father. We will get to live with them forever.  
**Object Lesson:** "Airplane" This is an awesome object lessons to wrap the whole year up. The youtube video gives great instructions and will take about 15 minutes of prep to watch the video and practice the lesson. All you need is a sheet of paper. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRq1SwDR22o>

## Hide it in Your Heart:

Review the verses the kids have learned throughout the year.

## Puppets:

Each week, one puppet will help you with intro and close out with Quiet Seat winners. We will have a puppet production the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks. These will be about 5 minutes long and will focus on the application.



## Hide it in Your Heart Year in Review

### ***Isaiah 2:3 - Hand Motions***

"Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. He will teach us His ways, that we may walk in His paths."

### ***Psalms 19:1,2 - Sing to the tune "God is So Good"***

The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies show his handiwork. Day by day, they continue to speak, night after night, they make him known.

### ***Romans 3:23 - Hand Motions***

All have sinned and fall short of God's glory.

### ***John 3:16 - Scripture Posters***

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes on him will not perish but have eternal life.

### ***John 14:6 - Scripture Posters***

"Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

### ***Matthew 28:18-20 - Sing to the tune of "Sanctuary."***

"Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to teach them to obey everything I've commanded you. And surely I'm with you always to the very end of the age."

### ***Romans 12:2 - Rap***

"Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed. Renew your mind."



# The Story of Lydia:

## Acts 16:9-15

From the Day by Day Bible

One night, Paul had a dream. He saw a man from Macedonia in his dream. The man said, "Come to Macedonia. Come and help us."

Right away, Paul and his friends got ready to go. They knew God wanted them to teach in Macedonia. So they sailed across the sea. They traveled to Philippi.

Philippi was a place where some Roman people had come to live. It was the main city in Macedonia. Paul and his friends stayed there for a while.

When the day of worship called the Sabbath day came, Paul and his friend went out to the river. They thought they would find the place of prayer there. Some women were by the river. So Paul and his friends sat down and started talking to them.

One woman was named Lydia. She had a business selling purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God who was listening. God opened Lydia's heart to hear and obey. She believed everything Paul said about Jesus and she was baptized with her family. Lydia asked Paul and his friends to come stay at her house. So, they did.