

WEEK 4



Friend (Lydia)
(Acts 16:11-15)

Prepare: 2 pcs of paper and some flour (or powder)

Instructions:

Put the flour on the table.

Have your child hold a sheet of paper in front of his face and try to blow off the flour.

Then, on the second sheet of paper, make a small hole and ask your child to blow through the hole.

Ask your child: Did anything happen when you blew on the paper? How about when you blew through the hole? It's interesting how one small hole of opportunity can make a difference.

We all can be like that hole because all of us have an opportunity to help or serve others.





Read the Word

Let's read Acts 16:11-15, about a woman who befriended others and served them.

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Lydia was a worshipper of God. When she heard Paul's message, she was baptized, along with the rest of her family. And she invited her new-found friends to be guests in her home. Hers was a simple act of hospitality. She offered what she had at the moment to serve others.



Huddle

Parent to Kid

2-6 years old

- How can you help or serve your friends?

7-12 years old

- Do you think you can serve your family and friends? How?
- Look for opportunities to serve the people around you, without thinking or expecting anything in return.

Kid to Parent

- Think of a time when you served someone who had no way of paying back what you did for them. Share it with your kids.

We do not need to be an official or a leader to serve others. Jesus served his disciples and others and we too can follow his example. When we serve others, we open an opportunity for them to know God

Serving others does not need to be difficult or costly. We can serve them with what we have at the moment.



Dear Lord,

Thank you for reminding me that no matter who we are, we are still able to serve others. We ask that you protect us and cover us as we continue serving and loving others, in Jesus' name,

Amen.



Lydia in Acts was a dealer of purple cloth. During that time, purple dye was extracted from a rare sea snail. It took around 250,000 snails to produce an ounce of purple dye! Because it is so highly prized, only kings and queens can wear purple dyed cloth. Any citizen caught wearing purple will be given a death sentence. Thanks to technology and fashion, purple clothes do not cost much and we can wear them freely without fear of being arrested.

<https://www.history.com/news/why-is-purple-considered-the-color-of-royalty>

