THE STORY OF LYDIA

Has the message of God's love ever amazed you so much that you could feel your heart changing within you? Then you should meet Lydia.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Serving Others- The Holy Spirit Builds the Early Church

1. Have you ever lost something and searched very hard for it? Was it frustrating to not find it? How did you feel when you did find it?
2. Acts 16:14 says that “The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.” As you listen, think about how a person’s life changes once God opens their heart.

Memory Verse

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.

Acts 16:14

After You Listen

Lydia loved God and had good friends and a successful business. Still, she did not feel like everything fit. It was like she had a few pieces to a bigger puzzle, and even these pieces she couldn’t fit together. Then God opened her heart. When she heard about Jesus, she recognized the full picture of God’s love for humanity. What’s more, she wanted other people to see God’s big picture too! She invited family and friends to come to her house and listen to Paul and Luke tell the Good News about Jesus.

You can read the Bible story of Lydia in Acts 16:11-15. Do you feel like God is showing you the big picture too? He wants you to become a follower of Jesus! Learn more in Acts 16:29-32, Romans 10:9-10, and Ephesians 2:4-9.

Challenge

Try to do a puzzle without all the pieces and without the picture. Keep a few of the puzzle pieces in the box and hide them in another room. When you are part way through the puzzle, bring back the big picture and the missing pieces so you can complete the puzzle. Does it feel good to know the big picture and have all the pieces?

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What business did Lydia run?

Answer: Selling purple cloth

Question 2: Who did Lydia and her friends meet by the river?

Answer: Paul and Luke

Question 3: When Lydia heard about Jesus, what did she do next?

Answer: She got her family so they can hear too.

Question 4: What did Lydia offer to the disciples?

Answer: A place to stay at her house so that more people can hear about Jesus.

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