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Series: Join God's Family
Spring Year 1, Lesson 56

Lydia Listens and Believes

Take Home Point: *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY....*I will be kind to others.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Acts 16: 13-15

We will help children know:

- The Bible event of Lydia becoming a Christian.
- Just as Lydia joined God's family, we can join too. Just believe.
- Kindness is one way of showing we are part of God's family.

We will help the children feel:




- Enjoy being kind to others.
- Secure that we can join God's family.
- Eager to listen to God's message.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: Make a Kindness Coupon Book.
- Snack: Make and eat a Purple Heart.
- Game:
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...I will be kind to others.
- Sing and Pray.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 5	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy puppet Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> jar with water woman dressed in purple Biblical clothes or piece of purple cloth
Small Group Application 	6 7 8 9	Activity 1: Craft Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Game Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A, one copy for each child, cut apart crayons or markers extra plain white paper stapler Optional: scissors so kids can cut Appendix A apart. <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups, water or juice slice of bread per child grape jelly plastic or butter knives heart shaped cookie cutter Option: purple grapes <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 medium sized stuffed animals
Large Group Wrap-up 	10 10	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

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Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Judy puppet, Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Judy. (Children call "Judy".)

Judy: Hi everyone.

Presenter: Hi Judy. What's going on with you today?

Judy: I'm really excited.

Presenter: Why is that?

Judy: I have a new friend.

Presenter: That's wonderful.

Judy: Her name is Kari.

Presenter: Where did you meet her?

Judy: She is the new girl in my class.

Presenter: Oh, I see.

Judy: The first day she came to our school she was really scared and sad.

Presenter: A new school can be scary for a child.

Judy: I did not want her to be sad, so I showed her where to put her backpack.

Presenter: That was nice.

Judy: Then I asked the teacher if she could sit next to me.

Presenter: That was nice, too.

Judy: When she told me that her favorite thing is pink ponies, we just HAD to be friends.

Presenter: You still like pink ponies?

Judy: Oh yes. Now I like Kari too. I asked her to come to church with me.

Presenter: Judy, that is wonderful. This reminds me of our Bible event for today.

Judy: Is it about a new girl that likes pink ponies?

Presenter: No. It is about a woman named Lydia. She listened to a disciple of Jesus named Paul and then she was kind to him.

Judy: How is that like me?

Presenter: You were kind to your new friend and you asked her to come to church. Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Judy: Yes I would.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: OK

Presenter: JOIN GOD'S FAMILY... now you say, "I will be kind to others."

Judy: I will be kind to others.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: Okay everybody, *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Judy: (and everyone): I will be kind to others.

Presenter: One more time. * JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Judy: (and everyone): I will be kind to others.

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Judy.

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: A Visit from a Dramatized Character

Supplies: Woman in purple Biblical clothes or carrying a piece of purple cloth; container with water;

Presenter holds the Bible and says:

Boys and girls, let's put on our imagination hats and pretend that the woman talking to us is Lydia. Lydia enters stage.

Hello everyone. My name is Lydia. I love the color purple. I love Jesus even more. I want to tell you how I paid attention to some men talking about Jesus. One of the men was named Paul. I was down at the river with my friends when Paul and his friends arrived. I already knew and believed in God, but Paul taught me more.

I am going to tell you what happened, but I am going to leave out some words. You must guess what they are. Here we go.

Paul told me that God had a son. His name was _____ (Jesus). Jesus loved us so much he died on a _____ (cross). Did Jesus stay dead? _____ (No.) I asked Paul if my family and I could join God's family. He said if we could place our trust in Jesus, we would be welcomed. Then he baptized us with _____ (water). Sprinkle water from jar on audience. We were so happy that we asked Paul and his friends to stay at our house for dinner. I better go. I have more purple cloth to sell. Remember to be kind to one another. Bye. Lydia exits stage.

Presenter: Lydia listened to Paul and joined God's family. She was kind and invited Paul and his friends to eat and stay at her house. If you had special guests at your house, what would you feed them? (Call on two or three children.)

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...I will be kind to others.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

**Dear God,
We love you.
We will be kind to others.
We will tell others about you.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of Frere Jaques)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: *Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.*

Activity 1: Craft: Kindness Coupon Book

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A one per child; extra paper; stapler; markers or crayons

Before class, cut apart Appendix A on dotted lines. If using extra paper, cut to same size as Appendix pictures. Option: let children cut apart.

Today we are going to make a kindness coupon book. You can color the pictures. If you want to make your own coupons, you can draw or write it on the blank pieces of paper. When you are all finished I will staple them together. When I staple it for you, I want you to tell me to whom you will give your booklet. Remember to be happy when your are asked to perform the kindness.

Review the Bible Event.

How do we join God's family? (*Put our trust and belief in Jesus; get baptized*)

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Activity 2: Snack: Purple Heart

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; bread; purple jelly, heart shaped cookie cutters.

Option: purple grapes.

*****CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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We will tell others about you.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
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Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to make and eat a purple heart. This is to remind us of Lydia. She was an important seller of purple cloth. She was so happy and grateful to Paul for teaching her about Jesus, that she wanted to do something kind in return.

Cut the bread with heart shaped cookie cutter and spread on the grape jelly.

Review the Bible event.

How can you be kind to others? (*Help a new student; give someone a hug; share your toys; don't laugh at people when they get hurt; etc.*)

Let's practice the take home point. *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...I will be kind to others.

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Activity 3: Game: Kindness Safari

Supplies: 5 medium sized stuffed animals

Before class, hide the stuffed animals around the room.

Today we are going on a kindness safari. I have hidden 5 stuffed animals around the room. You will try to find them and when you do, you will say one way to be kind to others.

If they can't think of an answer, here are some suggestions:
Tell someone "Jesus loves you".
Tell someone how nice they look.
Give someone a hug.
Tell someone to have a nice day.
Offer to help someone clean up.

Review the Bible event.

How did Lydia learn about Jesus? (*She listened to what Paul was teaching about Jesus.*)

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Prayer Time:

Why do we want to share the news of Jesus with other people? (*To encourage others to place their faith in Jesus so they can live with him in heaven and to show we are a part of God's family by being kind.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: *Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.*

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is a kindness coupon book. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids): *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...
Kids say: ...I will be kind to others.
Presenter: (says to Albie): *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...
Albie says: *I will keep it under lock and key!*



Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It is a purple heart. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids): *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...
Kids say: ...I will be kind to others.
Presenter: (says to Albie): *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...
Albie says: *I have a few nuts in my family tree!*

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called Kindness Safari. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids): *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...
Kids say: ...I will be kind to others.
Presenter: (says to Albie): *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...
Albie says: *When I grow up, I want your job as an emcee!*

Presenter says: "Albie, listen one last time."
Kids response: ...I will be kind to others.
Presenter: (says to Albie): *JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

***JOIN GOD'S FAMILY...I will be kind to others.**

Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants you to be kind to others.

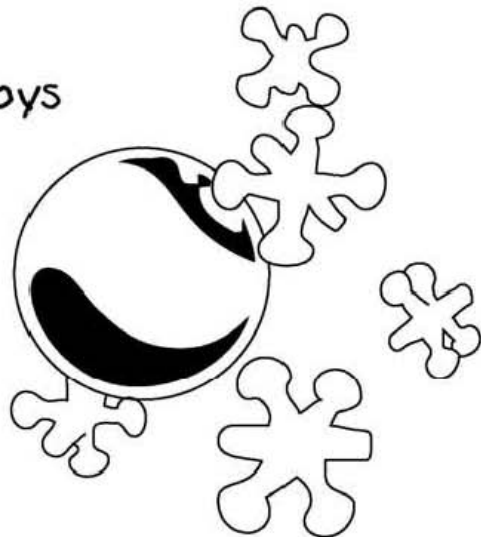
Kindness Coupons

"Be kind to each
other...
Ephesians 4:32

I'll make my bed



Pick up toys



Help in the kitchen

