



The Journey at Green Valley Methodist

Lydia, "Mission Hospitality"



July 19 - August 30, 2009

Workshop Rotations & Scripture Emphasis:

Creation Station –	Bookmarks for WE CARE ministry – Allison Bredlau
Noah's Mice Lab –	Get Well cards for Hospital Ministry – Hannah Farmer & Teresa Mathews
Green Room – Kinder -	Kids Welcome Bags & Role Playing – Cyndi Greenleaf
Noah's Park –	Fellowship Hour – Trail Mix & Tour of Fellowship Set Up – Jan Smith
Guides & Subs –	JoAnn Jameson, Paco Estrada, Angela Thomas, Beth Kennedy, Paulette Burns

Scripture Focus: Acts 16: 13-15, 40 (Each Workshop will tell the story of Lydia)

Memory Scriptures: "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:13

Objectives:

- The children will learn that the goal of the Christian life is to become like Jesus who showed hospitality to all.
- The children will learn that Paul was an important missionary for the early church who traveled long distances so all (Jews and Gentiles, rich like Lydia, poor like the jailer) people could hear about Jesus.
- The children will learn the story of Lydia's acceptance of Christianity and her response. Lydia was a missionary without having to travel long distances.
- The children will learn that they are local missionaries and can show hospitality to those around them.
- The children will learn current ways our church reaches out to meet the needs of those around us.

Concepts to Emphasize:

1. A missionary is a person who reaches out to meet people, helps with their needs and tells them about Jesus.
2. Hospitality is the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers wherever you are. It is reaching out to others; providing for their needs; welcoming others into your space; making sure people feel comfortable
3. Before Lydia met Paul, she believed in God, but not in Jesus. How is this different?
4. Conversion means to change one's mind or to believe one thing, then change to believe something else. Lydia believed in God, but didn't know about Jesus Christ until Paul taught her.
5. Lydia believed the gospel message as Paul told it and responded by being baptized. Then she showed Paul and Silas hospitality by welcoming Paul and Silas into her home and providing for their needs that caused them to return to her home to say goodbye before they left town.
6. Baptism shows we belong to Jesus. We have our sins forgiven and live a new life in Christ.
7. Lydia must have been a wealthy woman because she was a merchant of purple cloth which was expensive cloth and purchased by the richest of people. She used her wealth to share with others and start the first church in Europe.
8. Lydia's hospitality was important enough to God to put it in the Bible story. We need to be hospitable.
9. Ways we reach out and show hospitality to others at Green Valley Methodist:

• Information Desk	• 5 th Sunday Food Drive	• Lullaby Connection
• Ushers & Greeters	• Friends in the Desert	• Koats for Kids
• Brochures/Newsletter	• Shelves of Agape	• Water for Life
• Fellowship: Cookies	• Angel Tree	• The Bridge
• We Care	• WEAP	• Mission Trips
• Hospital Visitation	• Dry Bottoms	