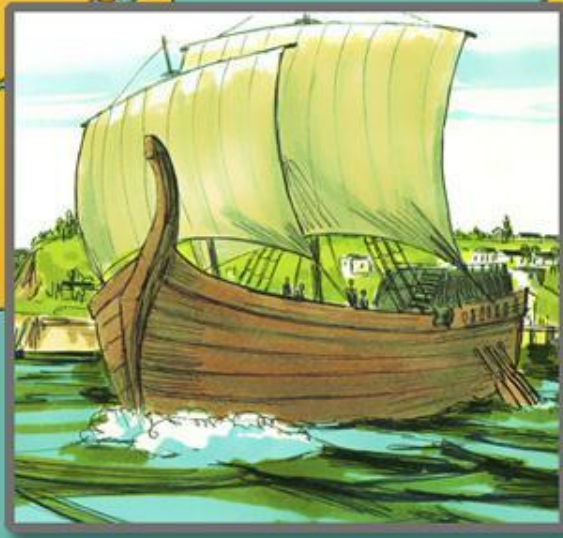




# Lydia Becomes a Christian

Acts 16:10-15

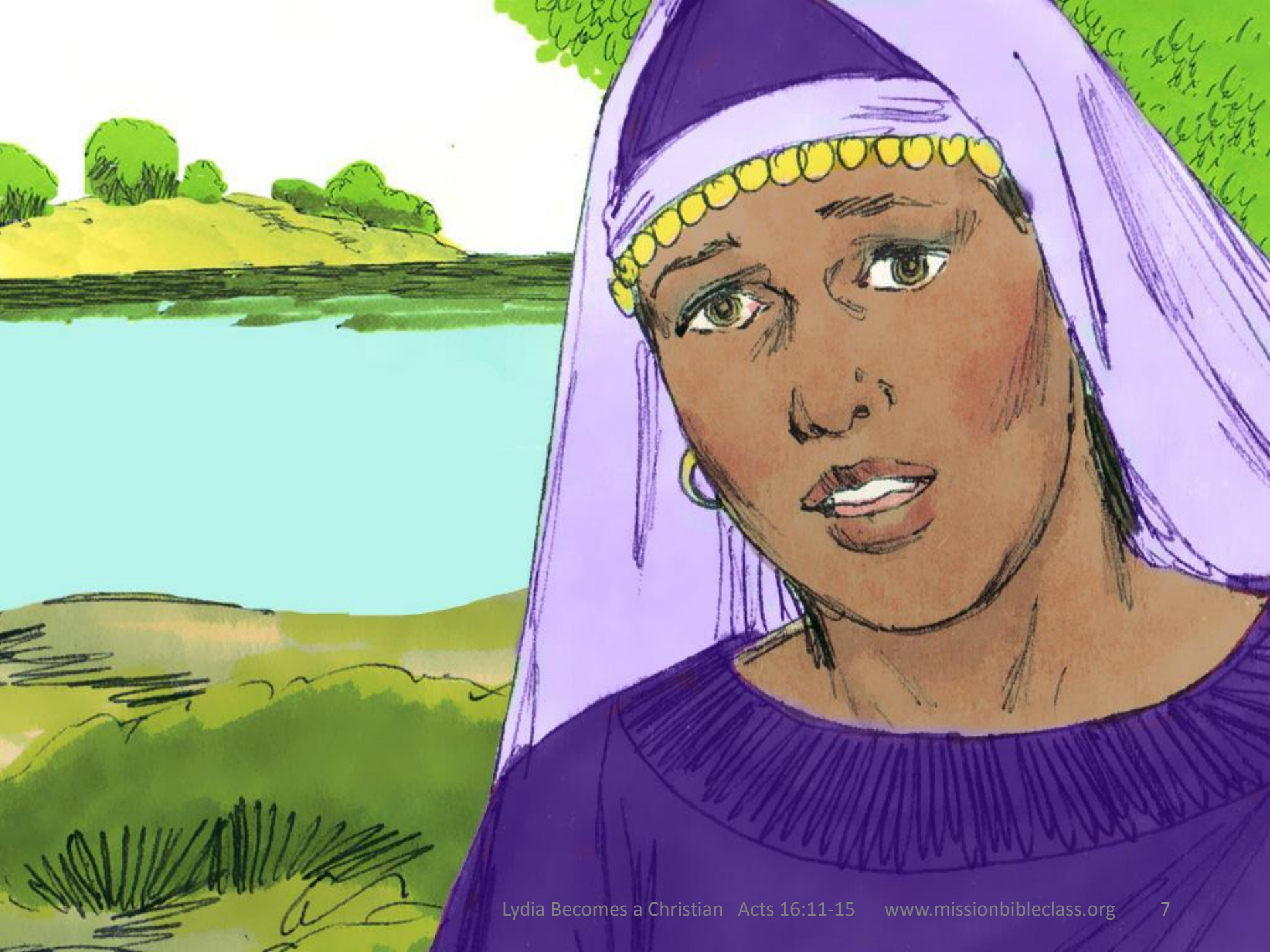












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1. Cover: Lydia Becomes a Christian, Acts 16:11-15
2. Paul and his friends Silas, Timothy and Luke were missionaries. Missionaries travel wherever God wants them to go so they can tell people about Jesus.
3. Paul and Silas had travelled all the way from Antioch. Now they and their friends were on their way to Macedonia. Macedonia was in Europe so this was the very first time that people in Europe heard the good news about Jesus.  
  
The first place that Paul and the other missionaries stopped was in the city of Philippi. The Roman government was in charge and there were many Roman soldiers in Philippi.
4. Usually Paul and the others would have gone to a synagogue on the Sabbath day. A synagogue is a place where Jews gathered together to worship and learn about God. But there was no synagogue in Philippi.  
  
So, on the Sabbath day the men went down to the river to find a place of prayer. There was already a group of women at the river and they were praying.

5. One of the women was Lydia. She was a business woman whose job was selling purple cloth. She had her own house and workers. Lydia was a worshipper of God but she did not know about Jesus.

So Paul began to talk to Lydia and tell her about Jesus. Jesus was God's Son and he had died on the cross for her sins. Lydia learned that after Jesus died he was buried and then rose again on the third day.

When Lydia heard about Jesus she believed in him. She told Paul that she wanted to be a Christian. She wanted to be baptised.

6. Jesus was buried and then came alive again. Being dipped under the water and coming up again is like being buried and coming alive again.

Lydia and all of the people in her household were baptised that day. When they were dipped under the water it was like they were being buried with Jesus. When they came up again they were rising up again with Jesus.

7. Lydia wanted to spend more time with Paul and his friends so she asked them to stay at her house so she could give them food and take care of them.

What a happy day for Lydia and all the people with her. Now they were part of the Christian family.



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