



# Community

## Lydia Joins the Church | Acts 16:11-15

### Big Idea

We are the church together.

### Music

We are the Church – The Meeting House Kids

### Key Verse

“Encourage each other and build each other up.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

### Start: Dance Party!

Invite your child for this time together:

Supplies:

- Music player
- Song “We are the Church” from The Meeting House Kids (find on Spotify, Apple Music, etc)

- Let them know that when people start to follow Jesus even the angels in heaven get excited.
- In today’s Bible story, a woman named Lydia learns to follow Jesus and joins the church family.
- When we get excited, it’s fun to dance!
- Let’s have a dance party to “We are the Church”!

### Watch:

Watch this week’s video.

### Prayer:

Draw the name of a person you want to pray for (maybe in bubble letters). Help younger children by drawing the name in bubble letters for them and allowing them to colour in. For children who are able to print, help them by spelling out the name of them. As they colour it in, pray for that person.

“Dear God, thank you for our church friends and family. Thank you for loving us. Help us to love each other well! In Jesus’ name we pray, AMEN.

### Craft: Lydia Activity Page

Prep: print the Lydia activity page.

Supplies:

- Lydia Activity Page
- Crayons or markers

- Invite your child to decorate the activity page.
- As they decorate, talk about the Bible story.
- Ask your child: who is a part of our church family?



### Key Verse Activity

Supplies:

- Key verse sign
- Large craft sticks (6) – if you do not have craft sticks at home use strips of paper instead

Prep: before the activity, write the Key Verse onto the six craft sticks divided up as follows: Stick 1: Encourage, Stick 2: each other, Stick 3: and build, Stick 4: each, Stick 5: other up, Stick 6: 1 Thess. 5:11.

Review the key verse together.

- Place the craft sticks out of order on a table.
- Place the Key Verse sign so they can see.
- Help them match the order of the sticks with the order of the verse and help them by reading the words aloud to them.
- For children who are completely pre-literate, put a symbol on the craft stick and a symbol above the words on the sign to help them create the order. (E.g. use a star, heart, cross, etc.)