

**Lesson Plans that Work**  
**Year C – Easter 6**  
**Lesson Plans for Younger Children**  
**Revised Common Lectionary Acts Lesson Plan – Track One**

**Scripture: Acts 16:9-15**

**Background**

Easter is one big celebration! It is a time for us to remember the Resurrection and that Jesus Christ our Lord is not dead but he is alive! We do it up big on Easter Sunday, but sometimes it is easy for us to forget that the celebration keeps going right up to Pentecost. It is also a time of year when we hope for Spring, if it has not already taken root in our neighborhood. We long for new life of plants and animals. It is a time for us to remember how special the gift of life is.

**A Notation for This Week’s Story**

Today we hear how Saint Paul followed God’s guidance. He traveled and preached where he was led. Lydia heard this preaching and was baptized with her whole household. When we believe in Jesus we do Christian things and follow where God invites us to go.

**Theme: Baptism is a Reminder**

**Before Class:** You will need string, construction paper, markers, crayons, colored pencils and other craft supplies (pipe cleaners, craft sticks, beads, glue sticks, cotton balls, glitter, shells, scissors, etc.).

**Beginning:** Gather the children together and welcome them. Good morning everyone and Happy Easter! It is so good to have you with us this morning. Today we are going to hear a story about how Peter followed where God lead him. He meets a woman named Lydia who hears about Jesus and decides to follow Jesus and be baptized. Do you remember the last time you saw someone baptized? Allow students to share.

**Opening Prayer:** Jesus we thank you for the gift of faith and baptism. Help us to be open your love and guiding. Amen.

**The Story: Acts 16:9-15**

Read the story from a children’s bible or tell it in this way.

That night, Paul had a dream. In the dream a Macedonian was begging for Paul saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” At once, Paul knew God had called him to do this and began to cross over to Macedonia. When they arrived in Philippi, they stayed there for several days. On the Sabbath, they went outside of the city gates, down to the river where there was supposed to be a place of prayer. When they got there, they sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. One woman named Lydia, who worshipped God, was listening to us her heart opened to the words Paul was saying about Jesus. She and her household were baptized. When the baptisms were complete, she said to them, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And they went with her, thankful for her kindness.

**Reflection Questions:**

- How did Saint Paul know where to go? (God showed him in a vision)
- How do we know where to go? (parents, teachers, friends, etc. help us)
- Why did Lydia get baptized? (the Lord opened her heart and she believed)
- Do you remember what happens at baptism? (we become full members of the Body of Christ, the Church - marked as God's own forever)
- How do we remember this in our everyday life? (pray, read bible, go to church, wear a cross, etc.)

**Activity:**

Those were some really good answers. We have lots of ways to remember that we are God's children. I wonder if we could create something that we could hang on the wall or wear that would remind us that in baptism we were marked as God's own forever. Invite children to use the materials on the table to create something to help them remember that God loves them. They could make a cross to hang on the wall or as a necklace, etc. You may need to assist them in writing or cutting.

**Getting Closure:** Wow, you all made some really great reminders! Allow students to share their creations if time allow. Do you think that you might be able to remind someone that Jesus loves them this week? How? (Allow students to share their answers) Baptism reminds us to say yes to Jesus and to share his love with everyone!

**Closing Prayer:** God, thank you for the gift of baptism and for all the ways that you invite us to remember you. Help us to remind others that you love them. Amen.

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