



Lydia Is Converted


Acts 16:9-15

It's likely that a baby perceives red, blue, yellow, and green by the age of four months. These are also likely to be the earliest colors children can identify and name—though at least one study found 2-year-olds to have a penchant for orange! While you might have a few twos who can identify purple—Lydia's color—without prompting, it's common for secondary colors to be confusing to children until they are school age.



Bible Point
Everyone needs Jesus.

INFANT

| LESSON | WHAT CHILDREN DO | SUPPLIES | EASY PREP |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1 Getting Started | Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs. | CD player Teacher Pack: CD | |
| 2 Bible Exploration | Who Do We Need? Learn that everyone needs Jesus. | CD player Teacher Pack: CD, purple cloth, Jesus figure (from the teaching picture set)  | |
| 3 Weaving Faith Into Life | Who Needs Jesus? Play Peekaboo to see who needs Jesus. | baby blanket | |
| | I Need the Lord Sing a song with actions to learn that everyone needs Jesus. | | |
| | Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. | My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson) | Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. |

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Key Verse
"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will learn that everyone we know needs Jesus.





TODDLER

| LESSON | WHAT CHILDREN DO | SUPPLIES | EASY PREP |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 1 Getting Started | Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs. | CD player Teacher Pack: CD | |
| 2 Bible Exploration | Jesus Is All We Need Hold and touch items as they hear how Lydia needed Jesus. | Bible Teacher Pack: purple cloth, plastic coin, Jesus figure (from the teaching picture set)  | |
| 3 Weaving Faith Into Life | Paste the Purple Decorate a cross as a reminder that we all need Jesus. | saltshaker of grape gelatin powder, glue, foam plate, 1 cotton swab per child, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Is All We Need” page (at the end of the lesson) | Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Pour glue onto a foam plate. |
| | Who We Really Need Play a game to learn who we really need. | coffee can with lid, masking tape, scissors Teacher Pack: purple cloth, plastic coin, Jesus figure (from the teaching picture set)  | Cut a wide slit in the plastic lid of a coffee can, leaving about one-half inch between the slit and the edge of the lid. Put masking tape around the rough edges of the can. |
| | Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. | My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson) | |



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2-YEAR-OLD



| LESSON | WHAT CHILDREN DO | SUPPLIES | EASY PREP |
|---|---|---|--|
| <p>1 Getting Started</p> | <p>Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.</p> | <p>CD player, 1 scarf or crepe paper streamer per child Teacher Pack: CD</p> | |
| <p>2 Bible Exploration</p> | <p>All We Need Is Jesus Share special gifts and discover that all we really need is Jesus.</p> | <p>Bible, purple gift bag Teacher Pack: purple cloth, plastic coin, Jesus figure (from the teaching picture set)</p>  | <p>Bring a purple gift bag, and place the items in it.</p> |
| <p>3 Weaving Faith Into Life</p> | <p>“I Need Jesus” Necklace Make a necklace to wear as a reminder that we all need Jesus.</p> | <p>purple poster board, hole punch, yarn, scissors, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Is All We Need” page (at the end of the lesson)</p> | <p>Cut out crosses from purple poster board. You can use the cross on the “Jesus Is All We Need” handout as a pattern. You’ll need one for each child. Cut yarn into 16-inch pieces. You’ll need one for each child.</p> |
| | <p>Who Do We Need? Make a special gift for someone.</p> | <p>2 envelopes per child Teacher Pack: Jesus figure (from the teaching picture set)</p>  | <p>Make enough copies of the Jesus figure so that you have two for each child. Place one for each child in an individual unsealed envelope. Have additional envelopes available.</p> |
| | <p>Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.</p> | <p>My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)</p> | |

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INFANT

**1 GETTING
STARTED**

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do


Sing "Lydia Walks With Christ" (track 15) to the tune of "Rise and Shine" to the babies anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. Sing as you gently bounce a baby on your lap. Lift baby's hands on the word "Christ," and touch baby's chest when you sing the word "hearty."

 **Lydia sold purple and had lots of money, money.**
Lydia sold purple and had lots of money, money.
One thing she was missing, honey, honey.
Lydia needed Christ.

Lydia met Jesus and gave him her hearty, hearty,
Lydia met Jesus and gave him her hearty, hearty,
Gave her life a brand-new starty, starty.
Now Lydia walks with Christ.

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Sing "I Do, You Do" (not on CD) to the tune of "Praise Him, Praise Him" to the babies anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants.

 **I do, you do,** *(point to self and then to others)*
Everyone needs Jesus. *(Spread arms out to sides.)*
We need Christ, we need Christ. *(Clap hands as you sing each word.)*
I do, you do, *(point to self and then to others)*
Everyone needs Jesus. *(Spread arms out to sides.)*
We need Christ, we need Christ. *(Clap hands as you sing each word.)*



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: "Lydia Walks With
Christ" (track 15)





Who Do We Need? Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "Down by the River"
(track 16)
purple cloth
Jesus figure (from the
teaching picture set)

Who Needs Jesus? Supplies

baby blanket

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Who Do We Need?

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby on your lap as you listen to "Down by the River" on the CD. Help baby hold or touch the purple cloth. Stroke the cloth gently across the baby's hands, feet, and cheeks.

Say: **This is purple cloth. Our Bible story tells us about a woman who made cloth like this. She met her friends down by the river one morning. She met Paul there, too. Paul told her about the one thing missing from her life. Show the Jesus figure. Lydia needed Jesus. Help the baby hold the Jesus figure. That day Lydia decided to be Jesus' friend.**

Lydia needed Jesus. Show the Jesus figure; then point to yourself. **I need Jesus.** Show the Jesus figure; then point to baby. **You need Jesus.** Show the Jesus figure.
▶ **EVERYONE NEEDS JESUS.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Who Needs Jesus?

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby on your lap. If the baby can sit unassisted, place the baby on the floor in front of you. Hold a baby blanket in front of your face.

Say: **Who needs Jesus?** Uncover your face. **Peekaboo, I do!** Cover the baby's face. **Who needs Jesus?** Uncover the baby's face. **Peekaboo, [baby's name], you do!**

Play the game several times.


I Need the Lord

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby on your lap as you sing the following song to the tune of "God Is So Good" (not on CD). Help the baby do the motions as you sing.





 **I need the Lord.** (*Cross baby's arms over chest.*)
I need the Lord. (*Cross baby's arms over chest.*)
I need the Lord. (*Cross baby's arms over chest.*)
I need Jesus Christ. (*Raise baby's arms up high.*)

Say: ► **EVERYONE NEEDS JESUS!**

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “Lydia Walks With Christ” (track 15) to the tune of “Rise and Shine” anytime during the lesson. Play the song on the CD, and clap and stomp to the beat as you sing.

 **Lydia sold purple and had lots of money, money.**
Lydia sold purple and had lots of money, money.
One thing she was missing, honey, honey.
Lydia needed Christ.

Lydia met Jesus and gave him her hearty, hearty,
Lydia met Jesus and gave him her hearty, hearty,
Gave her life a brand-new starty, starty.
Now Lydia walks with Christ.

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Sing “I Do, You Do” (not on CD) to the tune of “Praise Him, Praise Him” anytime during the lesson. While singing, encourage toddlers to point to themselves when they sing “I” and to others when they sing “you.”



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
 CD: “Lydia Walks With Christ” (track 15)





Jesus Is All We Need Supplies


Bible
Teacher Pack
 purple cloth
 plastic coin
 Jesus figure (from the
 teaching picture set)

Paste the Purple Supplies

saltshaker of grape
 gelatin powder
 glue
 foam plate
 1 cotton swab per child
 My Bible Snuggles or 1
 copy per child of the
 "Jesus Is All We Need"
 page (at the end of the
 lesson)

Paste the Purple Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 10
 pages from each My
 Bible Snuggles student
 book. Pour glue onto a
 foam plate.

 **I do, you do,** (*point to self and then to others*)
Everyone needs Jesus. (*Spread arms out to sides.*)
We need Christ, we need Christ. (*Clap hands as you sing each word.*)
I do, you do, (*point to self and then to others*)
Everyone needs Jesus. (*Spread arms out to sides.*)
We need Christ, we need Christ. (*Clap hands as you sing each word.*)

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Jesus Is All We Need

What You'll Do

Show one or two toddlers your Bible, opened to Acts 16. Put the Bible next to you, and put the purple cloth on your head.

Say: **Our Bible tells about a woman named Lydia. Would you like to be Lydia? Lydia made purple cloth.** Put the purple cloth on a toddler's head. **Lydia had lots of money. Would you like to hold the money?** Pass the plastic coin to one toddler at a time. **Lydia also had a lot of friends. Who are your friends?** Point out some of the other children. **But Lydia didn't know who this was.** Show the Jesus figure. **Do you know who this is? Lydia needed Jesus to be her friend. Who else needs to be friends with Jesus? You do! Touch a toddler. I do!** Have the toddler touch you. ► **EVERYONE NEEDS JESUS!**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Paste the Purple

What You'll Do

Work with one toddler at a time. Dip a cotton swab in the glue, and let the toddler spread it onto the picture of the cross on the handout. Then let the toddler shake the gelatin over the glue.

Say: **Your pretty purple cross can remind you that Lydia needed Jesus.**
 ► **EVERYONE NEEDS JESUS!**



Who We Really Need

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Call a toddler to sit next to you. Place the coffee can with the lid on it in front of the toddler.

Say: **Lydia sold purple cloth, but she needed Jesus.** Instruct the toddler to push the purple cloth through the slit into the coffee can. Then give the plastic coin to the toddler. **Lydia had plenty of money, but she still needed Jesus.** Have the toddler push the plastic coin through the slit into the can. **But when Lydia found Jesus, she had all she needed.** Allow the toddler to push the Jesus figure into the can. ► **EVERYONE NEEDS JESUS!**

Remove the lid from the can. Let the toddler dump the items out and play again.

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2-YEAR-OLD

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GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “Lydia Walks With Christ” (track 15) to the tune of “Rise and Shine” anytime during the lesson. Give scarves or crepe paper streamers to the twos when you play the song on the CD. Encourage the children to wave the scarves as they sing.



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Who We Really Need Supplies

coffee can with lid
masking tape
scissors

Teacher Pack

purple cloth
plastic coin
Jesus figure (from the
teaching picture set)

Who We Really Need Easy Prep

Cut a wide slit in the plastic lid of a coffee can, leaving about one-half inch between the slit and the edge of the lid. Put masking tape around the rough edges of the can.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
1 scarf or crepe paper streamer per child

Teacher Pack

CD: “Lydia Walks With Christ” (track 15)






**Lydia met Jesus and gave him her hearty, hearty,
Lydia met Jesus and gave him her hearty, hearty,
Gave her life a brand-new starty, starty.
Now Lydia walks with Christ.**

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Sing “I Do, You Do” (not on CD) to the tune of “Praise Him, Praise Him” anytime during the lesson. When singing, do the motions indicated in the parentheses.

 **I do, you do,** *(point to self and then to others)*
Everyone needs Jesus. *(Spread arms out to sides.)*
We need Christ, we need Christ. *(Clap hands as you sing each word.)*
I do, you do, *(point to self and then to others)*
Everyone needs Jesus. *(Spread arms out to sides.)*
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2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

All We Need Is Jesus

All We Need Is Jesus Supplies

Bible
purple gift bag
Teacher Pack
purple cloth
plastic coin
Jesus figure (from the
teaching picture set)

All We Need Is Jesus Easy Prep

Bring a purple gift bag,
and place the items
in it.

What You'll Do

Gather the 2-year-olds. Open your Bible to Acts 16. Place the purple gift bag in front of you.

Say: **Our Bible tells us about a woman named Lydia.** Hold up the purple cloth. **What's this?** Allow time for children to respond. **Lydia's job was making and selling purple cloth.** Hand the cloth to a child to hold. Then show the plastic coin. **What's this?** Let children respond. **Lydia made a lot of money by selling the purple cloth.** Hand the coin to a child to hold. **Lydia also had a lot of friends who loved her very much. Let's give our friends a hug.** Help the children put their arms around their neighbors' shoulders.

Even though Lydia had an important job, money, and friends, she was missing something from her life. Show the Jesus figure. **Lydia needed Jesus.** Instruct the child with the purple cloth to place it back into the gift bag. Have the child with the plastic coin also place it back into the bag. **These things were important gifts Lydia had. One day she met Jesus' friend Paul. Paul told her she could love and follow Jesus.** Place the Jesus figure back into the gift bag. Then give the gift bag to a child.

Say: [Child's name] **can love and follow Jesus.** Encourage the child to carry the bag to another child. Repeat the affirmation to each child. When each child has held the bag, say:

► **EVERYONE NEEDS JESUS.** Have the twos join hands and walk in a circle, singing the following song to the tune of “London Bridge” (not on CD).





Everyone needs Jesus Christ,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.
Everyone needs Jesus Christ.
We need Jesus!

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

“I Need Jesus” Necklace

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Work with one child at a time, and let him or her help you use the hole punch to place a hole near the top of the poster board cross. Then let the child string the cross onto the yarn. Tie the ends, and place the necklace around the child’s neck.

Say: **When you wear this necklace, the cross can remind you that we all need Jesus.**

Who Do We Need?

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Gather your twos together in a circle.

Say: **I have something special to give each of you.** Show the envelopes containing the pictures of Jesus. **It’s a picture of something that you really need.**

Ask:

- **What do you think it is?** Allow time for twos to respond.

Say: **After I have passed out all of the envelopes and everyone has one, we’ll open them together.** Distribute the envelopes.

Ask:

- **What is in your envelope?** Allow time for children to respond.

Say: **You have each received a picture of Jesus because we all need Jesus. Let’s make “Jesus envelopes” to give to others.**

Let each child fold one of the copies of the Jesus figure and place it into an envelope. Children can lick and seal the envelopes. Ask each child whom he or she can give the picture of Jesus to. Affirm that each person they mention needs Jesus.



“I Need Jesus” Necklace Supplies

purple poster board
hole punch
yarn
scissors
My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
“Jesus Is All We Need”
page (at the end of the
lesson)

“I Need Jesus” Necklace Easy Prep

Cut out crosses from purple poster board. You can use the cross on the “Jesus Is All We Need” handout as a pattern. You’ll need one for each child. Cut yarn into 16-inch pieces. You’ll need one for each child.

Who Do We Need? Supplies

2 envelopes per child
Teacher Pack
Jesus figure (from the
teaching picture set)

Who Do We Need? Easy prep

Make enough copies of the Jesus figure from the Teacher Pack so that you have two for each child. Place one for each child in an individual unsealed envelope. Have additional envelopes available.





Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
“Growing With Jesus”
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home

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Growing With Jesus



Your child learned everyone needs Jesus (from Acts 16:9-15). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Who Needs Jesus?

Hold your baby on your lap. If your baby can sit unassisted, place him or her on the floor in front of you. Hold a baby blanket in front of your face.

Say: **Who needs Jesus?**

Uncover your face.

Peekaboo, I do! Cover your baby's face. **Who needs Jesus?** Uncover your baby's face.

Peekaboo, [baby's name], you do!

Play the game several times.

TODDLER

Who We Really Need

Cut a wide slit in the plastic lid of a coffee can, leaving about one-half inch between the slit and the lid's edge, and cover rough edges with masking tape. On a scrap of paper, draw a simple Jesus figure. You'll also need a small scrap of cloth and a plastic coin (or coin covered with masking tape). Have your toddler sit with the coffee can (with the lid on it) in front of him or her.

Say: **Lydia sold purple cloth, but she needed Jesus.** Have the toddler push the cloth through the slit into the coffee can. Then give the plastic coin to the toddler. **Lydia had plenty of money, but she still needed Jesus.** Have the toddler push the plastic coin through the slit into the can. **But when Lydia found Jesus, she had all she needed.** Allow the toddler to push the Jesus picture into the can.

2-YEAR-OLD

"I Need Jesus" Necklace

Cut out a cross from purple poster board. Cut a 16-inch piece of yarn. Let your 2-year-old help you use a hole punch to place a hole near the top of the cross. Then let your child string the cross onto the yarn. Tie the ends, and place the necklace around your child's neck.

Say: **When you wear this necklace, the cross can remind you that we all need Jesus.**



We All Need Jesus

Sociologists and educators tell us that children become aware of physical differences between people as early as two years of age. Help your child learn that regardless of our physical characteristics, we are all the same in our need of a Savior.

Jesus is all we need.



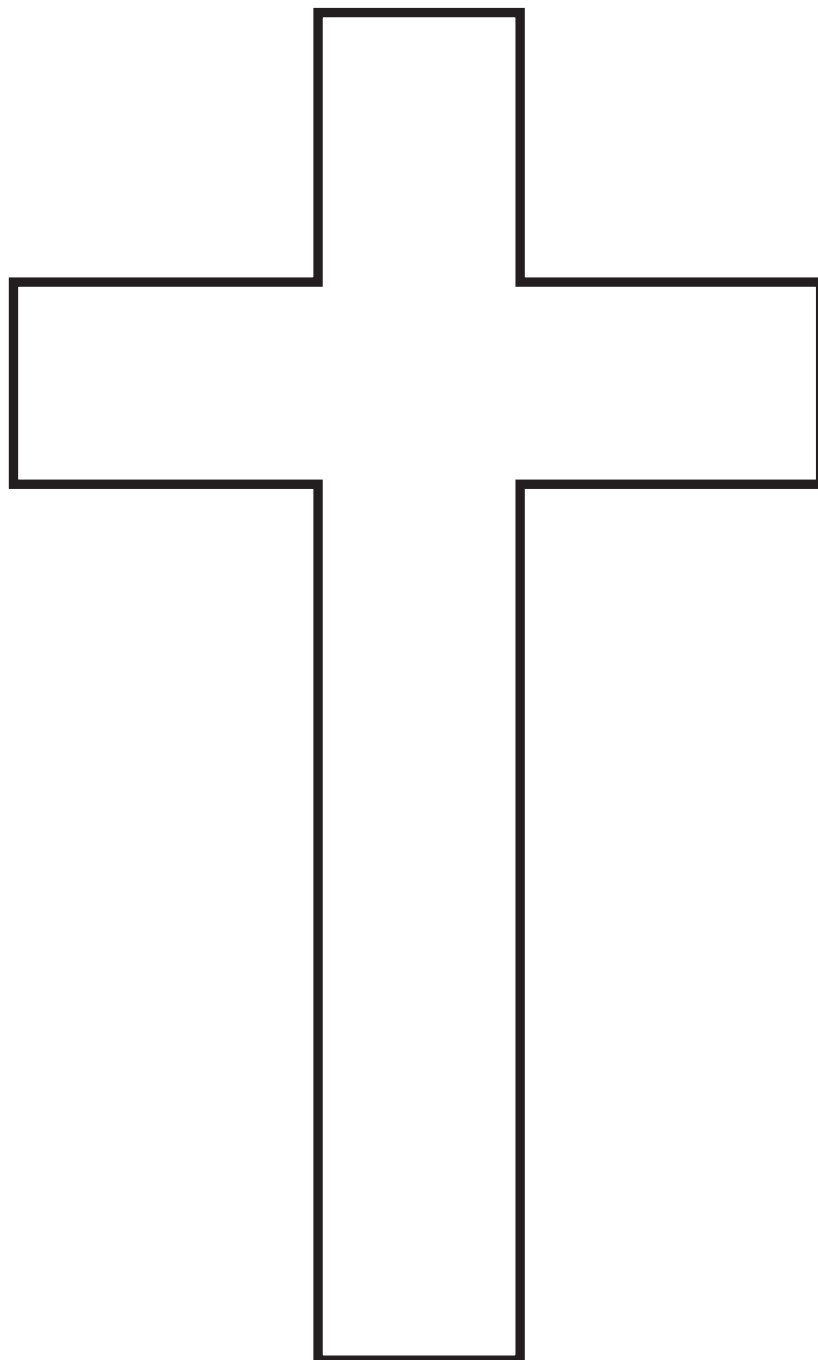
Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Gather several magazines. Cut out pictures of diverse people. Help your child glue the pictures onto a sheet of poster board. Point out the different people, and talk about each one. As you talk about the differences between each person, say, "We are all different, but we all need Jesus."
- Show your love for Jesus by sharing your Bible with your child. Show the differences between your Bible and your child's Bible. Remind your child that you need to learn more about Jesus, too.

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