

# *Genuine Hospitality*



## The Conversion of Lydia

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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<sup>40</sup> After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.



**get excited!**

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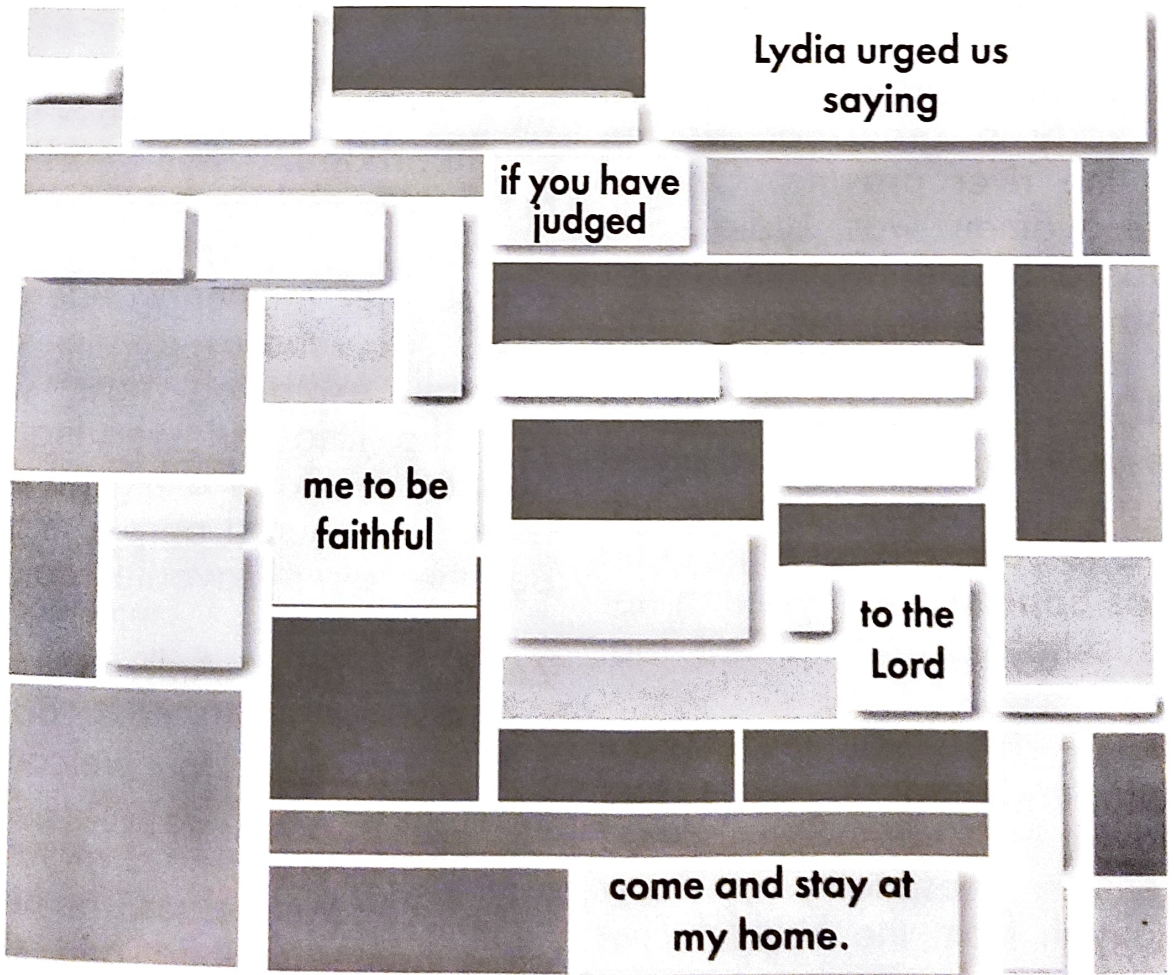
Do an experiment.

### Verse to Remember

[Lydia] urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home."  
Acts 16:15.

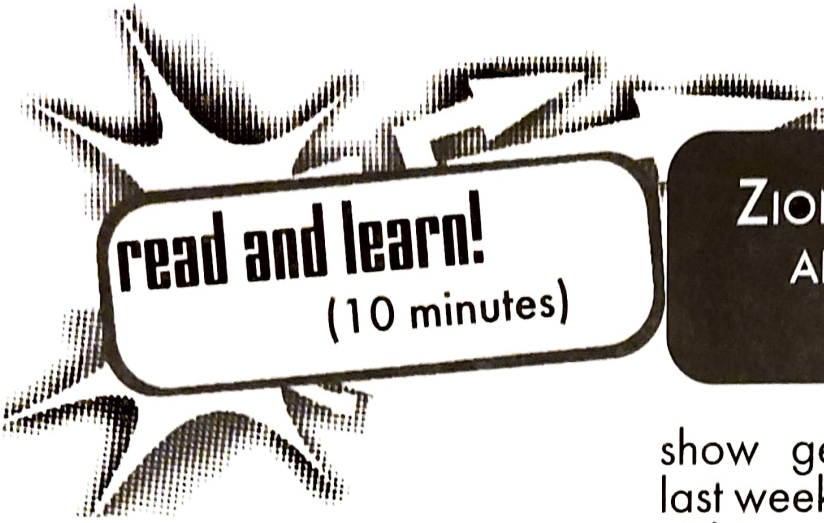
## key verse exercise.

Follow the lightest grey path to the Verse to Remember.



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**read and learn!**  
(10 minutes)

**ZION AND ZAYA TALK  
ABOUT GENUINE  
HOSPITALITY**

**ZION** – Paul and his friends, Silas, Timothy and Luke were missionaries. They travelled wherever God wanted them to go to tell people about Jesus.

**ZAYA** – On the Sabbath day, after Paul and Silas arrived in Philippi from Antioch, they went down to the river to find a place of prayer. There was already a group of women at the river praying. One of the women was Lydia. She was a businesswoman whose job was selling purple cloth.

**ZION** – Paul told Lydia about Jesus. When Lydia heard about Jesus she wanted to follow him and to be baptized. After Lydia was baptized, everyone in her household was baptized too.

**ZAYA** – Then Lydia invited Paul and his friends to come and stay at her house. She showed genuine hospitality. I saw Aaliyah from the Faithful Five


show genuine hospitality too last week. When she saw a little girl in a purple dress and a big purple bow in her hair open the back door of her new neighbor's car she was ecstatic. She was hoping the new family would include someone her age.

**ZION** – Aaliyah told me about this after Church School. She thought it would be nice to make cupcakes to welcome the new family into the neighborhood. She asked her mother if they could make cupcakes with purple icing. Of course, her mother wondered why she chose purple so Aaliyah explained how she saw the little girl wearing a purple dress and a big purple bow. She figured purple might be the girl's favorite color.

**ZAYA** – Later Aaliyah and her family went next door with cupcakes to welcome the new family to the neighborhood. Everyone introduced themselves. The new girl's name is Sofia and she

is the same age as Aaliyah. Both girls were excited and sat together on the porch eating their purple cupcakes.

**ZION** – You know the family also has children our age. We should do something to welcome them too. Aaliyah has set a good example for us to follow.



**rise up!** (30 minutes)



It's time to work with Zion and Zaya on this week's **SUPERHERO CHALLENGE: "PURPLE MARKETPLACE."** Help Zion and Zaya research items that could have been made with the purple cloth Lydia sold in the marketplace.

## what do you think?

Where did Paul meet Lydia?

What did Lydia do after she heard about Jesus?

How did Aaliyah show hospitality?

## time to create

Make something purple.

## time to pray

Dear God, help us make others feel welcome with hospitality. We want to show them love so they want to follow you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.