

Parish of the Epiphany

Faith at Home: Week of May 15, 2022

Storymakers Easter Chapter 5: Paul Meets Lydia

Overview

Today we move to Chapter 5. We are introduced to Paul, who's pretty important in the early church—and in our church today, too! The key parts of our story are:

- Meeting apostles and learning some Biblical history of how they traveled around, sharing the good news of Jesus, and God's love
- Hearing that God loves everyone, and wants everyone to know that love
- Thinking about baptism is a sign of God's grace, a sign that we are covered in God's goodness.

The Lesson Today

Begin by looking at the picture on page 46.

- *What do you see? Who do you think the characters are in our story today? What clues do you see?*

Introduce Paul

Today in our story we are going to meet two important apostles, Paul and Timothy. Apostles are people who are sent on a mission, to share God's love. In Jesus's day, apostles were the first group of people sent out to preach the Gospel, to tell about Jesus and God's love.

Paul traveled throughout many countries, telling the world about Jesus. One day, Paul was visiting the town where Timothy lived. Timothy loved Jesus and studied scripture, so he became a perfect companion to Paul on his journey. They taught and traveled together wherever God led them.

Read the story together, and then turn the page and study the comic.

- *Who can re-tell this story, or a piece of it, from this comic?*

Continue through pages 52-55.

Remember: God loves everyone, everywhere, and we are called to love them too, and to share God's love. Paul was one of the first apostles who spent his life making sure everyone, in all different places, knew that God loved them and that Jesus, God's son, came to show us this love.

Check your envelope for a craft and a treat!

Thank you God for loving everyone in this whole world. Thank you for all the interesting places to visit and people to meet. Thank you God for your apostles, and all those who tell us about Jesus and God's love for us. Help us all to share God's love.

We also pray for Amen.