

*Biblical Drama based on Acts 16:1-15**Character Parts: Narrators 1-7, Paul, Eunice, Lois, Timothy, Silas, Vision Man, Lydia*

Narrator 1: The Apostle Paul and friend Silas were missionaries who traveled around telling people about Jesus. One time, they stopped at a town called Lystra (*LIS-tra*). There, they met a young man named Timothy, who believed in Jesus, along with his mother and grandmother.

Paul: Hello, I'm Paul, and this is my friend, Silas.

Eunice: Welcome! We've heard a lot about you.

Lois: We heard about your missionary journeys. We are believers in Jesus, too!

Eunice: I'm Eunice (*YOU-niss*). This is my mother, Lois, and here is my son Timothy. My background is Jewish, but my husband's is Greek — so my son knows both languages!

Timothy: Good to meet you, sirs.

Lois: Timothy is a fine young man. We think he might become a good pastor someday.

Timothy: I would like to serve God.

Silas: Maybe Paul and I could teach you?

Timothy: That would be great!

Paul: If you come with us, we'll teach you everything we know about Jesus.

Timothy: Thank you, sir!

Narrator 2: So Timothy joined Paul and Silas in their travels. Everywhere they went, they brought greetings and instructions from the apostles in Jerusalem. Each day, more people believed in the Lord.

Narrator 3: Paul and his friends thought about going to Asia, but the Holy Spirit wouldn't let them preach there. Jesus had something else in mind for them.

Then, during the night, Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia (*mass-a-DOE-nee-ah*) calling to him:

Vision Man: Come over to Macedonia and help us!

Narrator 4: After Paul had seen the vision, he and his friends began looking for a way to go to Macedonia. They were sure that God was calling them to preach there.

Paul: Timothy, this could be a great learning experience for you. Are you ready for it?

Timothy: Let's go!

Narrator 5: So they sailed across the sea to the town of Philippi (*FILL-a-pie*), where there was a Roman Colony. On the Sabbath day, they went down by the river, where there was a place of prayer.

Paul: Excuse me, ma'am, do you know where people are having a prayer service?

Lydia: This is the place. Who are you?

Silas: My name is Silas. This is Paul, and this is Timothy.

Lydia: I'm Lydia (*LID-ee-ah*). I run a shop in town. My specialty is making and selling rich, purple cloth. There's none like it.

Paul: Do you believe in God?

Lydia: Yes, of course.

Paul: Have you heard about Jesus?

Lydia: No. Who is he?

Peter: Jesus is the Messiah! He is the Son of God!

Narrator 6: Paul began to tell Lydia all about Jesus. As he spoke, God opened Lydia's heart, and she believed what Paul was saying.

Lydia: You must come and meet my family! I would like all of them to be baptized. In fact, I'd like to invite you to stay in our home!

Narrator 7: So the Paul and his friends did just that. From that day forward, Lydia and her family helped the Apostles in their work.