

# Walking With God

## *Good Helpers: Priscilla, Aquila, Lydia, and Me!*



### Prayer Starter

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit...  
Dear Lord, as we learn today about other people who followed you long ago, give us, too, all the gifts needed to be good disciples in our daily lives. We know that in loving you, we are able to love and serve all people. Amen.

## Hye-Q

*Draw a line from the description of some of the disciples on the left to their names on the right*

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| 1. He is considered a leader of the disciples. Some people call him Simon.                                                    | Matthew     |
| 2. He has a brother named James and wrote one of the Gospels, which is part of the Bible that tells the story of Jesus' life. | Bartholomew |
| 3. He went to Armenia to share the good news of Jesus Christ; he also discovered Mary's empty tomb.                           | Thomas      |
| 4. At first, he could not believe that it was actually Jesus who appeared to the disciples after he rose from the dead.       | Peter       |
| 5. He was a tax collector before he met Jesus.                                                                                | Thaddeus    |
| 6. He came to Armenia and converted the King's daughter to Christianity.                                                      | John        |

## Well Versed

"In the same way, let your light shine before people, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

*Matthew 5:16*



# Daily Bread

Many people followed Jesus during his life, not just the 12 disciples. There were crowds of people who came to see him and listen to him and learn from him. The people who understood his words and accepted him as the Messiah were filled with love and wonder.

After Jesus rose from the dead and went up to heaven, believers began to gather and remember him, as he had asked them to. They shared meals. They talked about his teachings and miracles. They prayed and worshiped together. They shared the communion cup – the bread and wine that now stood for Jesus himself. And their numbers grew.

Turn to Acts 1: 42-47 to learn more...

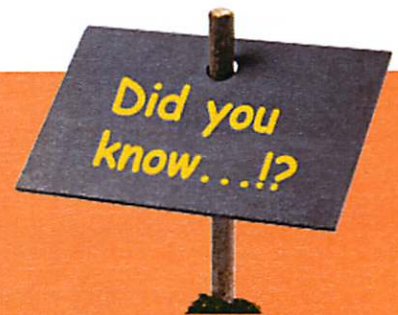
Name 5 things people were doing in Jesus' name, only a few years after he had left them!

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Soon people began to reach out to others in whatever way they could to help this new community. St. Paul had joined the 12 disciples in traveling and teaching. We read about some of them in Scripture.



Purple cloth was a real luxury item – like the Rolex watch of Bible times! Dyes were made from things found in nature. The color purple came from a certain shellfish and it took thousands of them to make a small amount of dye.





## SCRIPTURE SOURCE

Acts 18:1-3 <sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were; he stayed and worked with them."

The book of the Bible called "Acts" is a history of the work and travels of the apostles as they helped to build communities who believed in Jesus. Many of the chapters are about St. Paul's journeys. During those travels, many people help him along the way: by giving him a place to stay, or food to eat, or good company.

### A.

1. In the reading above, what two people are mentioned?

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2. What is their occupation?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What did St. Paul do when he stayed with them?

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4. How do you think that was helpful?

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**B.** Now turn to Acts 16: 13-15, 40.

1. Who is this story about?

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2. What was her profession?

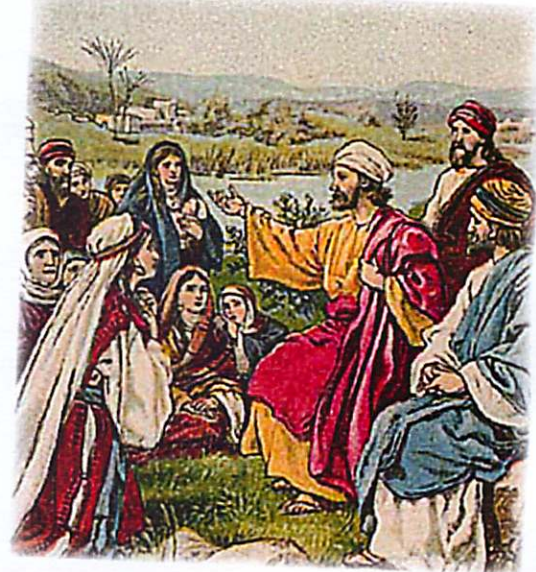
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3. How did she become a Christian?

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4. How did she help St. Paul?

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## BIBLE BYTES

*The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. Over the years, the Bible was translated into every language on earth! Even the Bible in English has different versions. Some use bigger words or older words and some use simpler ways to tell the stories.*



## In the Armenian Tradition

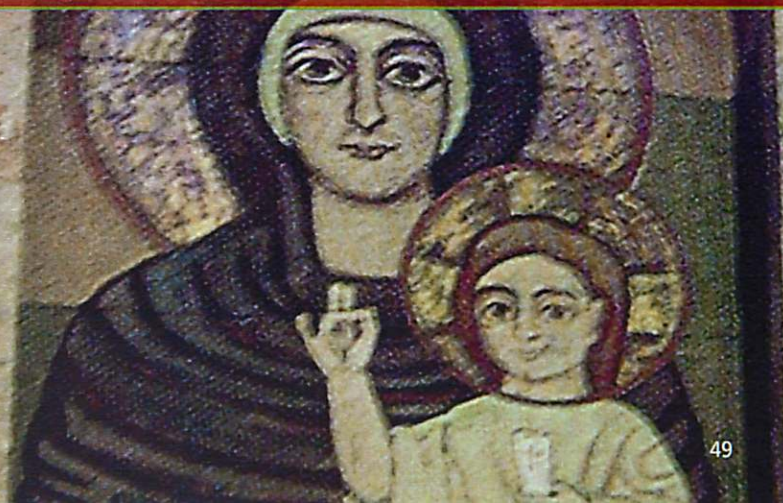
**Priest:** The Priest is the spiritual leader of your church community. He conducts all of the religious ceremonies and blessings. People who are priests study at a special school called a “seminary.” This may take many years to do. Once they graduate from the school, they may be ordained by the church. This is a full-time job.

**Deacon:** The deacon helps the priest do all of the things he does on the altar, whether it is during badarak or at a wedding or other ceremony.

**Parish Council:** People on the Parish Council help run the community. They keep the building in good repair, raise money to pay the bills, support the schools and organizations, and help the parish remain true to Christ’s mission.

**Teacher:** Sunday School teachers teach you about Jesus and about the Armenian Church. They are your spiritual guide to help you learn how to be a good Christian. Armenian School teachers teach the Armenian language and culture.

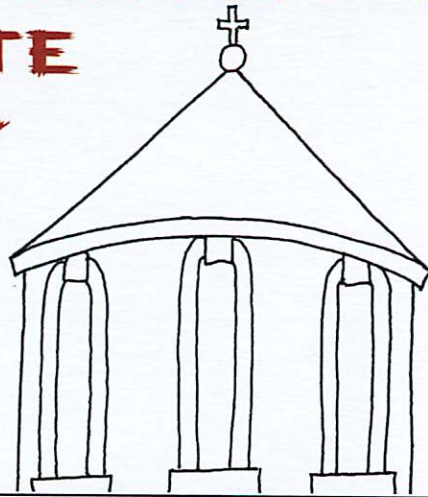
There are many other groups who serve the church such as the Choir, Women’s Guild, and all the committees that run events (such as picnics, concerts, seminars) and serve (soup kitchens, visiting the sick).





# CELEBRATE WITH GOD

A Place for Everyone!




## Family Focus

People *are* the Church. Today, we learned how important and rewarding it is to work together towards a goal. Students read about some of the earliest believers in the 1st century church. They also looked closely at a few specific people who helped the apostles spread the good news. Finally, we explored the kinds of loving service we might be part of in today's church.

### Living Your Faith

1. Participate in the life of your parish as a good example to your child. Have him or her join you whenever appropriate - it's good practice!
2. Volunteer with your child at a community event like a soup kitchen, food drive, or other faith-based charitable function. Show them that this is part of what it is to be a Christian.