

Acts 16: 2. So Paul, attracted to him, invited him to go with him, v. 3.

*God's Guidance*—From place to place Paul and Silas and Timothy went, just as God guided them. (Explain.) Finally they came to Troas (Map). Here they met Luke "the beloved physician" (Col. 4: 14), who wrote the Book of the Acts. He goes with Paul and was the first medical missionary. Picture Paul standing looking away over the Aegean Sea—towards Europe (Map), wondering where God wants him to carry the Light, now. He knows that the hearts of most of the people of Europe are dark. He longs to carry the light to them.

Tell of Paul's vision and the cry of the man of Macedonia, v. 9. (God's way of telling Paul where he is to go.) Outline a ship, or use a paper one. Have you been on a ship? Was it a steam-ship or a sailing-ship? Paul and his friends find a little sailing ship, which is soon scudding across the waves carrying the missionaries to Europe. Speak of the freight carried by ships; grain, fruit, gold, silver, etc. This little ship carried greater riches. (What?)

Repeat—

"Oh, I would rather look upon  
The ships that go afar,  
And take our Saviour's messengers  
Where heathen children are."

These first Christian missionaries to Europe land at Neapolis, near Philippi (Map). From the light they carried, a great light was kindled, whence our light came.

*Golden Text*—A witness is one who tells what he has seen and heard. Paul surely was obeying God's will. (See Acts 22: 15.)

*The First Convert*—Tell of the "Prayer-places" (always near a river), in places where there was no synagogue, enclosed, but without a roof. Worshippers there knew about God, but not about Jesus. Lydia was the first to receive the Light.

Lydia  
listened  
earnestly  
and  
was  
baptized  
for Jesus

*The Call to Us*—Name countries where they are crying to us now, "Come over and help us." A small map of the world, such as is found on the backs of school scribblers, will be found very useful in teaching missionary lessons. Heathen countries may be covered with black paper—or use little red paper flags on pins. Heathen children are calling. We should listen to them and do our best to help them.

#### BLACKBOARD REVIEW

## When one door shuts Another opens

A homely old proverb. Possibly some of the little children may not see the point of it, for children are very matter of fact. They will be thinking just of doors, and wondering what doors have to do with the lesson. But an illustration or two from life will make it clear. For example, Cecil Rhodes goes out to South Africa, a young man broken down in health in search of a better climate. All doors to advancement at home closed behind him; but a door of wonderful opportunity opened in the new land. The result everyone knows. A boy fails to win first place at school. But the strength of character which the fight for it has developed, opens a wide door to him, when he steps out of school life into business. Illustrations abound in Scripture and in history and in everyday life that, when God shuts one door of Christian service, it is to open a wider one.