# Introduction Poland

The Wesleyan Church in Poland was started in 2005 with group of about 20 people. We want to be a church for broken and forgotten people. In our vision statement we say – Dedicated to God and People!

Our passion is to lead people into growing relationship with Christ and see them grow to their full God given, potential. We want to evangelize our society by serving them. Our passion is to start a Youth Center, which will help young families with their children and young people to stay connected with God, and get to know HIM.

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# Children's Camps

We are a young church here in Poland and do not have many stories to tell. One of our key areas of ministry is to reach the children of our nation. Every year we hold camps just for children. The beauty of that is that even though we are a small church in a Catholic country we have been able to build trust and people are willing to send their children to our camps. The camps are Christian English Camps and we have camps for two age groups. One, for children 9-13 and a second, for youth 14-17. With the younger group we can build "bridges" and try to work with the families. In the older group, we work with the youth and we talk about faith, values and God. For the older group we organize discussion clubs and have a Gospel night. That night is mostly personal testimonies of leaders and a very simple sermon. After that night several of youth accepted Christ.

Last year 7 of those who attended our children and youth camps accepted Christ! Camps are a very important part of our ministry. Each year about 100 children take part in them. Today we have two families who became part of our church because of camps.

We are challenging our families and their children to invite their friends to these camps. They have become a significant ministry for our church and we do them faithfully, keeping the hope that the will bring spiritual fruit!

# Memory Activity

### I Peter 3:15

...Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you

# verse relay

Form 2 or more teams

The goal is to write the verse on the chalkboard or a large piece of paper one word at a time.

The teams form a line—the first child runs to the chalkboard or paper and writes the first word of the verse and then passes the chalk or marker to the next child who writes the next word of the verse. The last person writes the reference. Continue until one team completes the verse.

If there is a mistake the next person in line can correct it. To help the game move along you can make a scrambled list of the words in the verse and post it by the chalkboard or paper being used to write the verse on.

Before the relay, practice the verse with the children several times

# Bible Lesson

Acts 16:11-15, 40

Paul and Timothy spend several days in Philippi. On the Sabbath, they went out of the city to the riverside. They were hoping to find a place where the Jews gathered to pray.

At the riverside, they talked with several women. One of them was Lydia, who was a seller of purple cloth. What does that mean? Lydia was from Thyatira, an area that was known for its beautiful, dyed cloth. Purple cloth, in Bible days, meant that the cloth was very fine, beautiful, and specifically used for royalty or special events (is this correct?)

The Bible says that Lydia was a worshipper of God, but it appears that she did not have a personal relationship with Him. It says that she listened intently to what Paul and Timothy said, and then decided that she should become a true believer and that she and her family should be baptized. Lydia was actually the very first convert in Macedonia.

Paul and Timothy talked about Jesus wherever they went – even by the riverside. We should always be willing to talk about Him – at home, at school, when we're playing, when we're working....there are always those who need to hear about Jesus. In Acts 16:40, the Bible says that Paul and Silas went to Lydia's house after being released from jail. There, they found Lydia and others believers. Perhaps she was using her house as a place to encourage other Christians or to share about Jesus. She was continuing to share the Good News that Paul and Timothy had shared with her by the river.

# Everything with Feathers Flies

# **Number of players**

This game is played with a minimum of 5 players and a maximum of 10 players.



## **Equipment**

This game is played on a flat surface usually a table.



# **How to Play**

- 1. The players choose a leader for the game who will call out an animal.
- 2. If that animal has feathers the other players should hit the table and repeat the name of the animal said. If someone hits the table when an animal without feathers is called out he/she is eliminated.
- 3. The last person left is the winner and becomes the leader for the next game.





- 1. To establish a Youth Center at this time, this is just a dream, but we want to establish if for our community.
- 2. To find leaders for the youth ministry
- 3. To develop cell group in homes
- 4. To find a leader for the women ministry

# Activity

In Poland they have a special calendar called a Name Calendar or Imieniny in Polish. In Poland every person's name is given a special day which people celebrate like a second birthday. Have the children create their name calendar for their friends and family. They can use this as a reminder to pray for those on the calendar.

Start with a calendar that has 31 days and then have them write a name in each space. If they want they can put a name in more than one space for people who are very important to them. If they have many names they can place two names in each date. Then have them color or decorate the calendar.

Below is a sample calendar. A bigger version can be found in the resource section that you can copy for each child.

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