

ADDIE DAVIS BAPTIST PASTOR



Questions for Conversation

- Addie Davis was the first woman to be ordained as a pastor by a Southern Baptist church. Why do you think it was a big deal for her to become a pastor?
- Addie Davis faced challenges because she was a woman, but she believed God called her to preach. Why is it important to follow God's call, even if others don't agree?
- Some people didn't believe women should be pastors, but Addie Davis kept going. How do you think her faith helped her overcome obstacles?
- How can faith help us be strong when we face challenges?
- Addie believed that God gave everyone the ability to serve in different ways. Why is it important to recognize that everyone has different gifts?
- What gifts has God given you to help others?
- Addie Davis wanted to show that women could lead just as well as men. Why do you think it's important for both men and women to have equal opportunities in the church?
- How can we make sure everyone feels welcome to serve and lead in our church?
- By becoming a pastor, Addie Davis courageously opened the door for other women to follow in her footsteps. How can we encourage others to follow their dreams and answer God's call?
- How can you help someone else believe in themselves and their abilities?

Suggested Activities

Create a Pastor's Stole: Provide fabric markers and plain white paper or cloth, and have students design their own "pastor's stole" by drawing symbols of faith, like crosses, doves, or hearts, to represent how Addie Davis served God.

Women in Ministry Timeline: Create a timeline of important moments for women in ministry, starting with Addie Davis's ordination. Let students add other women from history or their own church who have made a difference.

Letter to a Leader: Have students write a letter to a woman church leader thanking them for their service, just like Addie Davis served her church. Encourage them to think about the challenges of being a leader and how we can support those in charge.