

Acts-Revelation

1st Timothy

1st Timothy 1-6

Younger Verse

Set an example for all believers. 1st Timothy 4:12

Older Verse

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1st Timothy 4:12

Welcome Time

Be sure to greet each student as they arrive.

Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. Please do **NOT** read to the children. Instead, study your Bible, using this summary as a guide, and make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you want to ask.*

Who remembers the name of the man who helped Paul write his letters to the Thessalonians and Colossians and Philipians? It was Timothy and today we are going to talk about a letter that Paul wrote to him.

How many of you remember us studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians? Well, when Paul wrote his first letter to Timothy (he wrote two letters - we will study the second one next week), Timothy was the pastor/preacher at the church in Ephesus. Paul wrote this letter to Timothy to remind him that in church, the right thing should be taught - the Bible, with no other ideas added to it. He said they should never stop reading the Bible in church (4:13). It sounds kind of funny to think that people might stop reading their Bibles in church, doesn't it? Do you remember having a favorite toy you played with all the time?! What happened when you got a new, shiny one? You played with the new one a lot and the old favorite one less and less. One day you didn't pick up that old toy anymore and may have even tossed it out. Well, the Bible is not a toy, but if we start listening to things that sound all fancy and exciting, our Bible could be put aside (even though it is the truth and the best thing we could listen to), just like that toy, until one day when we no longer pick it up again! That's why we should never stop reading our Bibles. It is a letter to us from God just like 1st Timothy was a letter to Timothy from Paul!

In this letter, Paul also told Timothy that he was writing because he wanted them to know how people should act at church (3:14-15)! Paul said that the people in the church should be known for the love they have for each other. When we love each other we want to take care of one another and not hurt each other. People in church should also have faith! What is faith? It is believing that there is a God even if we can't see Him or touch Him, believing that what He says is true and then trusting Him to be in charge of our lives. Paul also said, over and over again in his letter, that it is important to be godly. That means "like God." How do we know what God is like? We know by reading the Bible because it tells us all about God!

Lesson Goals

Stressing right actions from those who say they believe.

First Timothy also says that we should pray for ALL men, for kings and everyone in authority (2:1-4). Who does that mean we should pray for? Do we have a king in the United States? No, but we do have a president. And who is in authority over us? Policemen, teachers, principals, parents . . . So what should we do for these people? Pray! Paul even says that doing this pleases God. But *what* should we pray? Well, 1st Timothy 2:4 tells us. It says that “God wants everyone to be saved and come to know the truth.” That means He wants everyone to follow Him!

We can pray that our teachers and policemen . . . come to know who God is, but we can also show them. Paul told Timothy not to let anyone look down on him just because he was young, but told him to be an example. Paul even told him how he could be an example. Timothy, as well as each of you, could be an example to others by saying right and good things, by living an obedient life, by showing love and by having faith.

Paul said other things like how important it is to take care of older ladies who no longer have families to care for them, and how good it is to exercise our bodies, but that it is even more important to exercise/practice doing the things God asks us to do. Paul even talked about money. He talked about how dangerous it can be to want money. We should run away from that because Paul said that the love of money is the cause of all kinds of evil and it should be enough for us just to have food and clothes.

Paul said some other things that were very exciting. He said that Jesus gave Himself for everyone (2:6). Does that mean there is anyone that can't come to Him? No! Because like we talked about earlier, God wants everyone to know Him (2:4). That's why God sent Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners (1:15). Who remembers what John 3:16 says? (Allow students to respond, aiding them when necessary.) Well, in 1st Timothy 3:16, Paul shares that Jesus was born, seen by the angels, told about all over the world, believed and then taken back to heaven. We learned from Paul's letters to the Thessalonians that one day Jesus will come back from heaven. Are you ready? Do you know Him? If not, talk with one of us afterwards . . .

**Memory Verse
Activities**

Work on the memory verse with your students like a cheer! Lead them with “Give me a ‘B’” (“B”), Give me an ‘E’” (“E”), Give me an ‘A’” (“A”) . . . until you've spelled out B-E-A-N- E-X-A-M-P-L-E. Then say together loudly “**Be an example!**”

Prayer Time

As you pray, be sure to pray for our president and your city officials. Have your students' pray for their teachers, principals and parents. Also pray for your students, that they will be a good example to those around them.

Clean Up/Snack time

As you are cleaning up, remind your students again of the need to set a good example, even in the way they clean up after themselves.

Planning for October 10th
2nd Timothy

Preschool Lesson for 1st Timothy

Teacher: A good way to explain this lesson is to visually show your students what an example is. Have the following ready when you begin class.

Paper (one piece for each student)
Crayons (also one for each student)
A drawing of the number "5," one that can be easily understood by your students.

We are still talking about all the wonderful letters in the Bible that Paul wrote. Today's letter was written to a man named Timothy. Sometimes Paul called Timothy his son, or his child. Timothy wasn't really his son, but Paul had helped Timothy grow up to know more about God. Paul felt like he was Timothy's dad and wrote him a letter to help him. Paul told Timothy that we should act a certain way at church. He said that we should be an example, especially to the people we go to church with. But what is an example? Try the following. (Give your students a piece of paper and a crayon.)

I want everyone to write the number "5" at the top of their paper. (This should be difficult. If necessary choose a more difficult number or picture.) Everyone share your pictures. Now, look at the number "5" I am holding and draw it at the bottom of your papers. Again show your pictures. Are your pictures different? Why? For your first drawing you didn't know how the number "5" looked, but for the second I showed you an example! You could see what the number "5" was supposed to look like and you could make yours look the same.

We can be like that picture of the number "5" that I had. We should be examples of God to the people around us. So, what should we do to be good examples of God? Paul told Timothy to be an example by saying good things, not bad. We shouldn't use bad words, or talk back to our parents. And we shouldn't scream and holler at people either. Paul also told Timothy to act the right way. We should not run inside or talk during prayer. We should obey our teachers and parents and take care of our brothers and sisters.

Paul was telling Timothy to be an example to the people at his church, but we should act the same way at home and church and when we are outside playing, we can be an example to everyone.

How can you be an example?

Activities for 1st Timothy

- To illustrate 1st Timothy 4:8 have students line up and perform jumping jacks. Then read this verse to them and share that physical exercise is good, but spiritual exercise is better. To exercise spiritually, review the books of the Bible with your students or have a Sword Drill and practice finding past memory verses.
 - If you have widows in your church or neighborhood (widows “indeed” who have no family, see 1st Timothy 5:3-5) make cards for them. Deliver the cards with cookies or bread. The bread and cookies can be baked by your students as an added activity if time and resources are available. You might also want to see if there are odd jobs you and your students could help these ladies with.
 - Begin today implementing a chart of “Church Jobs” for your students, maybe even with a rotating schedule that will allow them personally the opportunity to read Scripture aloud during your services or Bible Study time.
 - Help your students illustrate a “Prayer List” that can be taken home with them. On construction paper, have each student list out the following and draw pictures of each to the side.
 - The President
 - Policemen
 - Principal (principal's name)
 - (teacher's name)
 - Mom and Dad
 - If you have access to the internet or other published material, use coloring pages and word puzzles that reinforce this week’s lesson. Students love word search puzzles as well as crossword puzzles.
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