

Unit 2. Children of the Bible - NT

Lesson 2.7: Timothy the Student of Faith

Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

Bible Story:

Biblical reference: *Adapted from Acts 16:1–5, 2 Timothy 1:5, and inspired by Katherine Bolger Hyde, Brave, Faithful, and True: Children of the Bible

Activities:

**Implement based on available time. Detailed instructions and materials list are provided in the lesson.*

Activity 2: “Young St. Timothy” Coloring Page

Activity 1: My Learning Heart, My Listening Ears Game in Two Parts

Words of the Week:

հավատք - ha-va-duk - faith

երիտասարդ - yer-ee-da-sart - youth

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Objective

Children will understand that learning about God helps our faith grow, and that God uses children who listen, learn, and trust Him.

Moral Character Focus:

Knowledge: Children will learn that Timothy was taught about God by his mother and grandmother and grew into a faithful servant of Jesus.

Understanding: Children will recognize that learning God’s Word helps us grow strong in faith, even when we are young.

Application: Children will identify ways they can be students of faith by listening in church, learning Bible stories, praying, and asking questions.

Values: Children will develop a love for learning about God and a desire to grow in faith through listening and obedience.

Memory Verse:

“Let no one despise your youth.”

1 Timothy 4:12a

Lesson

Open with prayer:

Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

Lesson Body: Timothy the Student of Faith

In a small town called Lystra, there lived a kind and thoughtful boy named Timothy. Timothy loved to learn. He loved to listen. And most of all, he loved God.

From the time Timothy was very young, his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois taught him stories from the Holy Scriptures. At night, they would sit together by the lamp, reading God's Word and praying quietly.

"God loves you, Timothy," his grandmother would say gently.

"Always remember His truth," his mother would add with a smile.

Timothy listened carefully. He remembered the stories of Abraham, Moses, and David. He learned that God keeps His promises and walks with His people. Timothy's heart grew strong with faith, even while he was still a boy.

One day, a visitor came to town. His name was Paul. He was a teacher who traveled from place to place, telling people about Jesus. When Paul met Timothy, he noticed something special about him. Timothy was young, but his heart was full of faith and love for God.

Paul spent time with Timothy and his family. He saw how Timothy's mother and grandmother had faithfully taught him the Scriptures. Paul recognized that God had been preparing Timothy for something important. The faith that lived in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice now lived brightly in Timothy too.

Paul spoke kindly to Timothy. He taught him more about Jesus, prayed with him, and encouraged him. Timothy listened closely. He asked questions. He learned eagerly. He wanted to grow and serve God with his whole life.

Paul said, "Timothy, God has given you a gift. Do not be afraid to use it."

Timothy felt nervous sometimes. He was young, and teaching others felt like a big responsibility. But Paul reminded him, "God does not give us a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind."

Timothy believed him.

Paul invited Timothy to join him on his journeys to teach people about Jesus in other cities. Timothy's heart leaped with excitement and a little bit of fear, but he said yes. He knew this was what God was calling him to do. He packed his things, said goodbye to his mother and grandmother, and set out with Paul on the road.

As they traveled together, Timothy watched and learned from Paul every day. He saw how Paul spoke to people with kindness and truth. He learned how to pray for those who were sick or discouraged. He discovered that serving God meant serving others with a gentle and humble heart.

Sometimes the work was hard. People did not always listen. Some days were long and tiring. But Timothy kept his eyes on Jesus. He remembered the words of Scripture his mother and grandmother had taught him. Those words gave him strength and courage when he felt weak.

As Timothy grew, he traveled with Paul, helping others learn about Jesus. He read Scripture, prayed, and listened carefully to God's voice. Timothy learned that being a student of faith meant always learning, always listening, and always trusting God.

And even though Timothy was once just a boy learning at his mother's knee, God used him to teach many people, because his heart was faithful and ready.



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Bible Verse Game to Remember

“Let no one despise your youth.”
(1 Timothy 4:12a)

Motions:

“Let no one”
(shake head gently)

“despise”
(cross arms)

“your youth”
(point to self and smile)

Connection: *God loves and values children. You are never too young to love and follow Him.*

Activity 1: My Learning Heart, My Listening Ears Game in Two Parts

Part One:

You Will Need: Paper hearts (cut out ahead of time), crayons or markers, stickers (optional).

What to Do:

1. Give each child a paper heart.
2. Ask them to draw one thing they love learning about God. It could be a Bible story, Jesus, prayer, or church.
3. Help them write “I love learning about God!” at the top or bottom of the heart.
4. Let children decorate their hearts with stickers or colors.

Why We Do This: Just like Timothy had a heart that loved to learn about God, we can have learning hearts too!

Part Two:

You Will Need: Nothing! Just you and the children.

What to Do:

1. Have children cup their hands behind their ears like big listening ears.
2. Say: “Let’s practice our listening ears like Timothy!”
3. Whisper a simple instruction like “touch your nose” or “hop two times.”
4. Children listen carefully and do what you said.
5. Repeat with different fun instructions. Praise them for listening well!

Why We Do This: Timothy was a good listener. When we use our listening ears, we can learn about God and follow Him!



Activity 2: "Young St. Timothy" Coloring Page



Review

Memory Verse Review:

“Let no one despise your youth.” (1 Timothy 4:12a)

Lesson Review:

1. Who taught Timothy about God when he was young? (*His mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois*)
2. Who noticed Timothy’s faith and helped teach him more? (*Paul*)
3. What kind of learner was Timothy? (*He listened carefully and wanted to learn*)
4. Was Timothy too young for God to use him? (*No. God used him because his heart was faithful*)
5. How can we be students of faith like Timothy? (*By listening, learning Bible stories, praying, and trusting God*)

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Life Application:

What are we going to do with what we have learned today?

Ignatius shows us that true greatness in God’s eyes comes from having a humble heart. When we help someone without being asked, when we let others go first, when we say “I’m sorry” when we are wrong, we are practicing humility. Jesus loves humble hearts, and He promises that those who humble themselves will be lifted up. We can practice humility every single day, in big ways and small ways.

Close with prayer:

O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.