



# 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>

May 4-5, 2013

DATE

Timothy

LESSON TITLE

I Timothy and II Timothy (Pg.1323-1332)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Timothy taught others to speak and act like Jesus—by setting an example in his own life

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Hang out with kids (10 minutes):** Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

**Small Group (20-30 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

Have kids gather back in front of the teaching area and watch the video from the lesson and do the songs together at the end of small group.

When parents come to pick kids up, they will get a quick review of the lesson along with the kids.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to be teachers this week—like Timothy! Hopefully, that will spark interesting conversations with parents.

## large group heads up

Today kids are learning they are never too young to follow Jesus—or teach others what they know about following him! Timothy taught others to follow Jesus by setting an example and *showing* others what being a Jesus-follower looks like.



## instructions

**Goal:** to equip kids to set an example to others of how to follow Jesus

**Why?** I Timothy 4:12 (Pg.1325) reminds us we are never too young to show others how to follow Jesus

**Tip:** We want kids to really understand the idea of teaching by example. Help them grasp what that means if they seem to be unsure.

## small group

### CONNECT/RELATE

1. Tell us the best thing about your week. (If you've already connected before large group, move straight to question #2.)
2. Tell us about somebody who has been an example to you, who showed you how to act like Jesus. (help kids activate prior knowledge of teaching via showing—maybe the person didn't talk about Jesus at all, but acted how Jesus would have)

### REVIEW

3. Who taught Timothy about following Jesus? (his mom and grandma and Paul)
4. What are some of the things Paul taught Timothy? (1. how to pray, 2. who God is, 3. how to tell God's Story, 4. not to let people look down on him because he was young, 5. not to be scared, 6. to tell the truth, 7. to be friends with lonely people, 8. that you don't have to look cool, etc.)

### ACTIVITY

Timothy got to be a part of God's Story by following Jesus and showing others how to follow Jesus. And YOU guys can be teachers—and part of God's Story!—too, even while you are young.

- Brainstorm together: What are some ways YOU can set an example for people and show them what following Jesus looks like? (Anything goes, even today's story! Also, refer to I Timothy 4:12 and ask kids to think about ways they can act to show love, faith, or purity) Here are some general examples to get you started:
  - You share your lunch with a girl at school who left her lunch at home.
  - You remember that you lied to your mom last week. You decide to tell her you're sorry—and tell her the truth
  - You know your grandpa is lonely. You spend an afternoon with him.

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- Give each kid a piece **of black construction paper and chalk**
- Have kids draw a picture of the way they could set an example in their own lives (Tell them NOT to tell anybody what they're drawing; turn the last part into a bit of a guessing game!)
- After everybody is done (or close), have them show their pictures—and everybody guess (they might need to give hints).

#### **RELATE/APPLY**

5. Remember, even though Timothy was teaching, he was also learning. What else would you like to learn about Jesus?
6. Who could you ask to teach you? (make sure you tell kids they can read the Bible or ask a Kids' Club leader, in case they don't know any Jesus-followers at home)

**\*Pray together, asking God to help each kid teach—and learn more—about Jesus this week! Ask them if there's anything they'd like to say to God, too.**

*Extra time? Use extra chalk and construction paper to play Pictionary or hangman. Or play telephone and let kids think of fun phrases to pass along (depending on your group, you may want to ask kids to tell you first!)*



## special notes

Timothy started following God as a kid. He shows us we are never too young to follow God—or show others how to follow Jesus!

## presenter tips

The idea of learning/teaching can sound “boring” to kids. Use the clip and questions at the beginning to really engage them! Try to help them think beyond the “teacher” stereotype to the idea of teaching by simply showing others what they know (and empowering them to be the teachers!)

## script

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids’ Club. I’m so happy you’re here today. Before we hear today’s story, we’re going to talk about teachers for a minute. You heard me, teachers. I want you guys to think about teachers in your head. As you think, I’m going to show you a short video clip of a “teacher”...who didn’t actually do much teaching! Hopefully, this clip will inspire you to think about what teaching *really* means!

**Video: School of Rock Clip** (about 30 seconds)

So when YOU think of a teacher—one who really teaches—what do you think of? (Let kids think for a few seconds.) **Turn and tell a friend what you think of when you think of a teacher.** (Let kids turn and tell a friend.)

### WE CAN BE TEACHERS

What were some of the things you guys said? (Let a few kids share appropriate responses, like school, homework, learning, showing you how to do things, etc.) Yeah, those are all things we think of when we think of teachers. Stand up if you pictured somebody in school or in a classroom or showing you how to do something new. (Let kids stand.)

Okay, now have a seat. (Let every kid sit.) Now, stand up if you thought of *yourself*. (If somebody stands, ask them what they teach and let them share. Then ask all kids to sit.)

Guess what? A teacher can be somebody who teaches subjects in school, or somebody like me in Kids’ Club who teaches about God’s Story, OR anybody who teaches anything! Even the guy from our first movie clip later realized he could show kids how to play music and the whole class formed an awesome band.



## script continued

I bet each and every one of you knows SOMETHING you could share with somebody else. Can anybody think of something? (Let a couple of kids share.) Those are all great examples!

### **PAUL TAUGHT TIMOTHY ABOUT JESUS, SO TIMOTHY COULD TEACH OTHERS**

Today, we're going to hear about a guy named Timothy. He learned about Jesus when he was pretty young, but he knew he could be a teacher. And he wanted to teach everybody about Jesus!

So he asked a guy named Paul to teach him even more about Jesus, so he'd have more to share! Remember, Paul's the guy who told everybody about Jesus, even when he was in jail. He knew a lot about following Jesus.

We're going to watch a video about Timothy's story. In it, you'll see a lot of things that *Paul* taught *Timothy*, but as you watch, see if you can figure out what *Timothy* taught to others.

### **Video: God's Story / Timothy**

Wow, so what did Timothy teach other people? (Let some kids share. They may give a few specific examples from the video, but basically, Timothy taught them to act like Jesus. Oh, and if kids give examples of what Paul taught Timothy, that's okay! Tell them Timothy probably turned around and taught them to other people.)

### **WE GET TO TEACH OTHERS TOO**

That's right! Timothy got to be part of God's Story by learning about Jesus, following Jesus, and telling other people about Jesus! And guess what? God wants US to be a part of his story, too! Even when we are young and while we are still learning things. I Timothy 4:12 says:

***SLIDE: I Timothy 4:12: Don't let anyone make fun of you, just because you are young. Set an example for other followers by what you say and do, as well as by your love, faith, and purity.***

That means that YOU can show other people how to TALK and ACT like Jesus—even people who are followers of Jesus or people who are older than you.

### **TEACH BY SHOWING**

This verse also tells us *how* to teach. Does it say to tell everybody what they're doing wrong? (Let kids say: NO WAY!) In fact, the Bible says NOT to do that.

What DOES it say? (Let a kid say, "**set an example by what you say and do.**") That's right! It says that we can teach by SHOWING people how to live like Jesus. That means we can pray for people, we can tell other people what we've learned about Jesus, and we can make good choices like Jesus did. We can even teach adults!

### **WORSHIP**

We'll talk more about this in small groups. For now, let's sing to Jesus and thank him for letting us follow him and be a part of his story, even while we're young!



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***Song: Grow Up Like Jesus (video will show lyrics and hand motions on screen)***

***Song: Come With Me (music video—learn hand motions ahead of time)***

**PRAY**

Pray for the kids. Ask God to speak to each of them—then spend a few seconds listening to him in silence. Wrap up by asking him to help us teach others about Jesus this week.



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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

- 1 piece of black construction paper per kid
- Colored chalk for each small group to share

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## large group supplies

- Adventure Bible (Pg.1323-1332)

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## a/v needs

1. Video:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37oJqWp4rJM> (pull the first 28 seconds only)
2. Video: God's Story / Timothy (please remove the "study" intro from the Strong Journey)
3. SLIDE: I Timothy 4:12: Don't let anyone make fun of you, just because you are young. Set an example for other followers
4. Music Video: Grow Up Like Jesus (lyrics and hand motions on screen)
5. Music Video: Come With Me (music video of musicians, with lyrics on screen)

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## special room set-up

None

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## connect questions

Tell me about Timothy.  
How did Timothy teach others about Jesus?

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## parent page

Timothy wanted to learn all he could about how to follow Jesus, so he asked Paul to teach him. Paul told Timothy that even though he was young and still learning, he could teach others how to speak and act like Jesus by setting an example of acting like Jesus in his own life (I Timothy 4:12). You can read about Timothy in I or II Timothy in the Bible. Or watch a video about him on [CrossroadsKidsClub.net](http://CrossroadsKidsClub.net).