



3rd - 5th

May 14-15, 2016

DATE

Timothy

LESSON TITLE

1 and 2 Timothy; Ephesians 4:29

WHERE TO FIND IT

Timothy learns about Jesus, so he can teach others.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 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

Students may not remember every detail you *teach* them, but they will remember how you made them *feel*! So focus on connecting with kids by making them feel heard, loved and excited!

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them about the different ways they can teach others about following Jesus this week. Maybe they can teach YOU something!

large group heads up

Timothy was young, but he was hungry to know Jesus better! He learned from his mom, his grandma, and his friend Paul, all so that he could understand and know Jesus more.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

SHOW AND TELL

- Split kids into small groups.
- Give each kid a **piece of paper** and set out **markers**.
- Tell kids to think about something they do really well, or something they just love to do. Something that's really important to them and that they would want to **show** others.
- Once kids have decided, give them about 5 minutes to **draw that thing** on their paper.
- After 5 minutes (or when most kids are done drawing) go around the group and have each kid hold up their paper and (1) tell the group what they drew, and (2) teach the group how to do that thing. They can explain it in any way they wish!

TALK ABOUT IT

- Have you ever tried to teach something to someone else?
- What's one thing you'd like to know about Jesus? How could you learn that?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how Timothy wanted to know Jesus so that he could share him with others and (3) recognize that we can get to know Jesus better and share him with our friends.

Why? We want to equip kids to set an example to others of how to follow Jesus

Tip: Remind kids how young Timothy was, and that no matter how old, you can show others how to follow Jesus, and have an impact on his kingdom.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who has been an example to you, and showed you how to act like Jesus?
2. How did Timothy learn about Jesus? (Traveled with Paul to different cities and watched Paul teach others; read Paul's letters; learned from his mom and grandma.)
3. What are some of the things Paul taught Timothy? (How to pray, who God is, how to tell God's Story, not to let people look down on him because he was young, not to be scared, to tell the truth, to be friends with lonely people, that you don't have to look cool, etc.)
4. What's one thing you want to learn about Jesus? (might be what kids thought of in Large Group)
5. 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.)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Tell kids to **find a partner**.
- Explain that each pair of kids will have to decide who is the **leader**, and who is the **follower**.
- When you say go, the leader has to slowly do any movement they want, while the follower tries to mirror their exact movements.
- When you **clap**, partners have to sit down and answer a question that you ask. Then tell them to find a new partner, decide who is the leader and who is the follower, and then repeat the exercise (the leader does whatever movements they want, while the follower mirrors everything they do).
- When you clap again, they have to sit down and answer a question.
- Here are the **questions** you can ask kids to discuss every time you clap:

- What is something you could do at school this week to SHOW Jesus to someone else?
- Are you ever afraid to show or tell others about Jesus? Why?
- What is something you could do this week to LEARN about Jesus?
- Who is someone that has taught you something that you really love?
- Have you ever taught someone? What did you teach?
- What's one thing you'd like to know about Jesus?
- What was one thing that Paul taught Timothy in today's story?
- *Come up with more if you want!*

Extra Time? Have kids play Simon Says as a simple way to reinforce the concept of SHOWING others how to follow.

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

Emphasize that learning and teaching isn't just about school subjects, or explain complicated things to people. It's about actively showing others how to do something, and kids can do it even when they're young!

script

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WELCOME AND INTRO

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy you're here today. I hope you had fun playing that version of show and tell. Instead of showing a special object though, you taught about something that you like to do! What are some of the things you guys were teaching in Connect Time? (Let a couple kids share.) Those are all great examples!

Now, did anybody teach it in a really unique way? (Let 1-2 kids share.) Great idea! Before we get started, let's look at this movie clip to see a pretty crazy teacher who taught in a creative and interesting way:

Video: School of Rock / Teaching in Song

That was a pretty funny way of teaching math, wasn't it? It seemed silly, but we can learn—and teach—in a lot of different ways. For fun, anyone want to sing-teach us? (Let one brave kid volunteer if he/she wants.) That's ok!

TEACHING AND LEARNING

So one of the ways you taught today was with a picture. Why do you think you were asked to draw a picture instead of just talking about it? (Let kid respond.) Yep, it helps people to learn about what you're talking about if they can SEE it. When we want to teach others about something that's important to us, it helps a lot if we show them ...AND tell them what we're talking about.

Now that we know what you guys can teach, what's something you'd like to LEARN? (Let 3-5 kids respond.) Great. And from whom do you learn? Think of the smartest people you know. It might be a school teacher or someone who has a lot of knowledge. (Give kids a few seconds to think.) **Turn and tell a friend who you thought of.** (Let kids turn and tell a friend.)



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So who are some of the smart people you know? (Let a few kids share people they know and their area of expertise.) Yeah, all those people sound like great teachers! And we already know YOU guys are teachers, too.

Now I have one more question....what would you like to learn *about Jesus*? (Let several kids respond.) Thanks guys, we're going to talk a lot more about *how* we can learn about Jesus, and about how we can teach people what we know about him too!

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; he was probably close to your age! Even though he was young, he wanted to be able to tell, and teach, others about how to follow Jesus. He didn't let his age get in the way of that.

Remember how we talked about different kinds of smart people we know? Well, do you think they ALWAYS knew all the stuff that they can teach? (Let kids respond.) Nope. At some point, they had to LEARN about all that stuff before they could tell others about it. And Timothy had to do the same thing. 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

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 do the same thing. Even when we are young and while we are still learning things., he wants us to teach others about him. 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?



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(Let kids respond.) 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.

It's kind of like if you wanted to learn a new game that you've never played before....like baseball. What if someone just told you all the rules, but they didn't SHOW you how to play? Would it be kind of hard to play the game that way? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it would for me! Let's do it right now, to see how hard it would be. Everybody, do a special pose. You have to put three fingers up, one elbow out, one hand up in the air, and one foot in the air. (Let kids respond and do what they think the pose should look like.) Actually, it's supposed to look like this! (Do the pose.) Hmm, why didn't you know how exactly to do the pose? (Let kids respond.) That's right, because I didn't SHOW you how it was supposed to look!

WAYS WE CAN TEACH OTHERS

Let's look at another verse that helps us remember some of the best ways to share Jesus with others. (Lead kids in repeating the following verse.)

Slide: Ephesians 4:29 Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs. Than what you say will help those who listen.

Sometimes we might think that the only way to share Jesus with others is to know a lot of things about him, or to preach about Jesus in church! But the thing is, we can share Jesus in other ways, even as kids. What are some other ways that you can think of to show others how to follow Jesus? (Let several kids respond, and wrap up with the following if they haven't mentioned it yet.) Yep, we can tell people what we know. We can make sure that we say kind things that build people up. That means we say kind things that will help them, even if they're sad or afraid. We can live how Jesus would want us to live. And we can show others how we spend time with Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME

Let's all take a minute and think about one thing that we know about Jesus. Maybe it's how he loves to spend time with us. Maybe you love how you can sing worship songs to him, or tell him anything that you're afraid of. Think about that thing silently right now. (Give kids about 10-20 seconds of silence.) Okay, now turn to a friend, and share with each other what you love about Jesus! (Give kids a minute to respond.) Good job everybody; you just shared Jesus with someone, and taught them a little bit about what Jesus is like. It can be as easy as telling a friend what you love about Jesus.

PRAY

Dear Jesus, we want to show others who you are. We want to teach people how to follow you. Please help us find ways to do that this week with our friends, family, or even people we don't know. Amen.



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WORSHIP

One of the best ways to show others how to follow Jesus is to worship him out loud, instead of quietly in our heads! So let's stand up, and sing and dance!

Music Video: Tell the World

Music Video: Trust in the Lord

**Dismiss kids to small groups*

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Show and Tell
Per kid: 1 piece of white 8x11 paper
Per group: markers

small group supplies

Mirror Activity – no supplies needed

large group supplies

No supplies needed

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: School of Rock / Teaching in Song (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KJD4aP90YQ>; 1:28-2:11; make sure this time is correct)
3. Video: God's Story / Timothy (<https://vimeo.com/30378685>)
4. Slide: 1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and how you live. Also set an example in how you love and what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure.
5. Slide: Ephesians 4:29 Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs. Than what you say will help those who listen.
6. Music Video: Tell the World (KC/SM media videos songs>music videos)
7. Music Video: Trust in the Lord (<https://vimeo.com/153815987>)

connect questions

How did Timothy learn about Jesus?
How can we teach others how to follow Jesus?

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