

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSONS
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This week our Bible story tells us that we can be leaders through our actions. We are going to learn about Timothy, who helped Paul with his ministry even though he was young. I am going to give you a puzzle to solve. See if you can match the symbols and letters to see how we can be leaders.

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Our story this week reminds us that even young people – especially young people—are called to be leaders. For this lesson our Bible story comes from two different books. Acts tells us about the beginning of Paul and Timothy’s relationship and 1 Timothy is a letter Paul later wrote to Timothy. First, let’s read Acts 16:1-3.

This passage talks about circumcision. In Paul’s time circumcision was a Jewish tradition. Timothy was Greek and when he was circumcised he became like the Jews that he was going to minister to. Why do you think Paul wanted to have Timothy travel with him?

Let’s read 1 Timothy 4:7-12.

What do you think it means to “train yourself for a holy life”? Why do you think Paul mentions that Timothy is young?

Read 1 Timothy 4:13-16.

What does Paul want Timothy to do?

Paul gave Timothy a lot of advice about being a leader. Make a list of some of the things he told Timothy about leadership?

Make another list of advice that would you have for leaders?

Being a leader involves both being and doing. Which of the pieces of advice on your lists are about doing somethings? Which ones are about being – being a certain way or having certain characteristics?

Now I want you to create a Top Ten List for Leaders. Write down the ten most important instructions for leaders from the two lists that you have.

Which of the things on your Top Ten List come naturally for you? Which ones do you have to work at?

Leaders do not always have to be up front attracting attention. Sometimes the best leaders are those who quietly do the right thing day in and day out. Have you ever been in a group where someone started doing something, like snapping their fingers and everyone else join? Think about how that made you feel. If you were the leader, this is what leading in our day-to-day lives is like.

Paul instructs Timothy to focus on “public reading, preaching and teaching” – in other words, the worship service the believers would hold on Sundays. Think about what you would do if you got to plan the worship service. I am going to give you a worship plan and I want you to plan a worship service.

WORSHIP PLAN

Worship services typically follow a four-stage pattern. We gather in community to hear the Word of God read and taught, we respond to God’s Word, and we are sent out into the world to serve others.

GATHERING

(often includes an opening prayer, songs, call to worship or announcements)

HEARING THE WORD

(often includes a prayer before reading Scripture, Scripture reading and sermon)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(often includes prayers for the word and community and offering)

GOING OUT

(often includes a song and a closing prayer called the “benediction”)

You don’t have to include something in every part listed in the Plan. This is just a guide. Start by picking your scripture then use the theme of the scripture to pick some songs and pick or write some prayers. You can get as detailed as you like. If you would like to share your plans, I would like to see them. You can mail them to me or call me and I will pick them up at your house.

This is just like the worship service that we have when we can meet together in church on Sunday morning. I am impressed. Why did you choose the scripture you did? What made you pick the songs that you did. Are there any parts of the service that you would like to lead? (I promise I won’t pass that answer to anyone or ask you to do it unless you really would like to.)

We are starting a new Bible memory verse. “God didn’t give us a spirit that is timid, but one that is powerful, loving and self-controlled. (2 Timothy 1:7) Can you memorize that verse? We will be talking more about it in the next few weeks.

In the very back of the Bible you received when you were in third grade is a map of the journeys that Paul took. Paul travelled all over to tell people the good news about Jesus Christ. See if you can find Lystra on the map. This is the town where Paul met Timothy. Look at all the places that Paul went to on his journeys. He was an incredible Christian leader. He taught so many people about Jesus’ life and how to be followers of Jesus.

Last week, I sent along a blank Bible Library. Did you get the names on all the books on the shelves? To see how you did, attached is a completed Bible Library for you to keep.

Let’s close with a prayer. Thank you God for giving us examples of young leaders like Timothy. Guide us to be young leaders too. Teach us the ways to help those around us learn about the lessons that Jesus taught us. Keep us safe this summer as we travel and meet with our families. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

