

Preschool

YOUNG TIMOTHY

Lesson #2

Text: 1 Timothy 1:2
2 Timothy 1, 4
Acts 16:1-5

Today we are going to talk about a man named Timothy. Timothy loved God and was very faithful to his word. Timothy's mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois taught him about God and his plan. What age do you think they started teaching him? When he was a baby. They began teaching him just the way your parents are teaching you. Why do your parents, like Timothy's mother and grandmother, want you to know about God? So, we can live with him in heaven.

Lois and Eunice were not the only women in the Bible who taught their children about God. Can you think of someone from the Old Testament who taught their young son all about God? How about Moses's mother. She taught him even though he was living as Pharaoh's daughter son. And he became a great leader for the Israelites. What about Hannah? She prayed to God for a son and she was given Samuel. He was taught as a young boy and given to live with a priest, Eli, to learn more about God.

What are some things that Lois and Eunice may have taught Timothy? To pray, study the word, obey the word, tell others about the word. Can we do those things today?

In the book of Proverbs it says "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." That means if you teach a young boy/girl the right way, which is God's way, he will be faithful to God's word and not go away from it. We hope that each one of you will be like Timothy and try to learn as much as possible about God, so that you will be able to go to heaven.

Sing: 2 Timothy 2:15
Trust and Obey



“Train up a child in the way he should go;
and when he is old he will not depart from it.”
Prov. 22:6

Songs: Trust and Obey

Happy The Home When God is There

2 Timothy 2:15 (Musical Memory Builders)

Discussion

Read II Tim. 1:5 to the students and ask “What did they teach him?” Read II Tim 3:15. Because of what they taught him, Timothy became a helper to the apostle Paul. (Use application examples: listened to teachers of scriptures, learned who the one true God/instead of idols, do not quarrel but be kind, don’t let money be your goal, let heaven be your goal, give back to God)

Activity

Help your students make their own simple family trees. (Names are not necessary; “Granny” and “Papa” will serve these purposes.)

TIMOTHY (TIM-uh-thee)

was a close friend and helper to the apostle Paul. He became the person Paul depended on the most to help churches that had problems. When Paul was in prison or faced other hardships, Timothy was the person he wanted most to see.

During the closing years of Paul's life, Timothy was in Ephesus, serving as pastor and leader of the churches there. Two books of the New Testament—I and II Timothy—are letters that Paul wrote to



The letters Timothy received from Paul are now part of our New Testament.

Timothy at Ephesus.

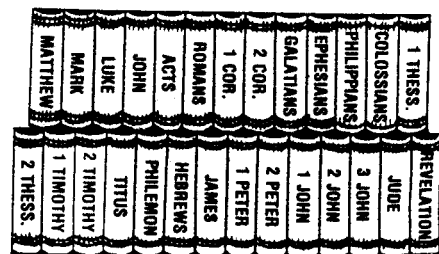
Things Paul wrote show that Timothy was naturally timid. But he apparently was so dependable and earnest in his work for God that he developed into an important leader in the early church.

Timothy was the son of a Gentile father and a Jewish mother, Lois (Acts 16:1-3; II Tim. 1:3-5). Paul called Timothy his "spiritual son." This probably meant that Paul helped Timothy become Christian.

Timothy joined Paul in Lystra on Paul's second missionary journey. After they were driven out of Thessalonica by Jewish persecution, Paul sent Timothy back to help the Christians there. Several times Paul sent Timothy to churches as his representative.

Timothy was with Paul during much of his third missionary journey. The second letter of Paul to Timothy was probably written while Paul was in prison in Rome, shortly before his death. In it he wrote, "Do your best to come before winter."

Paul clearly expressed his opinion of Timothy in Philippians 2:19-24. "I have no one like him, who will be genuinely anxious for your welfare. . . . Timothy's worth you know, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel" (Phil. 2:19-22; I Tim. 4:12-15).



TIMOTHY, I and II

are personal letters from the apostle Paul to Timothy, who was serving as pastor or

Timothy's Family Tree

Lois



Eunice



Timothy



Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him to love the Lord from the time he was a baby.

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