

Acts-Revelation

2nd Timothy

2nd Timothy 1-4

Younger Verse

Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. 2nd Timothy 3:16 (CEV)

Older Verse

Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. 2nd Timothy 3:16 (CEV)

Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. Please do **NOT** read to the children. Instead, study your Bible, using this summary as a guide, and make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you want to ask.*

Do you remember studying Paul's letter to Timothy last week? Well, Paul wrote Timothy another letter and we call it Second Timothy. Paul wrote this letter to Timothy about something called the *gospel*. Do you know what the *gospel* is? It is the good news of God! What good news does God have for us? (He loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for us.) Well, do you know of a place where we have this good news, the gospel, written down? We have it all written in the Bible. During the time of Paul and Timothy, only the first part of the Bible (the Old Testament) was written down. And Paul didn't know it then, but God was using him to write part of the New Testament. Paul didn't write letters just because he wanted to say "Hello" to the people he missed. God gave him the words to write, not just for the Colossians or Timothy, but for us also. There is a verse in this book, Second Timothy, that says "Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word." This verse is Second Timothy 3:16 and it means that every word that men wrote down many, many years ago to form the Bible were given to them by God. Who knows how many books were written that form the Bible? (66) And how many are there in the Old Testament? (39) The New Testament? (27) Of those 27 books in the New Testament, Paul wrote 13 of them. That's almost half!

Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy, and probably his last letter in all, from prison in Rome. It was a time in Rome when the leaders didn't want believers in Jesus to talk about Him. These leaders didn't want anyone to share the gospel. That is why Paul told Timothy in Chapter 1 verse 8 not [to] be ashamed to tell other people about Jesus. Paul even shared with Timothy that, just because he was in prison did not mean that God's Word was in prison. That means that even though Paul couldn't go anywhere, he could still tell others about Jesus - God's wonderful gift to us. How did Paul tell others about Jesus? Well, we know that when he was in a Roman prison the first time, he told the guards and Cesar's servants about Jesus. And both times that he was in prison he wrote letters to different churches to remind them what he had already taught them.

Lesson Goals

Stress that the Bible is God's Word.
Make clear our responsibility to share God's Word with others.

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he remembered that before Timothy believed in Jesus, his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice had first believed. Then they taught Timothy what they had learned - and because of what he had learned, he was able to understand that Jesus died for him and to accept Him as his Savior. Paul reminded Timothy to hold on to the example of sharing what God had done and to teach faithful men, reliable people who wanted to work for God so that they could help share Jesus with people who didn't know. Paul also told Timothy to teach the Bible correctly, by not adding anything to it, so that he wouldn't be ashamed. Timothy was also reminded to make the right decisions so that when he shared with others about Jesus and how wonderful He is, nothing that Timothy had done would keep them from believing.

And that's what God wants from us, too. Maybe you have been learning about Jesus at home from your parents or grandparents, maybe even brothers or sisters just like Timothy did from his grandmother and mother. Or maybe the only time you hear about Jesus is when you come here to Bible Study - like Timothy, also, as he learned from Paul. Well, you can be like Timothy and choose to listen and learn so that you will know how to follow Jesus. If you want to follow Him, talk to me after class. And if you already follow Him and have a friendship with Him, then you get to do an amazing thing. No matter how young you are, you can share the gospel with others. And what is the gospel?! You can tell others that God loved us so much that He sent His Son to make a way for us to be close to Him forever! And Paul tells us in Second Timothy not to be ashamed to tell other people! Who can you tell today, tomorrow, and the rest of the week? Be sure to tell them as soon as you can!

**Memory Verse
Activities**

Whether you have access to a computer or simply pen and paper, take an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper (for each student if possible) and print the memory verse on it. Cut the paper into puzzle shaped pieces. Put these pieces in plastic, re-sealable bags or in envelopes. Distribute a puzzle to each student. Help your students, as needed, to arrange the Bible verse in order.

Prayer Time

Ask your students to think of one person they know who needs to know about Jesus. Give them a short time of silence to ask God to help make this person ready to hear about Him. Then close the prayer time praying that your students will not be ashamed to tell their friends about God's gift for them.

Clean Up/Snack time

Take one last opportunity to encourage your students to be very deliberate this week in sharing about Jesus.

Planning for October 17th
Titus

Preschool Lesson for 2nd Timothy

Last week we learned about a letter that God's servant Paul wrote to Timothy. Paul called Timothy his son, but Paul wasn't Timothy's daddy. Paul loved Timothy like a son because they had worked together for many years and they both loved God. Where do you think Timothy learned to love God and follow Jesus? Paul tells us. He says that Timothy learned about the Bible from his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice. Timothy's grandmother and mother had taught him Bible stories about how God created the heavens and the earth and about Adam and Eve, the first man and woman. Timothy learned about Moses and when he and his people walked through the Red Sea on dry ground. I bet he even learned about Daniel in the den with the hungry lions and Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in the fiery furnace! Timothy listened to these stories and believed them. And one day, Timothy decided that if God could do amazing things like those, then He could do amazing things with him too. Timothy decided to follow God because God loved him so much.

Have you ever heard of the stories of creation and Adam and Eve, of Moses and Daniel and his friends? Did you hear these stories at home like Timothy did? Or did you hear these stories here, at church? Either way, you have been able to hear these wonderful stories, too. All of these stories and more have been written down for us. Who knows what book they are in? The Bible!!!! Do you know what?! This book isn't like your book of stories about Cinderella or Aladdin. And it isn't like your stories about Clifford or Madeline. We read in Second Timothy 3:16 that "everything in the Scriptures is God's Word." We can't find God's Word in the story of Cinderella or Aladdin, Clifford or Madeline. Those are just stories someone made up years ago. BUT, the stories from the Bible are true! They happened to men and women, and even boys and girls like you! We have these stories written down because God gave people the words to write so that we could have them to read over and over again, God wants us to know that He loves us very much so he gave us the Bible to tell us everything He has ever done for us! And there are lots more stories to read and learn about!

Sing "The B-I-B-L-E."

Activities for 2nd Timothy

- If you aren't already, begin working with your students on memorizing the books of the Bible. On large index cards, write the names of all of the books of the Bible, one per card. Use these each Sunday to review.
 - Students can also use these to play a Concentration type game by placing all cards face down. Beginning with Genesis, students must choose the next two books, in order, or forfeit their turn to the next player who then tries to successfully choose the following books.
 - These cards may also be mixed up and then, with all cards face up, placed in order from Genesis to Revelation.
 - This lesson would also be a good opportunity to practice Sword Drills. Have students line up, side to side. First, practice finding Books of the Bible. Next, work towards finding specific chapters and then verses. If you have never attempted this with your students, use an address to explain book, chapter and verse. For example, 1234 Main Street, Apt 100/John 3:16. Main Street would represent the book, in this case John. The street number 1234 would then represent the chapter number - 3. While the apartment number represents a specific verse, i.e. verse 16 of John chapter 3.
 - Provide note cards or note paper and have your students write thank-you notes to the people who have taught them about the Bible. Be sensitive to the situations of your students, there may be no one at home who is teaching them. Give them the opportunity to write a note to you or one of their other Bible study teachers.
 - If you have access to the internet or printed materials, use coloring pages related to Timothy and his grandmother and mother as well as verses from the book of 2nd Timothy.
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