

ALLEY LG- Oct 10th-11th

Bible Story: Oh, the Places We'll Go (Paul chooses Timothy) • Acts 16:1-5

Bottom Line: When you discover your gifts, you can make a difference.

Memory Verse: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live." 1 Timothy 4:12a, NIV

Life App: Individuality—discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

SFX: Play upbeat music as kids enter.

NO WORSHIP IN THE ALLEY

CG: In Focus Slide

Opener

HOST: "What's up, everyone. We are taking a close look at who God made us to be this month! You see God made each of us different with different gifts and talents... things we are good at.

"Our gifts are a really important part of who we are. Each of us has different gifts. Some of us are really good at math. Some of us are really good at being a friend and cheering people up. And some of us can touch the tops of our noses with our tongues. Just kidding! No one can do that.

"The cool thing is that God is the one who gave us our gifts. He made us, after all! And He made each one of us a totally unique, one-of-a kind individual.

CG: Individuality Slide

"That's what we're talking about this month. Individuality is discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference. That's how you get in focus (*hold up your phone like you're about to take a selfie and tap the screen*) ... and see who God made you to be.

SO....I am sure there is some AMAZING talent in this room. Who has a talent that you would like to share with all of us?? Raise your hand real high!

SFX: Game show music

*Choose around 5 kids to come up to the stage
(ask them to whisper to you what their talent is so
that you can make sure it's appropriate)*

(*In a game show voice..*) "Ladies and gentleman, it is time for PARKVIEW KIDS GOT TALENT!"

Fade out music

"Contestant #1, what is your name and talent?"

Continue until all of the kids have done their talents

“Unbelievable! The talent in this room is simply staggering! Thanks to all our contestants for sharing your gifts with us. Now the challenge is to figure out how you can use that gift to make a difference...to show God to others!”

“Now, we’re going to look at a guy named Timothy, who we talked about last week. You can read about him in the New Testament. *(Hold up Bible.)* We’ll see how other people could tell what Timothy was good at, even if he couldn’t. Take a look

Video: Week 2 Bible Story

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Here’s the thing, guys and gals. Think about the things Timothy was known for—the things that made Paul seek him out to join him on his mission. Timothy was a believer. He had a good reputation from choices he had made. He had leadership qualities, which meant that he cared about people, and people liked to follow him. And so Paul said to him, ‘Come with me.’ We don’t know exactly how this went down, but in some way, Paul wanted to be a mentor to Timothy—to figure out Timothy’s unique gifts, and how he could use them in ways that would help others come to believe in Jesus.

“You know what’s cool? All of those good things people thought about Timothy are things that can be true of you and me. We can remember that He made us who we are for a reason. It’s like our Bottom Line for today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “**When you discover your gifts, you can make a difference.** See, God has given you gifts that you can see now, and He’s also given you great potential. You get to discover your gifts and your unique potential as you grow up. But God doesn’t just want you to use those gifts for yourself. He wants you to use them to make a difference and help the people around you. Let’s take a moment to pray and ask God to help us discover those gifts.”

Pray

STORYTELLER: “God, we’re so thankful that You made each one of us with a unique personality and unique gifts. Thanks for showing us how Paul chose Timothy to help him in his mission. It’s awesome to know that You see gifts and potential in us, just like You did in Timothy. Help us to discover our gifts. Help us to make wise choices and use those gifts to honor You. We ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”