

CITY SG – February 22-23, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Right Now (Timothy) • 1 Timothy 4:12

Today's Bottom Line: You can make a difference right now.

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* Psalm 139:14 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: "Pictionrade" strips in a container- one set per group), paper, and pens/markers

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Put some blank paper and the "Pictionrade" container in the middle of the group.
- Instruct one kid to pull a strip from the container but do not show the group *(You may need to help the younger kids read it)*
- The kid can choose to DRAW or ACT out the word and try to have the kids guess it.
- Once the kids guess correctly, direct someone else to take a turn.
- Continue to play as time and interest allow.
- Before you go to large group say, **"Today, we're going to learn some truth from the Bible about someone who used his words to make a difference."**

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Move It

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Move It" Activity Page (one per group)

What You Do:

- Gather your group together facing you.
- Invite the kids to create motions for the words below.
 - SAY
 - LIVE
 - LOVE
 - BELIEVE
 - PURE
- Practice together a few times.
- Read a recap of the Bible Story from the "Move It" Activity Page
- As you read, instruct the kids to do the motions when you say: SAY, LIVE, LOVE, BELIEVE, or PURE.
- Continue until the "Move It" Activity Page is read.
- Say, "We can learn a lot about how to lead by example when we look at Timothy's life! No matter our age, God is with us and has a purpose for us right now! Even as a kid, everything you say and do matters. The way you care about people, the way you handle tough situations, the words you say—it all can make a big difference to those around you. You don't have to wait until you're a grown-up! Like Timothy, **you can make a difference right now.**"

2. Talent Chain

Application Activity

What You Need: Strips of colored paper (3 per kid), pens, and tape

What You Do:

- Give each kid three strips of construction paper.
- Ask kids to think about what some of their gifts or talents might be to spark their thinking about the way God made them.
 - If kids are stumped, invite the other group members to share ideas. Sometimes it's hard for us to see what we're good at!
 - Remind the kids that these can be physical talents or character strengths.
- Share with kids that God has given us all so many different gifts, and we are all unique!
- On each strip of paper, invite kids to write down one talent that they're thinking about.
- Then, collect all the strips of paper and connect them together with tape to create a "talent chain."
- Invite kids to observe the "talent chain."
- Say "God has given us all so many different gifts, not just one! That means we all get to be an example to others in our own unique way."
 - "Pay attention to what you **say**, because your words can help or hurt someone else.
 - "Set an example in the way you **live**. Let people see the goodness of God by the choices you make. Ask God to help you make wise decisions and choose a good attitude—even on difficult days.
 - "Be a leader in how you **love** others. Show Jesus' love to those around you by genuinely caring about others and putting others first.
 - "Set an example in what you **believe**. Trust what is written in the Bible and in what God has promised you. You can see how God has already acted in your life and the lives of others when you look back.
 - "Show others how to be **pure**. Be careful with what you put in your mind and heart—like the shows and movies you watch and the music you listen to.

3. Timothy's Letter

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, blank paper and envelope (one per group), pen

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
 - *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* Psalm 139:14
- Read the verse several times aloud together.
- Write the Memory Verse on a piece of paper and seal the piece of paper in an envelope.
- Give one kid in the circle the letter.
- Instruct the kid to give the letter to the kid next to them in the circle, passing the letter around the circle.
- As kids pass the letter around, direct each kid to say the next word of the Memory Verse.
- The kid who is holding the letter on the last word of the Memory Verse (the book name and number, Psalm 139:14), or any kid who forgets a word from the Memory Verse is "**out**".
- Continue until one kid is left and says the entire Memory Verse on their own!

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...

"God, thank You for creating us with specific gifts for a specific purpose. Help us remember to trust that You have good plans for us and that we can make a difference no matter how old or young we are! Help us to say and do things that show people Your love. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

- If there is still time, pass out the Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring it back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to share one thing they learned about Timothy from the Bible today!