

## UNIT 1: LEARNING FROM THE BIBLE

## Session 4: Paul Wrote to Timothy

**BIBLE PASSAGE**

Acts 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-17

**LIFE POINT**

The Bible teaches what are the right things to do.

**CHRIST FOCUS**

Jesus taught people to do what is right.

**LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING**

The Bible teaches me right and wrong.

**SUGGESTED USE DATE:** June 25

**BIBLE VERSE**

All that the Bible says is from God. 2 Timothy 3:16 (*Paraphrase*)

All Scripture is inspired by God. 2 Timothy 3:16 (*CSB*)

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All Scripture is God-breathed. 2 Timothy 3:16 (*NIV*)

All Scripture is breathed out by God. 2 Timothy 3:16 (*ESV*)

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. 2 Timothy 3:16 (*NKJV*)

**SCHEDULE AND PROPS**

**Huddle Ups** (*optional; time varies*)  
Supplies (*for each small group*):

- “Matching Mail”—envelopes (*1 per child*), index cards (*1 per child*), marker
- “Paul Wrote to Timothy”—crayons, coloring sheets (*1 per child*)
- “Do What Is Right”—none

**Countdown Video** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Welcome and Prayer** (*5 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Connection Point Game** (*10 minutes*)  
Props: 2 small rolling suitcases, 2 chairs, painter’s tape

**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Bible Story** (*10 minutes*)  
Props: Bible, several pieces of mail

**Worship Song and Offering** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: Bible

**Connection Point Bible Verse** (*5-8 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Connection Point Missions** (*5-8 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Real Life Connections** (*3-5 minutes*)  
Props: Bibles (*1 per every 8-10 kids*), slips of paper (*1 per Bible*), marker

**MUSIC AND MEDIA**

- **Countdown:**  
*Countdown* video
- **Worship Song:**  
“That’s Right”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**  
*Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Game:**  
*Connection Point Game* slide
- **Worship Song:**  
“The 10 Commandments”
- **Bible Story:**  
*Bible Story* and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**  
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**  
*Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**  
*Connection Point Missions* and *Connect to Missions* slides; “A Moment of Vast Opportunity” missions video
- **Real Life Connections:**  
*Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides; Upbeat song of your choice

## **Huddle Ups (Optional)**

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➔ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➔ Tech: none
- ➔ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➔ Supplies (*for each small group*):
  - “Matching Mail”—envelopes (*1 per child*), index cards (*1 per child*), marker
  - “Paul Wrote to Timothy”—crayons, coloring sheets (*1 per child*)
  - “Do What Is Right”—none

## **Huddle Up (Before the Session)**

### **“MATCHING MAIL”**

*Prep: Draw identical shapes or pictures on 2 index cards (for example, a cloud, sun, flower, heart, star, triangle, and so on). Make enough different sets for each child to have 1 card. Place each card in a separate, unsealed envelope.*

- Choose a preschooler to deliver an envelope to each child.
- Tell preschoolers to open their envelopes and look at the picture on the card.
- Challenge preschoolers to move around the room, find the person with the matching picture, and sit next to one another.
- Invite partners to tell the group what pictures were on their cards.
- Tell preschoolers to put the cards back inside the envelopes.
- Mix the envelopes.
- Choose a new person to deliver the envelopes and play again.
- Comment that it is fun to send and receive mail!
- Mention that today's Bible story is about a letter that Paul wrote to his friend, Timothy.

## **Huddle Up (Before or After the Session)**

### **“PAUL WROTE TO TIMOTHY”**

*Prep: Print this session's coloring sheet (available on the DVD-ROM).*

- Tell preschoolers that Paul wrote a letter to Timothy. Paul told Timothy to do what was right.
- Distribute crayons and coloring sheets.
- Invite preschoolers to color on their pages while they wait for the session to begin.

## **Huddle Up (After the Session)**

### **“DO WHAT IS RIGHT”**

*Prep: none*

- Review the Life Point: **The Bible teaches what are the right things to do.**
- Explain that you will say some right things to do and some wrong things to do.
- Tell preschoolers if you say something that is right, they should jump and shout: “Right!” If you say something that is wrong, lead preschoolers to shout: “Wrong.”
- Use the following statements to play the game:
  - Sing a song to Jesus. (*right*)
  - Say thank you. (*right*)
  - Push a friend. (*wrong*)
  - Use kind words. (*right*)
  - Take a book away from a friend. (*wrong*)
  - Help pick up toys. (*right*)
  - Take turns. (*right*)
  - Pull someone's hair. (*wrong*)
- Challenge preschoolers to correct wrong statements. For example, say: “God wants us to be kind. What is a right choice?”
- Remind preschoolers that the Bible teaches what are the right things to do.
- Lead preschoolers to shout: “The Bible teaches me right and wrong!”
- Pray, asking God to help preschoolers know and do what is right.

**COUNTDOWN VIDEO**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Countdown* video
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

*(Play Countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)*

**WORSHIP SONG**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: “That’s Right” *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

The Bible teaches us the right things to do! It teaches us to love God and do what is right! Let’s stand and sing “That’s Right.”

*(Show the music video.)*

*(Kids stand to sing.)*

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

I like to see my friends at church! Whom do you like to see at church? *(Allow kids to respond.)*

Friends at church help us learn about God and remind us what the Bible says to do. Today’s Bible story is about two friends named Paul and Timothy. Paul reminded Timothy to do what was right. How do people know the right things to do? *(Allow for responses.)* That’s right! People can read the Bible!

*(Show Life Point slide.)*

**The Bible teaches what are the right things to do.**  
Say that with me: **“The Bible teaches what are the right things to do.”**

The Bible is right because its words are from God. Listen as I say today’s Bible verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

**BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):**

- All that the Bible says is from God.  
2 Timothy 3:16 *(Paraphrase)*
- All Scripture is inspired by God.  
2 Timothy 3:16 *(CSB)*
- All scripture is given by inspiration of God.  
2 Timothy 3:16 *(KJV)*
- All Scripture is God-breathed.  
2 Timothy 3:16 *(NIV)*
- All Scripture is breathed out by God.  
2 Timothy 3:16 *(ESV)*
- All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.  
2 Timothy 3:16 *(NKJV)*

The Bible teaches right and wrong. It helps people know how to do what God wants. Let’s pray and ask God to help us do what is right.

*God, thank You that we can come to church and learn from the Bible. Thank You that the Bible teaches us the right things to do. Please help us obey Your words. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.*

**CONNECTION POINT GAME**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 10 kids
- ➔ Props: 2 small rolling suitcases, 2 chairs, painter’s tape

**GAME INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Tape a start line on the floor.*
- *Set 2 chairs several feet away from the start line.*

- Choose 10 kids.
- Form 2 teams.
- Lead each team to form a single file line behind the start line.
- Set a suitcase in front of each team's line.
- Explain that the first person in each line will roll the suitcase around the chair and back to his team.
- Continue the relay until each player takes a turn.
- Celebrate everyone's success or name the first team to finish as the winner.

### CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

Today's game is a race! Who would like to play?  
(Choose ten kids. Form two teams.)

Let's pretend to take a trip! What are some things that you might take with you on your trip? (Allow for responses.) Those are great ideas! Our suitcases will be full of the things we need.

When I say: "Go," the first person in each line will roll a suitcase around a chair and back to his team. (Demonstrate.) Then the next person in line will roll the suitcase. Keep playing until everyone on your team has a turn. The first team to finish will be the winner!

Does everyone know what to do? (Answer any questions and play the game.)

Great racing, teams! You rolled those suitcases fast!

It's fun to pack a suitcase and take a trip! Where would you like to go? (Allow for responses.) Those sound like great places to visit! Some people like to visit the beach or go to the mountains.

Today's Bible story is about two friends who took lots of trips together. Paul and Timothy liked to go places and tell the people in different towns about Jesus! They told people about Jesus everywhere they went.

Paul and Timothy were good friends. Let's sing another song, and then we will hear about a letter that Paul wrote to Timothy.

### WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: "The 10 Commandments" (lead sheet available on DVD-ROM) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

### WORSHIP LEADER

It's fun to play games and go to church with friends. Do you know another thing I like to do with friends? I like to sing songs!

Let's sing about the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are ten things that the Bible says people should do. The Bible teaches me right and wrong.

(Show the music video.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)

### BIBLE STORY

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus*, and *Bible Story* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, several pieces of mail

**Option 1:** Show the *Bible Story Time* video and conclude with a short prayer.

God, thank You for the Bible. Thank You that the Bible teaches us what is right and wrong. Please help us do what You say to do. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

**Option 2:** Tell the following Bible story.

### BIBLE STORY LEADER

(Show Bible Story slide.)

Do you like going to the mailbox? I brought some mail with me today. (Show the mail items and briefly describe each piece.) Sometimes getting mail can be

a lot of fun! You might get a card from a friend or an invitation to a birthday party!

Have you ever sent a letter or a card to a friend? *(Allow for responses.)* Today's Bible story is about a man named Paul. He wrote a letter to his friend, Timothy. I wonder what Paul wrote. Do you think Paul invited Timothy to a birthday party? *(Allow for responses.)* Hmm ... that doesn't sound right. Let's open the Bible and read about Paul's letter.

*(Open Bible to 2 Timothy.)*

Paul was a missionary. A *missionary* is "someone God chooses to go and tell people about Jesus." Paul traveled from place to place. Everywhere he went, Paul told people about Jesus.

One day Paul met a young man named Timothy. Timothy loved God. Paul asked Timothy to help him tell others about Jesus. Timothy traveled with Paul. The two friends started many new churches and told lots of people about Jesus.

Later, when Paul was older, he wrote Timothy a letter.

*(Read 2 Timothy 1:2-3.)*

**To Timothy, my dearly loved son. ... I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day.**

Paul told Timothy that he prayed for him. Paul also wrote about Timothy's grandmother, Lois, and mother, Eunice. Paul remembered how Timothy's family taught him about God.

Paul reminded Timothy to obey God and make right choices. He told Timothy to remember all of the things he knew about the Bible. Paul explained that the Bible is from God and helps people believe that Jesus is God's Son.

*(Read 2 Timothy 3:16.)*

**All Scripture is [from] God.**

Paul wanted Timothy to know that the words in the Bible are God's words. The Bible teaches what is right and wrong. People can obey the Bible and do what God says to do.

*(Close Bible.)*

What a great letter! Paul did not send Timothy an invitation to a birthday party. What did Paul write in

his letter? *(Allow for responses.)* Paul told Timothy to keep doing what was right and to remember the things he knew about the Bible.

We should do those things, too. The Bible teaches the right things to do. The Bible tells us to love God and to love others. It also teaches us how to be like Jesus.

*(Show Christ Focus slide.)*

Jesus taught people to do what is right. He read God's words to the people and helped them know what was right and wrong. Jesus always did the things that God wanted Him to do.

I want to be like Jesus and do what's right! That's what Paul wanted Timothy to do, too. Do you think Timothy was excited to get a letter from Paul? *(Allow for responses.)* Timothy probably remembered the good times he had traveling with Paul and telling people about Jesus.

Maybe you can send a letter to a friend and remind him to do what is right. You can draw a picture of today's Bible story and ask a grown-up to help you mail it.

All people should remember what the Bible says and do what is right. Let's pray and ask God to help us.

*God, thank You for the Bible. Thank You that the Bible teaches us what is right and wrong. Please help us do what You say to do. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

## **WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: Bible

## **WORSHIP LEADER**

Paul wrote letters to Timothy to help him know how to live. We can read Paul's letter to Timothy in the Bible! *(Open the Bible to 2 Timothy. Show the book of 2 Timothy to the children.)* This is the book of

2 Timothy. It's the letter that Paul wrote to his friend! God told Paul what to write. We can read Paul's letter to Timothy and learn how to do what is right.

*Optional Giving Segment:*

It's time to give an offering. Some of the money that people give at church helps others learn to do what is right. If you would like to give an offering today, ... .

*(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After you collect the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)*

### **CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: none

#### **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.*
- *Say the verse and lead kids to repeat it after you.*
- *Encourage preschoolers to name a man who teaches them about the Bible.*
- *Lead preschoolers to say the verse, using a man's voice.*
- *Invite preschoolers to name a woman who teaches them about the Bible.*
- *Lead preschoolers to say the Bible verse, using a woman's voice.*
- *Comment that we can help friends learn from the Bible, too.*
- *Lead preschoolers to say the Bible verse, using their own voices.*

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#### **CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Bible Verse slide.)*

It's time to say our Bible verse! Listen as I say the verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

All of the words in the Bible come from God! The Bible teaches us what is right and wrong. It's important to hear Bible stories and do what God says to do.

*(Lead the activity.)*

### **CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* and *Connect to Missions* slides, "A Moment of Vast Opportunity" missions video
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader
- ➔ Props: none

#### **CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Missions slide.)*

People need to know that Jesus loves them! Missionaries in North Africa and the Middle East work hard to tell lots and lots of people about Jesus. Let's watch a video to see their work.

*(Show the video, "A Moment of Vast Opportunity")*

*(Show the Connect to Missions slide.)*

Many families need to know about God's Son, Jesus. Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma wanted to help more people in North Africa and the Middle East know about Jesus. Pastor Mike led the church to help people from this area hear the good news that Jesus loves them.

Let's pray that more churches will help to tell the people of North Africa and the Middle East about Jesus.

*God, thank You for missionaries who tell others about Jesus. We pray for the people who live in North Africa and the Middle East. Please send more churches to tell the people there about Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

### **REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides
- ➔ Music: Upbeat song of your choice
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bibles (1 per every 8-10 kids), slips of paper (1 per Bible), marker

### **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Write 1 right choice on each slip of paper. For example, write Obey Parents, Go to Church, Be Kind, Use Nice Words, Be a Helper.
- Put each paper in a separate Bible. Place the paper so the end extends beyond the pages of the Bible.
- Lead preschoolers to stand in a circle.
- Distribute the Bibles to children in the circle.
- Play an upbeat song of your choice.
- Instruct preschoolers to pass the Bibles while the music plays.
- Stop the music.
- Invite 1 child who is holding a Bible to pull out the paper.
- Read aloud the paper.
- Comment that the Bible teaches what are the right things to do.
- Restart the music and pass the Bibles again.
- Continue until preschoolers hear each right choice.

### **BIBLE STORY LEADER**

*(Show Real Life Connections slide.)*

Paul wrote a letter to Timothy and reminded him to do what the Bible says. The Bible is special because

the words are from God! The Bible teaches me what is right and wrong.

*(Lead the activity.)*

*(Show Life Point Slide.)*

**The Bible teaches what are the right things to do.** Say that with me: **“The Bible teaches what are the right things to do.”**

I'm glad that you came to church today. I like telling you Bible stories and teaching you to do what is right! I hope you will come again next time!

**Leader note:** *If you plan to utilize the after-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*