

BIBLE PASSAGE

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

LIFE POINT

The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus showed people how to live in ways that honor God.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life.

SUGGESTED USE DATE: June 25**BIBLE VERSE**

You know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
2 Timothy 3:15 (CSB)

From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15 (KJV)

From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
2 Timothy 3:15 (NIV)

From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)

From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
2 Timothy 3:15 (NKJV)

SCHEDULE AND PROPS**Huddle Ups (Optional)**

Supplies (for each small group):

- “Count If You Can!”—none
- “Duck, Duck, ... Whatever”—none

Countdown Video (3 minutes)

Props: none

Worship Song (3 minutes)

Props: none

Welcome and Prayer (5 minutes)

Props: none

True2Life Drama (or Mooseberry video) (3-5 minutes)

Props: baseball bat, stack of mail

Connection Point Game (10 minutes)

Props: 5 sheets of paper, marker, timer

Worship Song (3 minutes)

Props: none

Bible Story (10 minutes)

Props: Bible, assortment of mail (letters, advertisements, bills, and so on)

Worship Song and Offering (3 minutes)

Props: none

Connection Point Bible Verse (5-8 minutes)

Props: none

Connection Point Missions (5-8 minutes)

Props: none

Real Life Connections (3-5 minutes)

Props: none

MUSIC AND MEDIA

- **Countdown:**
Countdown video
- **Worship Song:**
“Oh, How You Love Us”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**
Life Point and Bible Verse slides
- **True2Life Drama:**
Mooseberry Life Application video (optional)
- **Connection Point Game:**
Connection Point Game slide
- **Worship Song:**
“Light in the Darkness”
- **Bible Story:**
Bible Story and Christ Focus slides; Notebook Bible Story 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, Real Life Questions, and Life Point slides

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*):
 - “Count If You Can!”—none
 - “Duck, Duck, ... Whatever”—none

HUDDLE UP: PRE-SESSION **“COUNT IF YOU CAN!”**

Prep: none

- Direct kids to stand in a circle.
- Announce that the group must correctly count to 20.
- Explain that each player in turn will say a number.
- Tell kids if the number begins with a *T*, they should substitute a clap; if it begins with an *S*, kids should substitute a stomp. (*For example, 1–10 would be: 1-clap-clap-4-5-stomp-stomp-8-9-clap.*)
- When kids master the stunt, form two groups and race to determine which group can be the first to count to 50.
- Commend kids for learning quickly.
- Comment that they should be equally quick and eager to learn how to live a Christian life.
- Watch for the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups. Guide your small group to join the others to begin worship.
- **Leader note for younger kids:** Challenge younger kids to count to 10. On a large sheet of paper write one, two, three, four, five six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Underline the letter *T* in the words two, three, and ten. Circle the letter *S* in words six and seven. Refer to the paper as kids learn the game. Remove the paper after kids master the stunt. If time allows, form 2 groups and race to determine which group can be the first to count to 10.

HUDDLE UP: POST-SESSION **“DUCK, DUCK, ... WHATEVER”**

Prep: none

- Review the Life Point: **The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life.**
- Remind kids that Paul shared what he knew about God's Word and helped people know how to live as believers in Jesus.
- Mention that kids can receive wise advice from the Bible, parents, church teachers, and other Christians.
- Comment that kids can tell what they know about the Bible to help others live a Christian life.
- Lead kids to form a circle.
- Choose a volunteer to begin a traditional “Duck, Duck, Goose” game with this variation: kids may choose any two animal names (“*dog, dog, cat*” or “*pig, pig, chicken*”) as they walk around the circle, tapping other players on their shoulders.
- Explain that when a player names the “odd animal out,” both players must pretend to be that animal as they run around the circle.
- Instruct the first player to return to the gap in the circle to tell some wise advice from the Bible or that she heard from parents, Bible study leaders, or another Christian.
- Play again as your time allows.
- Encourage kids to remember and follow the wise advice they receive from God's Word.

COUNTDOWN VIDEO

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

(Play the 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: “Oh, How You Love Us” (*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

Good morning (*afternoon/evening*)! The Bible tells us that God loves people and sent His Son, Jesus. That is the best news ever! Because of God’s great love, Jesus came and made the way for people’s sin to be forgiven. God is so good! Let’s stand and praise Him for His love.

(*Show the music video.*)

(*Kids stand to sing.*)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

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

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Everyone, stand and follow my instructions! (*Lead kids to stand. Give each of the following instructions while you do a different action. For example, say: “Clap your hands,” while stomping your feet.*)

- Clap your hands.
- Put your hands on your head.
- Bend over and touch your toes.
- Stomp your feet.
- Be seated.

Good job, kids! Was it difficult to follow my instructions while I did something different? (*Allow for responses.*) I think I tricked a few of you!

Our actions should match our words. If we SAY we love Jesus, we should ACT like Jesus would

act. It wouldn’t make much sense to say that you love Jesus and then disobey all of His commands! We should want to honor God by following His instructions in the Bible and making right choices.

(*Show Life Point slide.*)

The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life. Say that with me: **“The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life.”**

God knew it wouldn’t always be easy to know the right things to do. Thankfully, He gave us the Bible—God’s Word! The Bible teaches us right from wrong and leads us to live in ways that honor God.

Today’s Bible verse says that the things we learn from the Bible make us wise, leading us to trust Jesus for salvation from sin. Read aloud with me 2 Timothy 3:15.

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

(*Lead kids to read your preferred version.*)

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

- You know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15 (*CSB*)
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The Bible is full of God’s wisdom and truth. It helps us live in ways that honor God. Join me as we pray. After we pray, we will check in with the True2Life team (*or the Mooseberry kids*).

God, thank You for the Bible and the wisdom it gives. Thank You for instructions on how to live in ways that honor You. Please help us obey Your Word and do what is right. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

TRUE2LIFE DRAMA

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Mooseberry Life Application* video (optional)
- ➔ People:
 - Ron (a church kid who is learning about God)
 - Dave (Ron's neighbor who loves baseball)
- ➔ Props: baseball bat, stack of mail

Ron stands at center stage, looking through a stack of mail. Dave runs onstage, carrying a baseball bat. He nervously paces as he talks to Ron.

Dave: Ron, you have to help me!

Ron: Take a breath, Dave. What's wrong?

Dave: Mr. Reed will be so mad at me! He can't know I did it.

Ron: Did what?

Dave: I know if I asked Bobby, he would say to pretend that it wasn't me.

Ron: What wasn't you?

Dave: I think Sandy would agree that I should just pretend I didn't do it. ... OH NO! It has my name on it!

Ron: What has your name on it?

Dave: I could make up a story. I could say someone else used my ball.

Ron: Used your ball for what?

Dave: Yeah, making up a story is a good idea, but Lucy would be on your side. She'd say I should tell him it was me. Honestly, I shouldn't even care! It's not like Mr. Reed can do anything to me.

Ron: (exasperated) Care about what? Dave, what is happening?

Dave: (Stops pacing.) Ron, I was practicing hitting, and I accidentally hit my baseball right through Mr. Reed's window. I really didn't mean to! It shattered into a million pieces, and I ran.

Ron: Oh, no! You have to apologize.

Dave: Are you crazy? He might make me pay for it! I can't do that! Besides, I know most people wouldn't even admit it was them.

Ron: You are probably right about that, but just because most people wouldn't say anything, doesn't make it right.

Dave: Let me guess. The Bible must have a verse about breaking windows. It's probably something like, "If you break a window, admit it was you and pay \$500 to fix it."

Ron: You know the Bible doesn't say that, but the Bible does teach how to live a Christian life. It teaches people to be responsible for their mistakes and to be honest.

Dave: So, you think I should admit what I did?

Ron: It's the right thing to do.

Dave: Ugh. I know you're right. Will you go with me?

Ron: Of course, I will! It's what God would want me to do.

Dave: Ron, I'm glad you read your Bible, and I'm glad you're my friend!

(They exit.)

(END SCENE)

CONNECTION POINT GAME

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 5 kids
- ➔ Props: 5 sheets of paper, marker, timer

GAME INSTRUCTIONS:

- *On the front of a paper write RIGHT. On the back of the paper write WRONG. Make 5 papers.*
- *Invite 5 kids to play.*

- Give each player a right/wrong paper.
- Explain that you will make a statement.
- Tell players they will have 10 seconds to decide if the statement is right or wrong and hold up the correct word.
- Award a point to players who answer correctly.
- Use the following statements or create your own:
 - Spiders have six legs. (Wrong. They have eight.)
 - Eight plus seven is fifteen. (Right.)
 - Peanuts grow on trees. (Wrong. They grow in the ground.)
 - Fireworks were invented in France. (Wrong. They were invented in China.)
 - A baby goat is called a kid. (Right.)
 - There are 25 letters in the English alphabet. (Wrong. There are 26.)
 - The largest desert in the world is located in the Middle East. (Wrong. The largest deserts in the world are the polar deserts, followed by the non-polar Sahara Desert in Africa.)
 - An entomologist is a person who studies the weather. (Wrong. Entomologists study insects.)
 - There are 66 books in the Bible. (Right.)
 - Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. (Right.)
- Play as your time allows and keep a point tally.
- Name the highest scoring player as the winner.

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

It's time for a trivia game! I need some kids who know a lot. Who would like to play? (Choose five kids. Give each player a right/wrong paper.)

Thanks for volunteering to play! The rules for this game are easy. I will make a statement, and you decide if the statement is right or wrong. For example, I may say: "Cows moo." Of course, that is a correct statement, so you should hold up the word **RIGHT**. If I said: "Dogs moo," you should hold up the word **WRONG**.

You will only have 10 seconds to make your choice and hold up your paper. If you answer correctly, you earn a point. Do all of you understand how to play?

(Answer any questions and play the game.)

Sometimes it's difficult to know what is right and what is wrong. The good news is that God can help us! We can read the Bible and follow Jesus' example. We also can help one another! Let's sing another song. After we sing, we will hear about a man named Paul and how he helped others know how to live as believers in Jesus.

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: "Light in the Darkness" (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 writer of Psalm 119 asks God to teach him how to live. He says that he treasures God's Word, thinks about God's instructions, and does not forget what God says to do. We should do the same! Stand and sing with me "Light in the Darkness."

(Show the music video.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)

BIBLE STORY

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Christ Focus and Bible Story slides; Notebook Bible Story video (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, assortment of mail (letters, advertisements, bills, and so on)

Option 1: Use the suggested props and tell the following Bible story.

Option 2: Play the Notebook Bible Story video.

Option 3: Tell the Optional Bible Story available on the DVD-ROM. This session's optional Bible story: "Paul Taught the Corinthian Church," Acts 18:1,4-11; 1 Corinthians 1-4; 15:1-11.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

(Show Bible Story slide.)

Do you like to receive mail? *(Allow for responses.)* Sometimes getting mail can be lots of fun. *(Show letter.)* You may get a letter from a friend who moved far away or a birthday card from your grandma!

Some mail can be important. *(Show bill.)* Important mail might be bills that need to be paid or information from the bank.

Other mail is sometimes called junk mail. *(Show advertisements.)* Junk mail usually is an advertisement for a restaurant or a store. It's called *junk mail* because people usually toss it in the trash.

Today's Bible story is from the book of 2 Timothy. Did you know that 2 Timothy is actually a letter? It is a letter that Paul sent to his friend, Timothy. Let's read what Paul wrote.

(Open Bible to 2 Timothy 1.)

Paul traveled from city to city and told people the good news about Jesus. When Paul visited the cities of Derbe (*DER-bee*) and Lystra (*LIHS-truh*), he met a young believer named Timothy. Other believers spoke very well of Timothy.

Paul invited Timothy to travel with him. They traveled through towns and told about Jesus. They also delivered news about new believers to the church leaders in Jerusalem.

Paul and Timothy became very good friends. In fact, Paul said he thought of Timothy as a dearly loved son! Years later, Paul was put in prison for preaching about Jesus. Paul wrote a letter to Timothy.

(Read 2 Timothy 1:3-5.)

I thank God ... when I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. Remembering your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.

Paul said that he prayed for Timothy and thought of him often. He also reminded Timothy how his mother and grandmother had taught him about God. Paul encouraged Timothy to keep believing and trusting in Jesus.

(Read 2 Timothy 3:14-15.)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Paul also reminded Timothy that God's Word is true and can be trusted. Paul said that all Scripture is given by God and is good for teaching, correcting, and learning to honor God. God's Word would make Timothy ready to do all the good work God had planned for him to do.

(Close the Bible.)

Paul and Timothy were good friends. Paul wanted Timothy to remember all that he had learned about God's Word. Paul encouraged Timothy to remember what he had taught and to follow his example to teach others.

(Show Christ Focus slide.)

Paul set a good example for Timothy, but we have an even better example! Jesus showed people how to live in ways that honor God. Jesus is our perfect example! His actions taught how to love God and people. His life showed what it was like to obey God perfectly.

We can follow Jesus' example and try to be like Him. Reading the Bible is a great way to know what Jesus is like and how we should live. The Bible teaches about Jesus and how to live a Christian life.

Your actions set an example for others, just like Jesus set an example for you. You can help others know how to live as believers in Jesus! Tell what you know about Jesus, and live out the words you say. Obey God's Word and always be ready to tell the good news about Jesus!

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: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Paul did more than tell others how to live in ways that honored God. Paul was an example to others. His actions matched his words! Paul told people to obey God's Word, and he obeyed it, too! Let's pray that God would help us obey Him.

God, thank You for Your instructions in the Bible. Please help us read, understand, and obey Your Word. Lead us to tell others about Jesus and please help us live out the words we say. Thank You for the example that Jesus set for us so we can know how to live in ways that honor You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Optional Giving Segment:

It's time to give an offering. Some of the money people give at church helps others know how to live as believers in Jesus. If you would like to give an offering today, ...

(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After collecting 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.*
- *Teach the following motions for key words of the Bible verse:*
 - *infancy/child/childhood—Pretend to cradle a baby.*

- *Scriptures/sacred writings—Hold palms facing up like an open book.*
- *wisdom/wise—Point to head.*
- *Christ Jesus—Point up.*
- *Say the verse, leading kids to do the motions.*
- *Repeat the verse several times.*

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CONNECTION POINT LEADER

Today's Bible verse is from a letter that Paul wrote to Timothy. Say with me 2 Timothy 3:15.

(Show Bible Verse slide—your preferred version.)

(Lead kids to read your preferred version.)

Paul recalled how Timothy had known God's Word since he was a child. Paul explained that God's Word helps people understand that Jesus provided the way for people's sin to be forgiven.

(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.)

Only one percent of the people living in North Africa and the Middle East are Christians. It’s important for believers to tell the people in this area about Jesus! The 481 million people living there need to hear that Jesus loves them and gave His life for them.

(Show the video: “A Moment of Vast Opportunity.”)

(Show Connect to Missions slide.)

Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma wanted to help more people in North Africa and the Middle East know about God’s Son, Jesus. Mike, the missions pastor at the church, led their church to help people from this area who have moved to Europe. Since starting the work in Europe, the church has sent multiple missions teams each year into Northern Africa. While they are there, they focus on building relationships with the people, prayerwalking, and meeting the needs of the communities.

Let’s pray for missionaries who live in difficult areas. Pray that they may openly tell the people who live in these areas the good news about Jesus.

(Invite a child to lead the group to pray. If no one volunteers, voice a prayer yourself.)

God, thank You that we can come to church and learn from Your Word. We pray for people who do not have the same freedom. Please help the missionaries who serve in these difficult areas. We pray that You make the way for them to openly share the gospel with those who need to hear it. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections*, *Real Life Questions*, and *Life Point* slides; microphone to take to individuals in group *(optional)*
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: none

Lead a conversation with your kids about today’s Bible story and Life Point. Show the Real Life Questions slides and discuss each question.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

(Show Real Life Questions slides.)

The Bible teaches us how to live as believers in Jesus. God also gives us pastors, parents, and church leaders to teach us and set examples for how to live. Let’s talk some more about living in ways that honor God.

- Name someone who sets a good example for you to follow.
- Why is Jesus your best example for how to live?
- How does the Bible help you live in ways that honor God?
- Why is it important for your actions to match your words?

(Show Life Point slide.)

The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life. Say that with me: **“The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life.”**

The Bible is the best place for us to learn how to live a Christian life. It teaches us God’s commands, and it tells us about Jesus. We can learn from Jesus’ example and from God’s Words to us.

I’m glad you came to church today, and I hope you will come again next time. Remember to read and obey your Bible! I’ll see you again soon.

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