

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why is God's Word so important?
- How can we know if a leader is teaching something besides God's Word?
- How do church leaders serve the church? How can we serve?



Paul's Letters to Church Leaders

1 Timothy 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Titus 2:11-14

**MAIN POINT: PAUL ENCOURAGED CHURCH LEADERS
TO TEACH GOD'S WORD.**

Before Jesus went to heaven, He told His followers that the Holy Spirit would give them power to share the gospel. That is exactly what happened! The early church grew, spreading out in different cities as more and more people heard the gospel and trusted in Jesus. The believers met together as churches, and leaders taught them about God and about how Christians should live.

Paul wrote letters to some of the leaders in the church. Two of these leaders were Timothy and Titus. Timothy was a leader at the church in Ephesus.

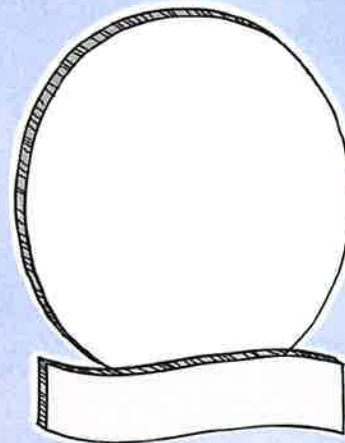
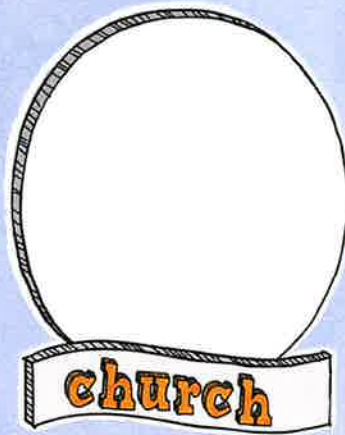
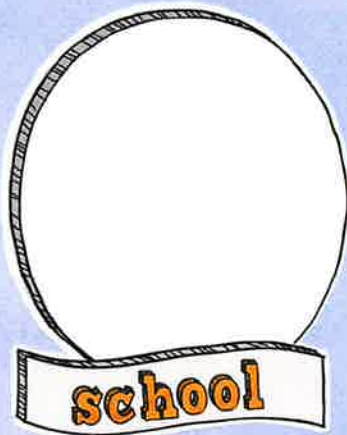
Paul reminded Timothy to not let anyone look down on him because he was young. Timothy could show people how to live, how to love, and how to trust God.

Paul also taught Timothy to read the Scriptures to the believers in the church. Timothy could teach God's Word and always be ready to share the gospel.

Titus was a Gentile believer and leader. When Paul wrote to Titus, he explained why believers should live in a way that pleases God.

Paul explained that God is gracious to sinners. God gave us what we do not deserve when He provided the way for people to be saved from sin. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin and death, and we want to do what is good because He loves us. We know that one day Jesus will come again.

Christ Connection: Paul wrote to give Timothy and Titus advice and to help all church leaders know how to lead God's people. Church leaders help believers know what is true, and they serve the church by following the example of Jesus, who served us by dying on the cross for our sins.



Leading in Life

Draw pictures of the person or people who are leaders in each of these places.

Draw yourself in the fourth circle and write in a place you are a leader or where you might like to be a leader one day.

Two Church Leaders

Mark whether each statement Paul wrote was for Timothy or Titus. Use the reference to determine if the statement came from 1 Timothy or Titus.



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1. "Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." (_____ 4:12)

2. "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people." (_____ 2:11)

3. "He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession, eager to do good works." (_____ 2:14)

4. "Pay close attention to your life and your teaching." (_____ 4:16)

Lead On

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INSTRUCTIONS: Circle all the people you think of as a leader. Compare your answers with a friend.



KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 2:20

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why does God want us to obey Him? Obedience is our response to God's love for us.

BIBLE STORY:

PAUL'S LETTERS TO CHURCH LEADERS

- Paul wrote letters to Timothy and Titus.
- Paul wanted them to lead Christians well.
- Paul encouraged church leaders to teach God's Word.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What happens if a pastor or leader in the church teaches something besides God's Word?
- How can we know if a leader is teaching something besides God's Word?
- Why is God's Word so important?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Let your kids lead a family devotional time. Encourage them to pick a passage of Scripture they enjoy and lead a discussion about it. Help them prepare a kind of mini-sermon to present to the family.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 31, Session 5



Trace the Path



INSTRUCTIONS: Use your finger, the eraser end of an unsharpened pencil, or a marker to trace the path from Paul to Timothy and the path from Paul to Titus.

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 2:20

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why does God want us to obey Him? We obey because God loves us.

BIBLE STORY:

PAUL'S LETTERS TO CHURCH LEADERS

- Paul wrote letters to Timothy and Titus.
- Paul told church leaders to teach God's Word.
- Paul said to keep telling God's truth no matter what.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did Paul write letters to church leaders?
- Why is it important for church leaders to teach God's Word?
- How can teaching God's Word be hard for leaders to do?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Bake some treats and deliver them to the church office during the week. Include a note of thanks for your leaders' commitment to God's Word.
- Offer to babysit a church leader's children so he or she may go on a date with his or her spouse.

Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 31, Session 5



