

PAUL WROTE TO TIMOTHY

BABIES
UNIT 1
SESSION 5

LEADER BIBLE STUDY



CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Following Jesus requires us to fellowship deeply with Him and become like Him in what we think and do. For many of us, part of following Jesus involves finding a mentor. One of the most important parts of discipleship is learning about faith and passing your faith on to someone else. In other words, following Jesus requires being mentored and mentoring others.

We see this brilliantly displayed in the relationship between Paul and Timothy. From their meeting in Lystra (Acts 16:1-5) to Paul's final words of instruction in 2 Timothy 4, we are privileged to witness their relationship and its impact on the world. Paul saw Timothy as a son in the faith and poured into him his knowledge of the Scriptures, his practices in following Jesus, and his experience in leading churches.

Do a quick online search, and you will find multiple studies, blog posts, and articles about the importance of mentorship in helping students maintain their attendance and dedication to the Lord after high school. That is no surprise, considering the model Jesus put in place during His earthly ministry. Jesus poured His life into a group of people who would carry on His ministry once He had returned to the Father. Jesus' Great Commission reminds us that we are to "make disciples." Mentorship is a necessary part of any plan for disciple-making.

Who was someone who mentored you in following Jesus? Whom would you consider a mentor today? Whom are you actively involved in mentoring in following Jesus?

As you pray this week, ask the Lord to clarify the people and places to which He is calling you as a mentor. Take extra time to thank Him for the mentors He placed in your life.

TEACHER TIP

For babies who are able to do tummy time, place toys on a mat within each baby's grasp. This encourages babies to use their hands to reach for the objects they see.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People tell about God and Jesus.

LIFE POINT

People can help others know more about Jesus.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

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

BIBLE VERSE

Remember what I taught you about Jesus.
2 Timothy 1:13

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