



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for March 27, 2011
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"Doing Good For Others"

Lesson Text: 1 Timothy 5:1-8, 17-22

Background Scripture: 1 Timothy 5:1-22

Memory Verse: "If any provide not for...those of his own house, he that denied the faith" (1 Timothy 5:8).

1 Timothy 5:1-8, 17-22

1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

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17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

18 For the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Children often take their families for granted. As you teach this lesson, you will have an opportunity to teach the children that they should appreciate their families.

Families are God's idea. He invented the family because He wanted a core group of people who would care for one another through thick and thin.

Families model the relationship of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. As families learn to love and work together in harmony, they model God to the world.

While families may come in all different sizes and blends, God's plan is for the adults to care for the children and for the children to obey and respect the adults who care for them.

When we are adopted into the family of God through trusting in His Son as Saviour, all of us become members of God's family. That is why it is important to God that we also learn how to relate to one another in the church.

In 1 Timothy 5, the Apostle Paul taught Timothy how to relate to his new church family by thinking about his own family experience.

He encouraged Timothy to think of each older man as his father, the younger men as brothers, the older women as mothers, and the younger women as his sisters.

Paul also taught his protégé that he should lead the church in giving special support to the widows who did not have families.

This lesson also lends itself to teaching children to relate to the church as their extended family. Use this opportunity to teach them to respect and be obedient to their teachers, to be polite to everyone, and to show special appreciation for their pastors.

This lesson will also help you give the children some new ideas about how to show appreciation to teachers and pastors.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Inspire the children to appreciate the church family as an extended family like their own and to show them respect and love.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

- 1.** God has given us a wonderful gift called a family.
- 2.** He has also given us a church family.

3. We should show respect to each member of our family, both at home and at church.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Telling the Lesson, you will need pictures of a contemporary family, Timothy, an older couple (grandparents), and a contemporary pastor. Print the numbers 1 through 3 on separate sheets of construction paper.

Make a scroll out of typing paper with dowel rods or pencils in each end. Inside the scroll print the following words: "BE POLITE TO EVERYONE" and "CARE FOR THE WIDOWS."

For Helping to Remember, provide construction paper in several colors. Also have safety scissors (blunt tip) and crayons on hand.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Sitting at a table in the orphanage, seven-year-old Cammi heard a couple tell the director, "We want to adopt a child who is younger, no older than four years old."

Cammi was crushed. "I will never find a family," she cried. However, as she got ready for bed that night, Cammi remembered her Bible verse from Sunday school. "Pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6).

Before she climbed into bed, Cammi prayed, "Father, I love my church family and the others in the orphanage, but if you would, please give me a family of my very own!"

After Cammi prayed that prayer for months, the director came to her one day with good news. "I have met a couple who wants to adopt a child about your age. I would like you to meet them, Cammi, if you are willing."

Cammi clapped her hands with joy, for she knew that this was an answer to her prayers.

"Thank You, Jesus!" she prayed. "Now I have a family of my very own."

TELLING THE LESSON

Often we forget what a wonderful gift from God our families are. (Show picture of a family.) God gave us this special gift so that each of us would have someone who cares for us.

Families come in all shapes and sizes, but most families are made up of parents, brothers, and sisters. We also have grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins who make up a larger family.

Do you know that you have another family? A really big one? It is called "the church." Yes, God wants all of us in the church to think of each other as His family.

When our church family shows love to one another, God must feel like a proud parent. When we worship and pray together, He must be very pleased.

When Timothy became a pastor, he had to learn how to be the pastor of a very large family. (Show picture of Timothy.) To help him, Paul wrote Timothy a letter to give him some advice.

(Unroll the scroll to show "BE POLITE TO EVERYONE.") "Always be polite to everyone, Timothy," he wrote. "Never speak harshly to an older person. Treat the men with respect as you would your own father and the women as though they were your mother."

He also told his young friend to think of the young men as brothers and the younger women as sisters and to be polite to them too.

Then Paul wrote (open scroll to show "CARE FOR THE WIDOWS"), "Take care of the widows." He wanted Timothy to lead the church in giving special care to older women whose husbands had died.

He also said, "If, however, they have a family, the family should take care of them and not leave their care to the church." Families are God's way of caring for His children.

God has given each one of us a special family. (Show picture of family.) There are three things that God expects of His children. First, He wants us to love and appreciate our family. Second, He wants children to obey their parents. Third, He wants us to get along with our brothers and sisters.

Most of you have grandparents too. How many of you have grandparents who live nearby? (Show picture of an older couple.) Who knows a good way to show your grandparents that you love them?

Yes, you can spend time with them. Sometimes grandparents are lonely and need to know that someone cares for them. Also, you can be helpful when you are with them. They love doing things for you, but they love it even more when you think of something nice to do for them.

The church is also your family. You might think of your Sunday school teachers as being like your parents and your friends as being like brothers and sisters. After all, we are all brothers and sisters because God is our Father.

Have you ever thought about ways that you can show love to your church family? Here are some ideas.

(Display the number 1.) Listen to your teacher (and I will love you for it!).

(Display the number 2.) Be helpful in class. Share the crayons and scissors and offer to help.

(Display the number 3.) Be polite to everyone.

There is one other person in our church who needs our love—our pastor! (Show picture of a pastor.)

Paul told Timothy to be sure to teach his church family to be good to pastors. Can you think of how you can be good to our pastor?

(Display the number 1.) Listen to him when he preaches—he has something important to teach you.

(Display the number 2.) Do something nice for him. Can you think of something nice that you can do for our pastor?

(Display the number 3.) Never complain about our pastor. Instead, think of something nice to say about him.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

God thinks families are special. How about you? This week I hope you will look at your family in a new way. Think about how hard your parents work to provide food and clothing and a place to live.

Look at your grandparents as people who need your love and your help. Ask God to show you ways that you can do something special for your parents and grandparents.

I hope you will also think about what you can do for someone in church. Today we are going to make a thank-you card. On the way out, why not find a special person in our church family and give that person the card that you made?

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Show the children how to fold their construction paper twice to make a greeting card. On the outside, have them write "THANK YOU" and draw a design. Show them how to write "FOR ALL YOU DO" on the inside. Then show the children how to cut

scallops around the card for decoration.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

"If any provide not for ... those of his own house, he hath denied the faith" (1 Timothy 5:8).

What does the Bible mean when it says a person denies the faith? It does not matter what a person says; if he does not live as the Bible tells him, he is saying that the Bible is not important to him.

Paul was telling the church that God gave us families so that we could care for one another. Each family should care for the needs of everyone in their family—children, parents, and grandparents.

This verse is for children as well as adults, for there are many acts of kindness and helpfulness that children can do for their family members. Children can also show their love for their family by showing respect to those who care for them.

CONCLUSION

In Paul's letter to Timothy, God gives us special instructions how to treat his people. God teaches us to love and respect everyone. He wants us to love and respect our families and our church families. He also wants us to be responsible for the people he puts in our lives. We have to learn how to think about others need the same way we think about our needs. God is teaching that everyone is important is his eye and we should treat people the way God treat us.

PRAYER

Father God, please help us to think about others. Help us to treat everyone with respect and love. Help us work to make all your children feel special. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

In next week's lesson, the Apostle Paul wrote a letter instructing Timothy to work to get God's approval and believe in God no matter what happens. Study 2 Timothy 2:8-15 "**Remember Jesus Christ**"

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WORD SEARCH

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CARE (5, 7, SE)
ELDER (5, 8, W)
FAITH (8, 15, N)
FAMILY (15, 3, S)
HELP (9, 15, E)
LOVE (2, 11, NE)
PARTIALITY (10, 5, W)
PURE (9, 10, S)
RESPECT (1, 6, E)
WIDOW (11, 11, NW)
WITNESSES (7, 10, NE)
WOMEN (9, 6, SW)

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