

WEEK 1

Grandmother (Lois) (2 Timothy 1:3-7)



Connect



Prepare: 5 or more cups, water

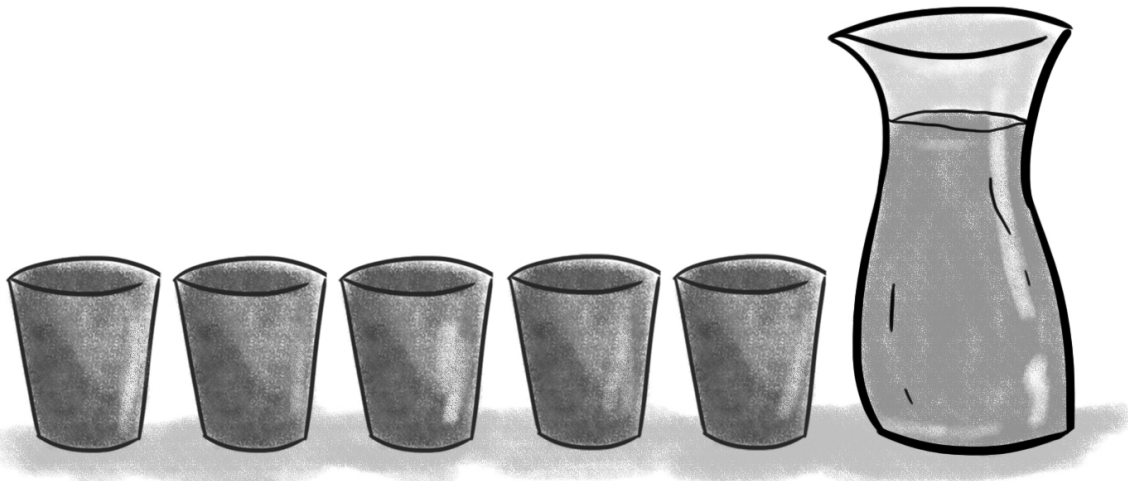
Have the kids gather around you when you start the activity.

Fill one cup with water and say: Each cup represents a person. Imagine this is you (the first cup) and the water is the gospel. And this is what happens when you share the gospel to another. (Pour half of the water into the second cup.)

Now, you both share the gospel to someone. (Again, pour water from the first cup into another cup and pour from the second cup into another cup. Now, you have 4 cups with water.)

Keep doing it until you use up your cups.

In this illustration the cups represent people and water represents the gospel. Anyone is capable of sharing the gospel to one another. As one shares the gospel more and more people will know about it.





Read the Word

In 2 Timothy 1, Paul expressed his remembrance of Timothy.

2 Timothy 1:3-4 - I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.

2 Timothy 1:5 - I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Paul is reminded of Timothy's sincere faith. Paul also mentioned that Timothy's faith first came from his mother Eunice, whose faith also came from her own mother, Lois (who is Timothy's grandmother). In this we can see how Timothy's faith was a result of how the previous generations have raised and trained him. Because of this, Timothy, together with Paul, was able to share the gospel in different places. Lois was able to pass on her faith to people in other places by simply passing it to Timothy, who travelled with Paul.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 - For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Just like Timothy, we too can share the gospel to other people! On our own, it sounds like a hard task to do. We may even feel like our faith is not enough, making it seem as if we are not capable of sharing the gospel to others. No matter what, God has given us the ability to do so because we are not given the spirit of fear but of power, love, and self-control. We don't have to be afraid, we just have to believe that God is working. And because God works through us, we are able to share the gospel to others. Sharing the gospel to one person can help it reach more and more people, even to those in the next generation!



Huddle

Parent to Kid

2-6 years old

- Is there anyone who you want to share the love of Jesus with?

7-12 years old

- Is there anything that's holding you back from sharing the gospel with someone?
- Do you believe that God can help you share the gospel with others?

Kid to Parent

- How do you share the gospel with someone?

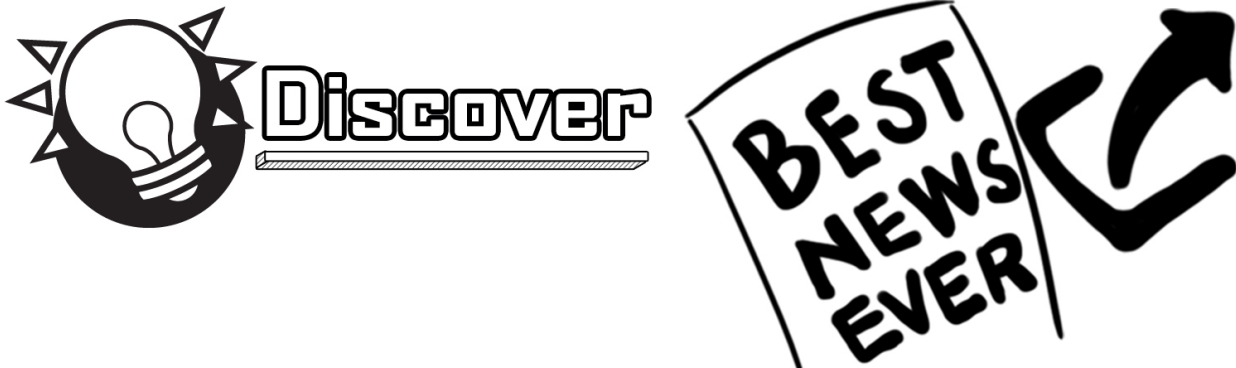
Timothy was able to be a witness for Christ to others because his grandmother shared the Word of God to him when he was young. God is not limited by your age. Young or old, everyone can share God's Word with someone. God will work through you in sharing the gospel!



Dear Lord,

Thank you for sending Jesus to die for us. Thank you for the love that you showed on the cross. Help us to also share the gospel to other people. Help us to not be afraid. As we share the gospel, help us to understand that we are not doing it by our own efforts but you are working through us. In Jesus' name

Amen.



Will I really make a difference if I share about Jesus to just one person?

Let me try to answer that through this analogy:

You know how something on the internet can go viral, right? You see something on the internet and you share it. Your friends see it and share it to their friends, who in turn share it to their friends. This goes on until it reaches many people around the world.

Now the key here is it has to be shared. You can have a video but if you don't share it, or your friends don't share it, it can never go viral.

The gospel is the best news we can ever receive. If it is not shared, it is still the best news but nobody will hear about it. Sharing it with one person will make a difference because that person can share it with the next person. And the more you share, the more people will hear about it. Who knows if the person you have shared it with will become like Timothy, who obediently went on to share it with many others?

Let's make the gospel go viral. Let's share it with the people we know!