

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

**DATE:** 4/25/21

**SCRIPTURE:** 1-2 Timothy

**LESSON:** Letters to Church Leaders



## INTRO

**Copy Dance** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

This is a fun and silly game to get some energy out! Choose some fun music to listen to and pick one person to be "it". That person starts dancing and everyone else copies their dance moves. Change who is "it" with each song.

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we talked about the early church being divided. Do you remember who wrote to them to tell the church to be united? It was Paul! Today we are going to learn about some other letters Paul sent to church leaders to help them know how to lead by example, just like we followed the leader's example of dance moves in our game.



## LESSON - LETTERS TO CHURCH LEADERS

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Letters to Church Leaders](#)

The gospel began to spread among the people and many of them led churches. Two of those leaders were Timothy and Titus. Paul wrote letters encouraging them. He wrote, in 1 Timothy 4:12, "You are young, but do not let anyone treat you as if you were not important. Be an example to show the believers how they should live. Show them with your words, with the way you live, with your love, with your faith, and with your pure life." (ICB) Paul told Timothy and Titus to lead by example in their churches.

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**Lead by example by loving people.** (Kids repeat!)

Paul told Timothy, he should love those people and show them how to love. Paul also wrote to his friend Titus and told him that God loved us so much, even when we didn't deserve it. We should love others in the same way God loves us.

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**Lead by example by loving God's word.** (Kids repeat!)

Paul encouraged Timothy to continue reading God's word and to teach from it. False teachers were coming around the church distracting people from the truth of Scripture. When we read God's word, He helps us see what is true and how to live in a way that is right.

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**Lead by example by loving the gospel.** (Kids repeat!)

Jesus went to the cross for the sins of believers and that good news is the Gospel. Timothy and Titus were both told about the news of Jesus and how it changes lives. We should love the Gospel and live it out in a way that shows others how Jesus can change their life too!

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus is our perfect example.** (kids repeat)

Jesus came to earth and lived the perfect life that we couldn't live. Jesus walked on this earth and He was a leader to His disciples and to the people He taught. He showed His followers how to love others, love the Word, and to love the gospel. Jesus became the ultimate example when He laid down His life for them and for us.



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [I am With You Always](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[Good Good Father](#)

**Pray:** Father, thank you for church leaders who lead us by example and thank you for being our perfect example, help us to follow you by following your example. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- How did Paul encourage Timothy about his age?
- How was Timothy a good leader?
- Why did Paul tell Titus we want to do what is right?
- What are some ways you can love others this week?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
  - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*

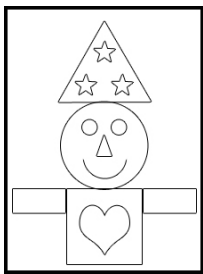


## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

**Parent Share** - Is there anyone in your life who you lead by example? (Hint: your kids!)

**Draw My Picture** - *Supplies: Pencils or crayons, paper, listening ears.* Give each child paper and pencil. Have them draw your picture according to the following directions then compare at the end what everyone drew! (Adjust the activity to be more/less challenging depending on age/ability.)



1. Draw a medium-sized circle in the middle of your paper.
2. Draw a medium-sized square below the circle but have the top of it touch the bottom of the circle.
3. Draw a medium-sized heart in the square.
4. Draw two smaller rectangles, one on each side of the square. They should go the wide way, not the tall way, and they should touch the sides of the square. Also, the top of each rectangle should line up with the top of the square.
5. Draw a medium-sized triangle above the circle. The bottom of the triangle should touch the top of the circle.
6. Draw three small stars anywhere inside the triangle.
7. Draw a small triangle in the center of the medium-sized circle.
8. Draw an arc which curves up below the small triangle.
9. Draw two small circles above the small triangle, one slightly to the right and one slightly to the left.