**Sunday School from Home**

**July 5, 2020**

This week we learn about Paul inviting Timothy to join him in ministry, a surprising choice given Timothy’s young age (Acts 16:1-5). Later, Paul writes to Timothy to give him advice about what to teach others and to have confidence in his spiritual gifts (1 Timothy 4:7-16).

* Read the Bible passages from your Bible at home or online. For very young children, consider only reading the passage from 1 Timothy.
* For an in-depth study of the entire book of 1 Timothy, watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RoqnGcEjcs>
* Paul and Timothy traveled to many places to teach people about Jesus. Have each member of your family place their foot on a piece of paper and trace around it. Cut out the footprints. Write each person’s name on the footprint, and then ask them to write (smaller children can dictate) the places where they can go and tell others about Jesus. These places might be quite local, such as at school. Or, they might be far away places each person hopes to travel to one day.
* Paul was a leader to the early Christians, and he taught Timothy a lot about being a leader too. Even small children can be leaders. Ask your children to help you think of some ways they have been a leader in the past, and how they might like to continue to be a leader. Leadership is not just the domain of adults! Encourage your child to develop leadership skills.
* What kinds of leadership advice did Paul give to Timothy? What other advice would you give to a leader? Older children might want to make a list on a dry erase board on a piece of paper. Allow each family member to reflect on which of these qualities they feel come naturally to them, and which ones they need to work harder at.
* Play a game of follow the leader. Each person can take a turn being the leader, and the other players copy his or her motions.
* Discuss with your children who you see as a leader or a real life hero, and why you feel that way about him or her. Try to think of a variety of people: those you know, those you don’t know or who lived long ago, men, women, people of a variety of races, etc. Here are two children’s books that might help give some diversity to your list: [https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1328780961/ref=ox\_sc\_saved\_title\_3?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1328780961/ref%3Dox_sc_saved_title_3?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1524741728/ref=ox\_sc\_saved\_title\_6?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1524741728/ref%3Dox_sc_saved_title_6?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

* For older kids and adults, try researching or reading about some other leaders, perhaps particularly American heroes as we celebrate Independence Day. Hidden Figures is a great example, and was also made into a movie. Contact me if I can help you find some others that would be of interest!