

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

COMMISSIONING THE WHOLE CHURCH (NEVER TOO YOUNG) JUL 25/26

TOPICS:

You are never too young to be an example for Jesus Christ.

(Have the children repeat to you—I am not too young to change the world for Jesus”

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 4:12 - “Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers...”

THE STORY:

Have you ever heard of the Apostle Paul? He is one of the greatest heroes of the Bible. In fact, he was the man God used to write most of the New Testament.

Paul traveled the world preaching and teaching to thousands of people. Paul met lots of people in his travels. One of the people he met impressed him a whole lot.

It was a young man named Timothy. Timothy was much younger than Paul. That didn’t stop the Apostle Paul from seeing incredible potential in Timothy. Even though he was very young, Paul approached Timothy and said, “You are well thought of by the believers. Will you join my missionary journey?” WOW! Timothy was just a young person and he was recognized by Paul as a strong example to other Christians. Paul took Timothy along with him on his missionary journey. They started many churches and accomplished great things over the years. One day, Paul was thrown into prison for preaching the good news of Jesus. He wanted to make sure Timothy continued to preach the gospel, so he decided to write him a letter. This letter is what is now known as the book of 1 Timothy in the Bible - because it was the first letter that Paul wrote to Timothy.

Timothy received this letter

and began to read it. He read these words from Paul, “Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers...” Timothy understood exactly what Paul was telling him. He knew that, even though he was very young,

he was able to be an example for other Christians to follow. Timothy continued to preach about Jesus and taught the Christians in the churches.

Timothy understood something very important. You are NEVER TOO YOUNG to be an example for others.

Other kids - even adults - can learn from watching how you live. If you follow God in all you do and set an example for others, you can change the world!

QUESTIONS:

What are some things you are “too young” to do?

How does it make you feel when someone says you are “too young”

Do you think God says things like you are “too young” to do things for Him?

PRAYER:

Pray for every child to trust God and believe He will use them in a big way. Have the children stand up - those who want God to use them to do BIG things for Him. Have your adult leaders lay hands on the children and pray for them.

GAME:

Items Needed For Game:six small baby bottles filled with apple juice

PREPARATION:

Choose three boys and three girls to compete in this game. Before the game say,

“We are talking about how you are NEVER too young to do big things for God. So, we are going to play a game that takes us all the way back to being a baby!”

HOW TO PLAY:

When you say, “Go!”, the contestants will try to drink the juice from the bottle as fast as they can. The first team to have a contestant finish the juice completely is declared the winners