



## Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

### **Week 6: People**

#### Older Preschool

#### **Theme Verse**

*“God has plans for me”* (Jeremiah 29:11).

#### **Objective**

People grow as God planned for them to grow.

#### **Teach**

What do you think you will be doing when you are 10 years old? What about when you are a grown-up? *Talk to you child about any dreams they might have about being older.*

The Bible talks about a young man who lived in Lystra with his parents and his grandmother (2 Timothy 1:1-5, 3:14-17). His mother’s name was Eunice and his grandmother’s name was Lois. The Bible does not give us Timothy’s dad’s name. Both Eunice and Lois loved Jesus. They wanted Timothy to love Jesus too, so they taught him about Jesus and the Bible. As Timothy grew, the believers were impressed with how Timothy was growing to be more like Jesus and how much he knew about the Bible Scriptures.

Like people saw Jesus in Timothy’s life, do people see Jesus in your life?

One day, the Apostle Paul met Timothy. Paul asked Timothy if he was willing to travel with him and tell people about Jesus. Timothy agreed and continued to learn more about Jesus. One day, Paul knew Timothy was ready to travel and teach others about Jesus by himself. Paul sent Timothy two letters to encourage him to continue telling others.

Our verse this week is, *“God has plans for me.”* Jeremiah 29:11.

What was God's plan for Timothy? (To travel with Paul and tell others about Jesus)

How did he prepare for this task? (Listening to his mother and grandmother teach about Jesus.)

(Repeat the verse several times. Now play a form of "Simon Says" by having the children say their verse while jumping up and down, marching in place, saying the verse very loud, saying the verse in a whisper, etc.)

Discussion Question(s):

1. Who taught Timothy about Jesus? (His mother and grandmother, Eunice and Lois)
2. How did this help him when he grew up? (Timothy knew and loved Jesus and knew many verses of Scripture.)
3. What was God's plan for Timothy? (To travel with Paul and tell others about Jesus)
4. How did he prepare for this task? (He listened to his mother and grandmother teach about Jesus.)
5. What do you want to be when you grow up? (Answers may vary.)
6. What do you think you need to do to prepare for this? (Answers may vary.)
7. When you grow up, will you tell others about Jesus? (If they do not say "Yes," allow this to be a fruitful discussion. Ask them "Why?" Avoid shame if the answer is not immediately "Yes," but instead encourage them until they recognize why they should tell others about Jesus.)
8. Who can you tell about Jesus this week? (Answers may vary.)
9. What would you tell them? (Answers may vary. Don't worry about perfect answers, simply encourage them as they share.)

## Play

Sing the song, "Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day." Most of the children know this from Bellevue's K-WOW or childcare. If not, it is to the tune of "I Will Make You Fishers of Men." Children often learn best through visual cues, so you can make this activity fun and memorable by creating motions for each line of the song if you would like.

Lyrics:

Read your Bible.  
Pray every day (sing 3 times).  
Read your Bible.  
Pray every day.  
And you'll grow, grow, grow (sing 3 times).  
Read your Bible.  
Pray every day.  
And you'll grow, grow, grow.

Neglect your Bible.  
Forget to pray (sing 3 times).  
Neglect your Bible.  
Forget to pray.  
And you'll shrink, shrink, shrink (sing 3 times).  
Neglect your Bible.  
Forget to pray.  
And you'll shrink, shrink, shrink.

(Repeat 1st verse.)

## **Sing**

["Really Awesome Plan"](#)

## **Live it Out**

Why do you think we sang this song about reading our Bibles and praying? Because we want to remember that we need to grow as God wants us to grow, and we must read His Word and talk to Him in prayer in order to grow.

## **Closing Prayer**

Dear Jesus, thank You for (Child's name). I pray they will always want to read Your Word and talk to You in prayer. Help them to grow to be more like You and follow Your plan for their life every day. Help us as parents to guide and teach them about You and how they can become a godly man/woman. Thank You for helping us. In Jesus' name, Amen!