

City LG - March 16-17, 2019

Bible Story: Dare You to Move (Timothy) • 1 Timothy 4:12 (supporting: Acts 14–17; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10)

Bottom Line: God made me to make a difference.

Memory Verse: “How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.” Psalm 139:14, Nlrv

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “I Am Yours” and “Dance”

NOTE: Take some time to teach a few of the dance moves to your group.

(Worship Leader Prays)

WELCOME:

“Hi, everyone! Have you ever heard of a guy named Timothy from the Bible? *(Pause for response.)* Okay, a few of you. Well, Timothy was a teacher and leader in the early church way back when the church was first getting started. He was one of the Apostle Paul’s closest friends. In fact, in many ways Timothy was like a son to Paul.

“Even though Timothy was young, Paul asked him to lead the church at a place called Ephesus. Does that sound like a big job? *(Pause for response.)* It was! But Paul knew that Timothy could do it. He knew that Timothy didn’t have to wait until he was older to make a difference. Listen to what he wrote to Timothy.

Open the Bible to 1 Timothy 4:12 (Nlrv) and read.

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure.”

“Timothy’s story is a pretty cool one. Even though he was young, God used him to do some pretty amazing things! Like lead a church! Paul saw that Timothy had special gifts and talents to lead people, and it didn’t matter if he was young. That’s what our video is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:10)

“Timothy’s story really IS amazing. It probably wasn’t easy for him to lead the church at Ephesus since he was so young, but he was able to do it because the power of the Holy Spirit was with him.

“Paul knew that Timothy could set an example for others with the way he lived each day. And Timothy didn’t wait until he felt old enough or confident enough to share about Jesus. He chose to let God use him to make a difference while he was young. Say this with me...”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “God made me to make a difference.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God made me to make a difference.”

“That’s right. He did! It’s the same for you and me as it was for Timothy. No matter what you’ve been through and no matter how old you are, God made YOU to make a difference. As you grow up and learn more and

more about how God made you, you'll see more and more ways that He can use you to make a difference for others. Let's pray and ask God to help us."

Pray: "Dear God, thank You for Timothy's story. It's a great reminder that You have a good plan for each and every one of us. You made us to make a difference in the world around us. Please help us to see how we can make a difference, and please give us the courage to do it! We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

"When you see this, . . .

CG: Bottom Line Slide

". . . when someone tells you that you can make a difference, do you think, 'Who, me?'

"I mean, sometimes you might feel like you're not good enough. Maybe you think you're too small, too young, or you don't know enough yet. But remember: God made you in His image. You were made to make a difference! Say this like you mean it." (*Point to the screen.*)

KIDS: [Bottom Line] "God made me to make a difference."

"One more time!"

KIDS: [Bottom Line] "God made me to make a difference."

"It's like what Paul wrote to Timothy. You don't have to wait until you're older to make a difference. You can set an example NOW by loving others and following Jesus. Don't know how? Here's a start:

"Make the new kid at church, school, or in your neighborhood feel welcome. Help out around the house without being asked. Use your words to make people feel good about themselves. There are so many ways you can make a difference. Let's all go out this week and do it! Before we head to Small Group, let's worship God with our offering!"

Offering Time:

"Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else's life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called 'Missions of Hope' to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God's love for them."

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

"(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International! Here's a picture of Missions of Hope!"

CG: Missions of Hope JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container.*)"

CG: Offering Video "Meet Austin" (Runtime: 3:00)

Dismiss to Small Groups