

Materials I Need:

Key for symbols:

- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Memory Verses:

2 Timothy 1:8: So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me His prisoner.

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** When asking the children to line up or move from one activity to another, use different requirements to move only a few at a time. You might say, "Those children wearing red, those who have shoelaces, those who have a sister, those who had cereal for breakfast, etc., may go to the snack table." This makes the child stop and think if he qualifies to line up or if he must wait and listen. It also causes less congestion in the moving process. Be sure to help each child determine if he does have the right requirements and encourage him to follow the instructions.
- "Who Is in Prison?" Center:** Cover a table with a large blanket so it is dark underneath, or bring a large appliance box to the classroom and call it prison. During the **Hook** time, if children talk about Jesus, tell them they must go to prison. Keep them there one or two minutes and then let them out. (You may want to station a guard at the prison to let each child out at the appropriate time.) "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul writes his second letter to Timothy from prison. He is there because he continued to preach the gospel of Jesus and some people didn't like to hear it. Being in prison did not stop Paul from teaching about Jesus. He had endurance in doing what he was supposed to do for God. He did not quit."
- Cassette Tape Center:** Bring in a tape recorder and record the children saying the Bible Adventure names. Have one or more children repeat the names after the leader: Paul, Timothy, Lois (Timothy's grandmother), Eunice (Timothy's mother), Onesiphorus (cared for Paul in prison). Explain who these people were and how Paul knew them. Listen to what was recorded. Then have the children think of a person's name for the others to repeat. What is the hardest name they can think of?
- "Paul Was in Chains" Center:** Provide a generous supply of strips of colored paper. Show the children how to make a chain with their paper strips by looping them and gluing or stapling the ends together, each one looped through a previous circle. Make long chains to put around their arms, necks, ankles and/or waists. Have them wear their chains during the **Hook** time. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul is in prison wearing chains. The chains were to keep him from getting out of prison."
- Endurance Puzzle Center:** Set out appropriate-age puzzles for the children to work on. Talk about working until the puzzle is finished. Endurance is finishing your work when you would rather stop and do something else. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul and Timothy showed endurance by teaching the gospel of Jesus even when it wasn't easy to do."

Mother and Grandmother Center: Provide books on mothers and grandmothers from the library. Bring old family pictures and identify different individuals. "What does your grandmother look like? Does she read Bible stories to you? What does she do especially for you? What is your favorite thing to do with her? In today's Bible Adventure, we learn that Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him the Scriptures. He learned to love God by listening to his mother and grandmother."

Paul in Prison Center: The following ideas could be used each week during the 2 Timothy study. Set up a mock prison by placing a large blanket over chairs or a table or by setting up a tent in the room. Try to make it dark inside the structure to imitate the cold, dark dungeon where Paul was locked.

1. Provide the children in prison with flashlights, as well as crayons, paper and envelopes, stickers, and stamps for writing letters. You could also have the children color the pictures used during the Bible Adventure time. Tell the children that while Paul was in prison, he wrote a letter to Timothy encouraging him to keep teaching people about Jesus no matter what bad things might happen to him. Send the children's pictures/letters to a missionary to encourage that missionary to keep teaching about Jesus.
2. Pretend to lock the children in the prison. This should be fun and not scary. Younger children do not like to be locked away. Tell the children that the way to get out of this prison is to say their Memory Verse. Explain to them that Paul was in prison because he had kept on preaching about Jesus. Paul wasn't ashamed to tell others about Jesus even though it meant he had to suffer and go to jail.
3. Provide the children with toy dishes, cups, pots and pans, utensils, plastic food, blankets, and clothes to take inside the prison. Have some children pretend to be Paul in prison and some pretend to be Onesiphorus who cared for Paul while he was in prison. "In today's Bible Adventure we learn that Onesiphorus cared for Paul while he was in prison by bringing Paul supplies to make him more comfortable. Onesiphorus was kind and not ashamed or afraid to visit Paul in prison."



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

Color the **2TIM01ECGF1**, **2TIM01ECGF2**, **2TIM01ECGF3**, and **2TIM01ECGF4** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save them for review in future lessons.

"Endurance in Ministry" Prison Board: (2TIM01ECGF1) Make a simple jail cell structure by using cardboard and dowels or sticks. If it is one-dimensional, tack it to the wall or a large board. Each week add the new picture to Paul's prison cell and remind the children that Paul had "endurance in ministry." This week use the GF1 picture. "In today's Bible Adventure we learn that Paul had endurance while suffering in a cold, dark prison."

Story Suggestion: Tell today's story from inside the classroom "prison" with the children gathered around.

"Two Little Friends" Finger Play:

Two little friends are better than one, *(Hold up two fingers of right hand)*

And three are better than two; *(Hold up three fingers of left hand)*

And four are much better still. *(Hold up four fingers of right hand)*

Just think!

What four little friends can do. *(Wiggle four fingers)*

"In today's Bible Adventure, we discover that Paul had a friend who visited him in prison. Friends are good to have and Paul was grateful for his friend's kindness. Do you know what his friend's name was?" (Onesiphorus!)

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the 2TIM01ECGF1 picture.) Paul was locked in a cold, dark prison in the city of Rome. This prison was a bad place to be. Paul was there because he had kept on preaching about Jesus. Paul had endurance. Endurance means he never stopped doing what he was supposed to do. Paul had been called to be a minister and apostle of Jesus Christ and he never stopped preaching the good news about Jesus—even from prison!

(Show the 2TIM01ECGF2 picture.) Paul knew Timothy had a true faith in Jesus. Timothy's mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, loved God's Word and had a true faith in God. They taught Timothy from the Scriptures while he was growing up.

When Paul came to Timothy's town as a missionary, Paul told him how Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for sin; and Timothy put his faith in Jesus. God called Timothy to be a minister of Christ Jesus, also. Paul told Timothy to be a good minister and to teach God's Word with endurance to the end.

(Show the 2TIM01ECGF3 picture.) Paul had been bold in preaching the gospel wherever he went. He told Timothy to be bold, too. Paul was a prisoner in chains but he said, "Don't be ashamed or sad because I am a prisoner. You will suffer, too, Timothy, if you boldly preach and teach the gospel. Don't be afraid of suffering. What I have taught you, teach to others. Keep on enduring to the end of your life."

(Show the 2TIM01ECGF4 picture.) Second Timothy was the last letter that Paul ever wrote. One man, named Onesiphorus, had been brave enough to find Paul in prison and visit him. He was kind and helpful to Paul. Onesiphorus cared for Paul by bringing supplies to help him be more comfortable.

Timothy was like a dear son to Paul, but Paul knew he probably wouldn't see him again. Paul prayed night and day that Timothy would be bold and strong in the faith and endure in his ministry as a preacher of the gospel to the very end.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Paul and Timothy's endurance to preach the gospel even though it brought suffering. Help me be bold to tell about You, too. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-

(Show the 2TIM01ECGF1 picture.) Paul was locked in a cold, dark prison in the city of Rome because he preached about Jesus. This prison was a bad place to be, but Paul was not ashamed of where he lived. Paul was there because he had kept on preaching about Jesus even though he knew he might go to jail for it. Paul kept on preaching because he had endurance. Endurance means he never stopped doing what he was supposed to be doing no matter what bad things might happen to him. God had called Paul to be a minister and an apostle of Christ, and Paul never stopped sharing the good news about Jesus. Paul endured in his ministry as a preacher and teacher—even from prison!

(Show the 2TIM01ECGF2 picture.) Paul wrote, "I thank God for you, Timothy, because you have a sincere faith in Jesus. Your mother, Eunice, and your grandmother, Lois, loved God's Word and had a sincere faith in God, and they taught you all about Him from the Scriptures.

"When I came to your town as a missionary and told you about how Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment we should have for our sin, you put your faith in Jesus. You believed the gospel message that Jesus came back to life and is now in heaven with God the Father. Timothy, I believe that you have an enduring kind of faith in Jesus that will last forever. God has called you to be a minister of Christ Jesus. Be a good minister who teaches God's Word with endurance to the end."

(Show the 2TIM01ECGF3 picture.) Paul continued writing, "I have been bold in preaching the gospel to people wherever I go. You be bold, too, Timothy. Don't be afraid. Stand right up and preach about Jesus with the help of God's power. Don't be ashamed or sad because I am a prisoner in chains. God appointed me to preach and teach the gospel, and I am enduring all the suffering that goes with that ministry.

"You will suffer, too, Timothy, if you boldly preach and teach the gospel. Don't be afraid of suffering. What I have taught you, teach to other people, also. Don't give up when suffering comes. Keep on enduring to the end of your life."

(Show the 2TIM01ECGF4 picture.) Second Timothy was the last letter that Paul ever wrote. Paul knew that he would probably never get out of prison, and he really wanted to see Timothy before he died. Paul wrote, "I really want to see you again before I die. Almost no one comes to see me in prison. Everyone is afraid or ashamed to come visit me while I have these chains. Only Onesiphorus was brave enough to find out where I was and come visit me. He has been very kind and helpful to me in this lonely place. He refreshed me by caring for me and bringing supplies to make me more comfortable. I pray that the Lord will reward him for his kindness to me.

"Timothy, you are like a dear son to me. I pray for you night and day. I pray that you will be bold and strong in the faith. I pray that you will join with me in suffering for the gospel and that you will endure to the very end."

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Paul and Timothy's endurance to preach the gospel even though it brought suffering. Help me be bold to tell about You, too. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Who was Paul preaching about when he was put in prison?** (*Jesus*)
2. **Who taught Timothy about God's Word when he was a little boy?** (*His mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois*)
3. **Who was like a dear son to Paul?** (*Timothy*)

Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

1. **Where was Paul when he wrote the Second Timothy letter?** (*In a cold, dark prison in Rome*)
2. **What did Paul want Timothy to do about preaching when he was suffering?** (*Keep preaching. Have endurance in ministry to the end of his life.*)
3. **Was Paul bold or fearful when he preached about Jesus?** (*Bold*)
4. **Was Onesiphorus helpful to Paul?** (*Yes. He visited Paul in prison when everyone else was ashamed or afraid to come see him.*)



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Write the Aim Questions on large strips of paper to make a chain. Make three or four large loops. Ask a child to come up and break a section of the chain and take it to the teacher for the question to be read.
- Snack Suggestion:** Select a couple of children to be Onesiphoruses and hand out the cups, napkins and/or snack to the other children. You may want to serve the snack inside the prison you have set up for the "Paul in Prison" Center. Explain to the children that Onesiphorus wasn't afraid or ashamed to visit Paul in prison. Onesiphorus was kind and refreshed Paul by bringing him supplies which helped Paul to be more comfortable while he was in prison. Encourage the children to try to say, "Thank you, Onesiphorus."
- Transition Idea:** Provide a light-weight chain the children can all hold on to with one hand. They can pretend they are prisoners walking single file as they move from one room to another.
- Paul in Prison Activity Center: (2TIM01ECGF1 and 2TIM01ECGF5)** Copy one GF1 page per child and cut off the border lines. Let the children color their pages and talk about what Paul is doing. Let each child glue his picture on a 9" x 12" sheet of colored construction paper. Cut four ½ x 9" strips of the same colored construction paper for each child to glue on top of his picture to form bars of a prison cell. Give each a GF5 "Endurance in ministry while suffering" paper to glue on the upper left corner section of the picture (on top of the bar strips). Sing "Paul Wrote Timothy" as the children work.
- Timothy's Family Puppets: (2TIM01ECGF6)** Copy the GF6 page on cardstock paper and cut out the people. Tape them to craft sticks to make puppets. Have the children role play Timothy learning the Scriptures from his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. The Timothy puppet can say, "Tell me a story about God, mother Eunice (grandmother Lois). The mother puppet says, "God loves you and wants you to love and obey Him. We learn about God from the Scriptures." The grandmother puppet says, "The Scriptures tell us what God says is right and wrong for us to do. I love God and His Word." Vary the dialogue, but end by expressing love for God and His Word.
- Keeping Paul Warm: (2TIM01ECGF4)** Using the GF4 picture of Paul, glue material in the shape of Paul's blanket over the blanket outline in the picture. Color the picture. "Paul had a friend named Onesiphorus who would visit him in prison and bring him clothes and blankets to keep him warm and comfortable. What are the names of some of your friends?"
- Memory Verse Review:** Repeat the Memory Verse two or three times. Define ashamed. (When we don't want to talk about something because it might get us into trouble.) Define testify. (To tell a truth or fact.) Paul was telling Timothy to say the truth about the gospel of Jesus and not be afraid if it got him into trouble. Sing or say the Memory Verse again.
- Neighborhood Evangelizing:** Set up a street scene using blocks, buildings, cars, buses and other city items. While the children are playing with the cars and blocks making cities and neighborhoods, talk about being bold in sharing Jesus with others in their neighborhood. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul told Timothy, "Don't be afraid. Stand right up and tell others about Jesus with the help of God's power." Take turns having the children stand up and say, "Jesus died on the cross" and "Jesus came back to life."

"Friends in a Circle" Game: "Onesiphorus was a friend to Paul in prison. Paul could even say his name! We'll play a game today where we call on our friends in the classroom, so listen closely for your name to be called." Have the children sit in a circle on the floor with one child standing in the center. The teacher then says the following rhyme:
 (Robin) is standing in the circle and she needs a friend.
 (Robin) tell (Jackson) to "Come on in!"
 The first child says, "Come on in!", and the named child goes in the center of the circle with his friend. The verse is repeated with the teacher naming a new person and continues until everyone is standing in the center. The older children can say their own verse appropriate to Paul's situation:
 I'm in prison and I need a friend.
 Hey, (Anna), come on in!

Test Your Endurance Center: The following idea could be used each week during the 2 Timothy study. Set up an area of the room as a fitness center using mats, weights, exercise equipment and a stop watch. Make sure the children do some arm and leg stretches on mats before they attempt the activities.

1. Have the children lift hand weights for a particular amount of time. Count how many times they are able to lift the weight during that time and record their results on a chart placed on the wall in the fitness center.
2. Tell the children they have only thirty seconds (or whatever amount of time is appropriate for the age group) to do jumping jacks, sit-ups or push ups. Count how many they complete and record their results on the chart.
3. Have one child sit in the middle of a large blanket and have another child grab the end of the blanket and pull the child on the blanket until you tell them to stop. See how many seconds they can do this without stopping.
4. Have the children jump on a mini-trampoline for as long as they can without stopping. Time them and record their results.
5. Have the children do a variety of animal walks (elephant, lion, penguin, etc.). Place a rope or piece of tape on the ground as a starting line and another as a finish line. Ask the children to do their walk between the lines and count how many "laps" they can walk from the start line to the finish line and back again.

Songs:

Bible Themes Song (*tune: "Bible Themes Song for Preschool Children—2 Timothy" tape*)
(Chorus)

We like to sing about the Bible themes.
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 We like to sing about the Bible themes.
 It helps us understand God's Wo-ord.

Second Timothy—endurance in ministry
 Titus—conduct in the church
 Philemon—bondage to freedom
 Hebrews—superiority of Christ
(Repeat chorus)

④ **2 Timothy 1:8 Memory Verse Song** (*tune: "Rejoice in the Lord Always"*)
 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord. (*Hang head, then stretch out arms as though a cross.*)
 So do not be ashamed of me, his pri-i-so-on-er. (*Hang head, then cross wrists as though chained.*)
 But join with me in suffering for the go-os-pel. (*Hand beckons to others, then arms out to side.*)
 Second Timothy one, eight, by the po-ow-er of God. (*Form book with hands; raise fists to heaven.*)

② **2 Timothy 1:8 Memory Verse Song for 2s & 3s** (*tune: "Rejoice in the Lord Always"*)
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 Second Timothy one, eight. So do not be ashamed. (*Form book with hands; shake head "no."*)
 Second Timothy one, eight. So do not be ashamed. (*Form book with hands; shake head "no."*)

- Paul Wrote Second Timothy** (tune: "Mares Eat Oats")
Paul wrote Second Timothy, a letter to his young friend.
Endurance in ministry to the e-end.
Paul wrote Second Timothy, a letter to his young friend.
Endurance in suffering to the end.
- 2nd Timothy Theme Song** (tune: "My Country Tis of Thee")
Paul wrote Second Timothy in 66 AD to Tim-o-thy.
Paul was in jail in Rome,
Far away from his home.
The the-eme is "Endu-u-rance i-in Ministry."

- Jesus Loves Me**
Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.



Took:

- Perfume Sachet for Mother or Grandmother: (2TIM01ECGF7)** Materials needed for each sachet: One 4" x 8" piece of wallpaper or contact paper, one or two cotton balls, clear tape, 18" piece of ribbon, GF7 "Thank you for teaching me about Jesus" name tag, perfume. Fold the paper in half. Add perfume to the cotton ball(s) and place inside the folded paper. Tape all sides closed. Punch a hole in one corner of the sachet paper, thread the ribbon through it, and tie the name tag in the bow. Write the name of the mother or grandmother on the name tag.
- Encouraging Missionaries to Endure:** "This week we are starting the book of Second Timothy in the Bible. Paul is writing Timothy to encourage him to endure through suffering and hard times. We will be writing cards to our classroom missionary family to encourage them to keep on boldly teaching the gospel of Jesus." Cut colored 8 1/2" x 11" paper in half and fold to make cards. Have each child decorate the front of his or her card with ink fingerprints. Have a helper write an encouraging note that is dictated by the child inside the card. (We are glad you are telling others about Jesus. Thank you for going far away to let others know of Jesus.) Sign the child's name under the greeting. Provide a packing envelope and put the cards in it, along with any gift ideas such as chocolate, seeds, pencils or pens, stickers, gum, etc., and pack the envelope as a class. Address and mail the envelope to your missionary family.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (2TIM01ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and Memory Verse.



Paul wrote his 2 Timothy letter from a cold, dark prison.



Timothy learned to love God from his mother and grandmother.



Paul told Timothy to preach the gospel boldly no matter what people might say.



Onesiphorus helped Paul by coming to see him in prison.

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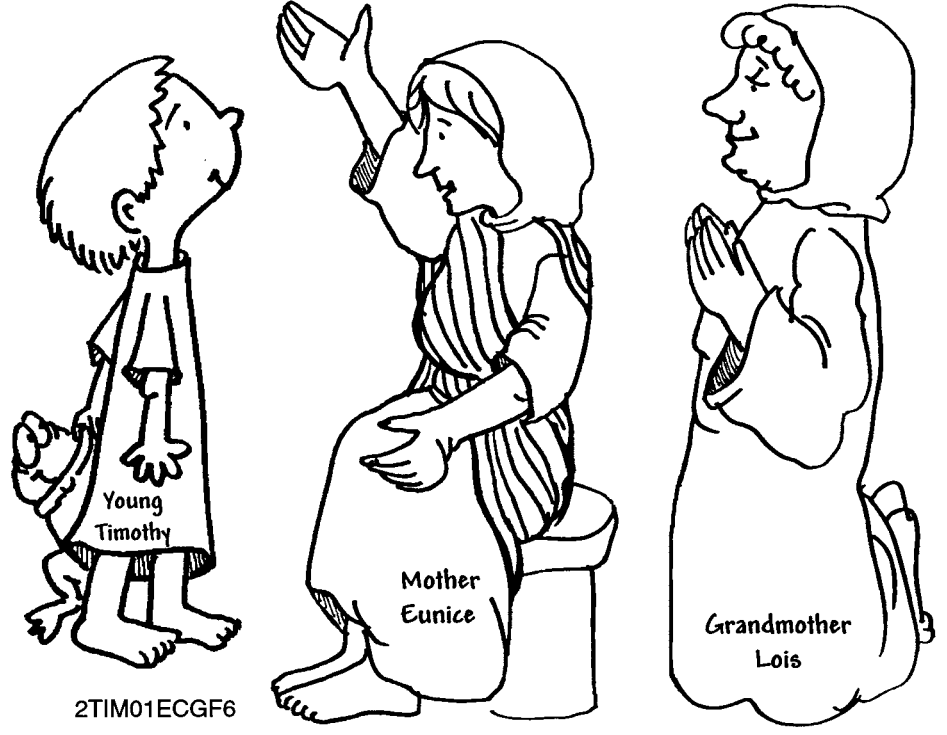
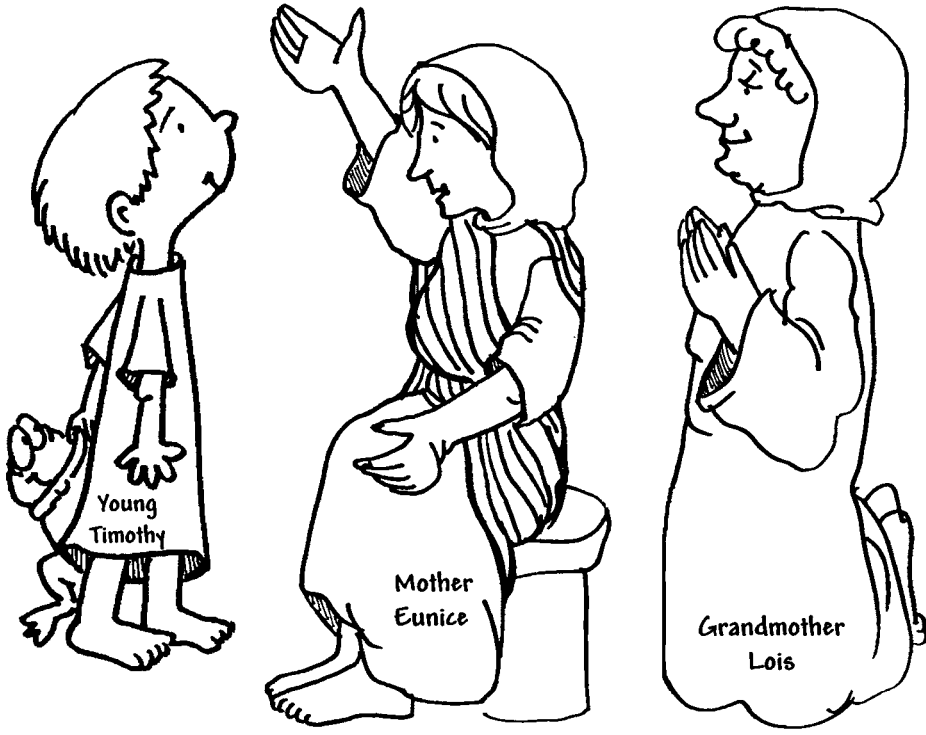
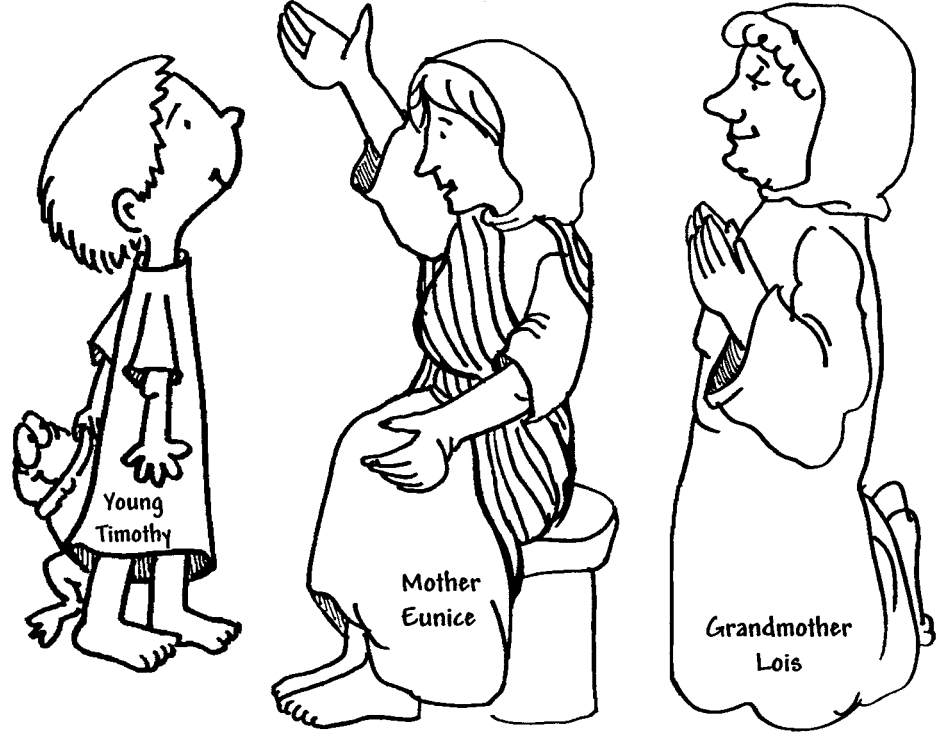
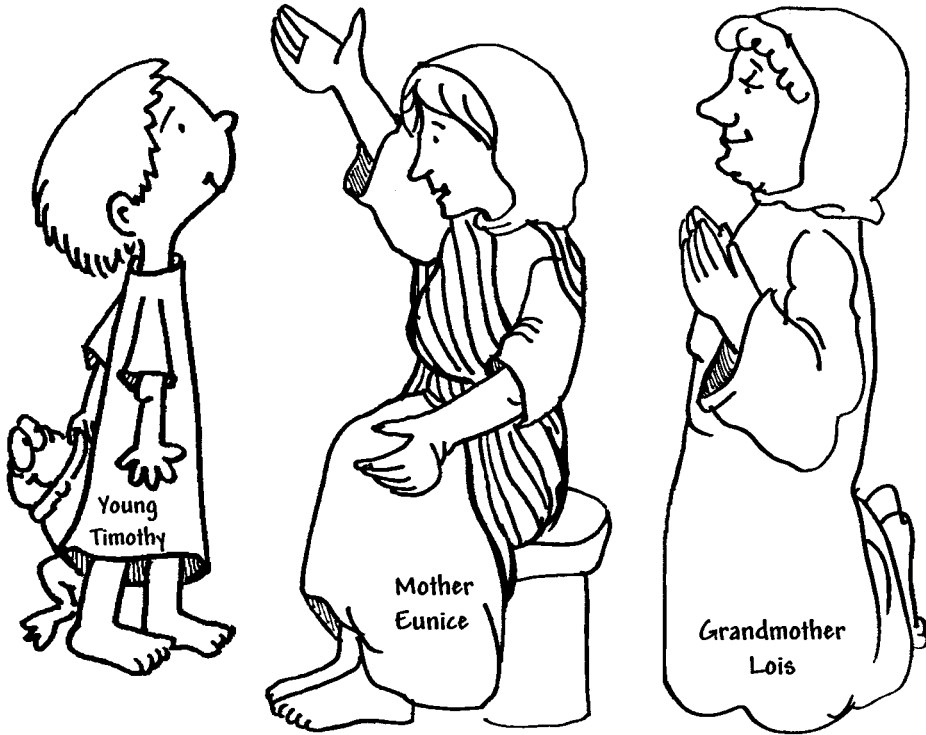
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2 Timothy Chapter 1

**Endurance
in ministry**

This is what I learned today!

Today we learned that Paul was in prison writing his last letter to Timothy. Paul had suffered much for the gospel of Jesus Christ, but he had endurance. Endurance means he never stopped doing what he was supposed to do even though bad things might happen to him. Paul prayed that Timothy would have this same kind of endurance. He told Timothy to be bold and strong in the faith. Paul wasn't ashamed of being a prisoner in chains and told Timothy not to be afraid to suffer for the gospel of Jesus either. A kind man named Onesiphorus was brave enough to visit Paul in prison. He cared for Paul and helped him be more comfortable by bringing him supplies.

2 Timothy Memory Verse

**So do not be ashamed to testify
about our Lord, or ashamed
of me His prisoner.**

2 Timothy 1:8

Endurance Role Play



Role play testifying about the gospel as a family. An adult begins by stretching out his arms and saying, "Jesus died on a cross to take the punishment you and I should have for our sins." Each child takes a turn. Young children just say, "Jesus died on a cross." Add the persecution by having family members toss wads of paper at the one testifying and then take him to a designated "jail." The prisoner must endure and continue to testify that Jesus died on a cross until he "dies" (lays down). Have fun with this and keep the pace moving. Sing the Memory Verse Song with the hand motions.

2 Timothy 1:8 Memory Verse Song (tune: "Rejoice in the Lord Always")

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord.
(Hang head, then stretch out arms as though a cross.)
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(Hang head, then cross wrists as though chained.)
But join with me in suffering for the go-ospel.
(Beckon to others, then stretch out arms.)
Second Timothy one, eight, by the po-ow-er of God.
(Form hands into book, then raise fists to heaven.)

* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.



Paul had endurance in ministry while he was suffering.