

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 Verse:

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

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** Play the FROGS preschool tape songs during the work times of the morning as background music. Leaders and children can sing along with the tape if they feel so inclined. Also encourage the children to sing the Memory Verse Song spontaneously while they are cleaning up, working, waiting patiently, etc. This will enable the children to sing this now familiar tune at other times during the week.
- Runner's Number: (2TIM04ECGF6)** Stencil or print large numbers on white pieces of 8 ½ x 11" paper turned horizontally. At the bottom of the paper glue the GF6 Memory Verse. Bring safety pins and pin a runner's entry number to the front of the children's shirts as they come into the room. Talk with the children about running a race today.
- Prison Is Cold!** At some point during **Hook** time, open all the windows of the classroom to cool it down as quickly as possible. Talk about Paul in a cold prison. Are they as cold as they think Paul was? Paul wanted his coat in prison. Did anyone in the room ask for a coat?
- Blowing Leaves: (2TIM04ECGF5)** Have the children sit at a table. Give each child a paper plate with a pile of tissue paper leaves that have been cut out of fall colors. Tell the children to pretend to be the wind and, on the count of three, to try to blow all their leaves off the plate. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul is still in prison in his chains. Leaves are falling from the trees because winter is coming. Paul asks Timothy to bring his coat before winter comes." (Refer to the 2TIM04ECGF5 page.)
- Jesus Is Always With Us:** The purpose of this center is to help the children think about travel. Using blocks, build roadways. Encourage the children to drive appropriate-sized cars and trucks on the block roads. Have them pretend they are driving to distant places. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul asks Timothy and Mark to come see him in prison. Timothy and Mark would have to travel a long way to see Paul. They didn't have cars like we do, but they did have Jesus with them as they traveled. Jesus is always with us wherever we go, too. We don't need to be afraid to travel to other places."
- Finish the Race!** Two leaders stand with a ten-foot strip of crepe paper held between them to represent the finish line. The children wait ten feet or more away. The children start one at a time after the teacher says "Ready, set, go!" and run right through the finish line, breaking the tape. Only one child can win the race, but all the children can finish.

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- Crayon Rubbings: (2TIM04ECGF5)** Put some real or silk leaves on a table. Cover them with a piece of white paper and tape the paper down so that it won't move. Have the child color over the whole paper with the flat side of a crayon. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul is getting cold in prison and asks Timothy to bring him his coat before winter comes. What time of year do you think it is? When do the leaves fall off the trees?" (Refer to the GF5 page.)
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Book:

Presentation Ideas -

- Color the **2TIM04ECGF1**, **2TIM04ECGF2**, **2TIM04ECGF3**, **2TIM04ECGF4**, and **2TIM04ECGF5** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure.
- "Endurance in Ministry" Prison Board: (2TIM04ECGF5)** Add the GF5 picture to Paul's prison cell and remind the children that Paul had "endurance in ministry" to the end of his life because he loved God's Scriptures and kept preaching the gospel message about Jesus. "In today's Bible Adventure, we learn that Paul told Timothy to keep teaching God's true words and not "tickle people's ears" with what they wanted to hear."
- Story Suggestion:** Bring in a Bloomsday finisher's shirt (or any other race shirt) to show the children. Talk about the picture on the front, when and why you got it. Tell them how you felt running the race, what happened during the race, and how much you wanted to finish the race. You were looking forward to the prize when you finished. The shirt represents all the hard work it took to run Bloomsday. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul talks about running a different kind of race. Listen for the prize that Paul was looking forward to getting at the end of his race."
- "I Clap My Hands" Finger Play:**
I clap my hands,
I touch my feet,
I jump up from the ground.
I clap my hands,
I touch my feet,
And turn myself around.
I clap my hands,
I touch my feet,
I sit myself right down.
I clap my hands,
I touch my feet,
I do not make a sound.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the review *2TIM01ECGF1* picture.) Paul knew that God would be taking him home to heaven soon. Paul was suffering in prison, but he never got so discouraged that he quit loving Jesus. Paul kept on preaching about Him because he had endurance in ministry.

(Show the *2TIM04ECGF1* picture.) Paul wrote Timothy, "I have finished the race in my life. I didn't quit or give up no matter how hard it got."

If you have ever been in a running race, there is a start line and a finish line. Everybody lines up at the start line; and when the signal is given, everybody starts running as fast as they can. Some run faster than others, but everyone is running the race. Some people won't be able finish the race at all. They have to quit. They sit down and rest. They can't finish the race so they won't get a T-shirt or prize. Only the runners who cross the finish line will get a prize.

(Show the *2TIM04ECGF2* picture.) Those who finished the running race in Paul's day received a wreath of green leaves and flowers to put on their heads or around their necks. This was like a crown, a special prize for the winners of the race. Paul said, "I have finished the race of my life. I have fought the good fight. I have kept the faith. Now I am ready to see Jesus."

(Show the *2TIM04ECGF3* picture. *Point to Paul.*) Here is Paul in heaven, bowing before God's throne. Paul knew when he saw Jesus he would get a prize--a reward--for finishing the race of his life. God would give him perfect righteousness forever and ever. Paul would never suffer again. He wouldn't be cold or lonely or sad. He would always be with the One he loved the most--Jesus. Paul reminded Timothy that this prize of righteousness was for everyone who loved Jesus and longs to be with Him in

heaven. This is the reward for everyone who finishes the race by obeying God while they live here on earth.

(Show the 2TIM04ECGF5 picture.) Paul asked Timothy to visit him in prison and to bring their friend Mark. Paul also wanted Timothy to bring his heavy coat and scroll writings. Paul knew that God would be with him until he was safely home in heaven.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for the wonderful righteous life You have waiting for us in heaven. Help us to run the race every day of our lives until we can be with You in heaven. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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

(Show the review 2TIM01ECGF1 picture.) Paul knew that God would be taking him home to heaven soon. Paul was suffering in prison, but he never got discouraged and quit loving Jesus or preaching about Him because he had endurance in ministry.

(Show the 2TIM04ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote to Timothy, "I have finished the race in my life. I didn't quit or give up no matter how hard it got. I finished the race." Have you ever seen a running race, like Bloomsday, where there is a start line and a finish line? Everyone lines up at the start line; and when the signal is given, everyone starts running as fast as they can. Some run fast and some run slowly, but everyone is running the race. If it is a long race, some people get tired and begin walking. They keep walking, though, because they want to finish the race. If it is a very long race, some people can't finish. They sit down by the side of the road and rest. They can't finish the race, so they won't get a T-shirt or prize. The ones who cross the finish line will get a reward, a prize that is given to all who finish the race.

(Show the 2TIM04ECGF2 picture.) Those who finished the running race in Paul's day received a wreath of green leaves and flowers to put on their heads or around their necks. This was like a crown, a special prize for the winners of the race. Paul said, "I have finished the race of my life. I have fought the good fight. I have kept the faith. Now I am ready to see Jesus."

(Show the 2TIM04ECGF3 picture.) Paul said, "When I see Jesus, I know He will have a prize for me—a reward—for finishing His race. God will give me perfect righteousness forever and ever. I will never suffer again. I will never be cold or lonely or sad. I will always be with the One I love the most—Jesus. And this wonderful prize of righteousness is not just for me to receive because I am an apostle. It is for everyone who loves Jesus and longs to be with Him in heaven. This is the reward for everyone who finishes the race by obeying God while they live here on earth.

(Show the 2TIM04ECGF4 picture.) Paul wrote to Timothy, "I have preached the truth about Jesus. Now I want you to fight the good fight by preaching the truth about Jesus, too. There will be people who would rather listen to made-up stories than God's Word. They will turn away from listening to the truth because they don't really want godliness. They would rather keep on doing what they want and being selfish.

(Point to Timothy in the 2TIM04ECGF4 picture.) "But you, Timothy, keep preaching the gospel of Jesus no matter how many people turn away. Be ready at all times to tell people what God says is right. Correct those who are teaching made-up stories. Hold on to the faith that you have learned from us.

(Show the 2TIM04ECGF5 picture.) "Now please try to come see me before winter and bring Mark with you. Bring my heavy coat I left at Troas so I will be warm this winter. Things are not easy for me right now; most of the time I am alone. But when I went to court to defend myself so that I could get out of jail, Jesus stood right at my side. The Lord gave me strength to stand right up and boldly preach the gospel to all the Roman Gentiles in the court room. More Roman Gentiles have heard about Jesus now than ever before. God has kept me alive so far to preach to Gentiles, and I know that God will be with me until He takes me safely home to heaven."

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for the wonderful, righteous life You have waiting for us in heaven. Help us be like Paul and Timothy who loved and obeyed You every day of their lives even though they suffered for it. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

- 1. Who was cold and lonely and in prison?** *(Paul)*
- 2. Who did Paul write his letter to asking him to bring him a coat and his scroll writings?**
(Timothy)
- 3. Who gets the prize of righteousness in heaven for finishing the race?** *(Paul, anyone who loves Jesus and longs to be with Him)*

Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

- 1. When people ran a race in Paul's day, what reward did they get if they finished or won the race?** *(A wreath made of leaves and flowers to wear on their heads or around their necks)*
- 2. What reward did Paul say Christians will receive if they finish the race by loving and longing to be with Jesus?** *(Those who love Jesus and long to be with Him will receive a righteous life forever with Him in heaven.)*
- 3. What did Paul tell Timothy to do when people turned away from God's Word to listen to made-up stories?** *(Keep preaching God's Word; correct those who are sinning)*
- 4. What did Paul do when he went to court to try to get out of jail?** *(He preached boldly about Jesus and trusted God to take care of him until he went to be with Jesus in heaven.)*



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Write the **Aim Questions** on colored circles and attach them to ribbons that are long enough to be worn as a necklace. Call on a child to answer the question you read from the circle, and when it is answered (with anyone's help), put the ribbon around that child's neck.
- Snack Suggestion:** Set up three or four obstacles for the children to go over, around or through. They may sit down at the snack table as a reward for finishing the obstacle course.
- Transition Idea:** As the children change from one place or activity to another, announce who is ready--first, second, third, fourth, etc. Continue until everyone is ready. They all finished getting ready!
- "Finish the Race" Activity Page: (2TIM04ECGF1 and 2TIM04ECGF7)** Copy a GF1 page on cardstock for each child. The children may color their pages, if desired. Give each child the six GF7 circles with the FINISH letters inside. Punch holes in the tops of each of the circles. Have the children string the circles onto a 12-inch piece of yarn. Staple the ends of the yarn at the ends of the finish line on the GF1 picture. If there is time, sound out the letters in the word "finish." Talk about what it means to finish a race. Talk about how Paul was getting old and was almost finished with his ministry race. He finished the race by obeying God and preaching the gospel even though he suffered in jail for it.
- "Teach the Bible" Activity Page: (2TIM04ECGF4, 2TIM04ECGF6 and 2TIM03ECGF8)** Copy a GF4 page for each child, a set of GF8 pictures, and the GF6 Memory Verse from this week's lesson. Young children can glue a Memory Verse on the page to remind them that Paul told Timothy to keep teaching God's true words. Older children can talk about what Paul meant when he said that some people wanted false teachers to "tickle their ears." They can glue on the "False Teacher" label, the "lies" label, and the ear as they work. Sing "Tickle My Ears" to reinforce the point.
- Paul's Winter Coat: (2TIM04ECGF6 and 2TIM04ECGF9)** Have the children make paper bag coats to represent the coat that Paul asked Timothy to bring. The children could wear the coat as they play in the "prison" that was set up at the beginning of the 2 Timothy study.
 1. Lay a grocery bag flat with the opening at the bottom. Use scissors to cut up the center of the bag.
 2. Cut a round opening into the top of the bag for the child's neck. Cut out round arm holes in each side of the bag.
 3. Staple two 6-inch ribbons or yarn at the top of the bag to tie the "coat" closed.
 4. Staple or glue the GF6 Memory Verse onto the front of the coat and then have the children decorate the coat using GF9 pictures, crayons, markers, stamps, stickers, paint.
- Memory Verse Review:** Share different musical instruments among the children as you sing the Memory Verse Song. Try to use different musical instruments than you've used before.
- "Take Paul His Coat!" Race:** Find two big, bulky winter coats to bring to class. Have Paul (a leader) sit on the floor at the opposite end of the room or ten to twenty yards away outside. Divide the class in half and give a coat to each team. On the signal, "ready, set, go," have the first child in each team carry his team's coat to Paul. Which team was first? Have Paul thank both team members. He sends them back with the coats for the next two runners to see who can get their coat to Paul first. Repeat until everyone has had a turn.

Relay Races: On one side of the room place a piece of green tape on the floor for the starting line. Place a piece of red tape on the floor on the opposite side of the room for the finish line. Have the children pair up and do wheelbarrow walks (their feet held while their hands do the walking) from the starting line to the finish line. “You have to make it to the finish line no matter how hard it gets; you have to finish the race just like Paul. Paul said, ‘I have finished the race of my life. I have fought the good fight. I have kept the faith.’” The younger children may do crab walking or jumping. Girls in dresses can “push” the wheelbarrows.

“Running A Race” Finger Play: *Demonstrate the positions for “on your mark” and “get set” before you begin the finger play.*

It’s time to get ready.

We’re running a race!

Get down and tie your shoes. *(Pretend to tie shoes)*

Stand up and stretch your arms. *(Stretch arms to the ceiling)*

Bend over and grab your toes. *(Touch toes trying to keep legs straight)*

Are we ready to run?

Get down on one knee! *(Down on one knee)*

On your mark, get set, GO!

Run, run as fast as you can! *(Run in place)*

Run up hills. *(Groan!)*

Run down hills. *(“Whee!”)*

Here comes the finish line!

We all won! *(“Yay!”)* *(Throw hands in the air)*

④ **Timothy and Mark Find Each Other:** Cut postcards or other colorful pictures in half. Put Paul (leader) in the classroom prison. Pass out the mixed-up pictures to the children and ask them not to show anyone what they have. On a signal from the teacher, Timothy and Mark find each other by asking and showing their pictures to everybody. When their picture halves match, they both take their completed picture to Paul in prison who is thankful they arrived and gives them a hug or high five.

Songs:

Bible Themes Song *(tune: “Bible Songs 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)

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)*

2nd Timothy Theme Song *(tune: “My Country Tis of Thee”)*

Paul wrote Second Timothy in 66 AD to Tim-o-ty.

Paul was in jail in Rome

Far away from his home.

The the-eme is endu-u-rance i-in ministry.

Tickle My Ears (tune: "Skip to My Lou")

Teacher could bring a large feather or clean feather duster and tickle children's ears as the song is sung.

False teachers "tickle your ears."

False teachers "tickle your ears."

False teachers "tickle your ears."

They tell you what you want to hear.

Clap and Sing Song: (tune: "Yankee Doodle") Sing through two times and clap hands in rhythm.

Everybody clap and sing.

We can always sa-ay,

"Jesus is alive, and He

Is with us every da-ay."

Be Bold

Be bold (echo)

Be strong (echo)

For the Lord our God is with you.

Endure (echo)

Like Paul (echo)

For the Lord our God is with you.



Took:

Bible Scroll: (2TIM04ECGF5 and 2TIM04ECGF6) Materials needed: One 8/12" x 14" piece of white paper, 2 chopsticks, tape, rubber band, GF6 Memory Verse. Tape the two chopsticks at the two short ends of the paper. Glue the Bible verse onto one side of the paper. Roll both ends as tightly as you can toward each other. Secure with a rubber band. Show the GF5 page and explain that Paul was writing God's words as he wrote his letter to Timothy on a scroll.

Wreath Crown: (2TIM04ECGF6) Materials needed: two strips cardstock 11" x 1 1/2", stapler or clear tape, silk leaves and small flowers pulled from the stems, GF6 Memory Verse. Tape or staple one end of the strips together; measure the child's head to know how big the crown needs to be. Tape or staple the second two ends together. Have the children glue or staple the GF6 Memory Verse to the crown. Then have them choose some leaves and flowers they like from a pile in the center of the table. Put lots of short pieces of tape on the edge of the table for them to take to tape their chosen greenery to the crown. Tape the flowers and leaves at the top and at the bottom to keep them from flopping. Flat flowers work the best. Put the finished wreath on their heads; and if you have a mirror, have them look in it. What does the wreath stand for? (Prize for finishing a race in Paul's day)

God's Word Is True: Bring 4-5 small containers (35 mm film containers work well). Add the following to the containers as the children watch you: rice, pebbles, pennies, cotton balls, marbles, sand. (You may want to tape the containers shut that hold the sand and rice.) Have the children listen to the sound each makes as the container is filled. After the containers are filled, have the children shake the containers and see if they can remember what was inside. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul told Timothy some people would want their ears tickled and not listen to God's true words. Sometimes it's difficult to know when someone is telling us a lie, just like it is difficult to figure out what is in these containers. But if we listen carefully to the Bible, we will learn what is true because God's Word is always true.

Preschool Page for Parents: (2TIM04ECPPP) 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.



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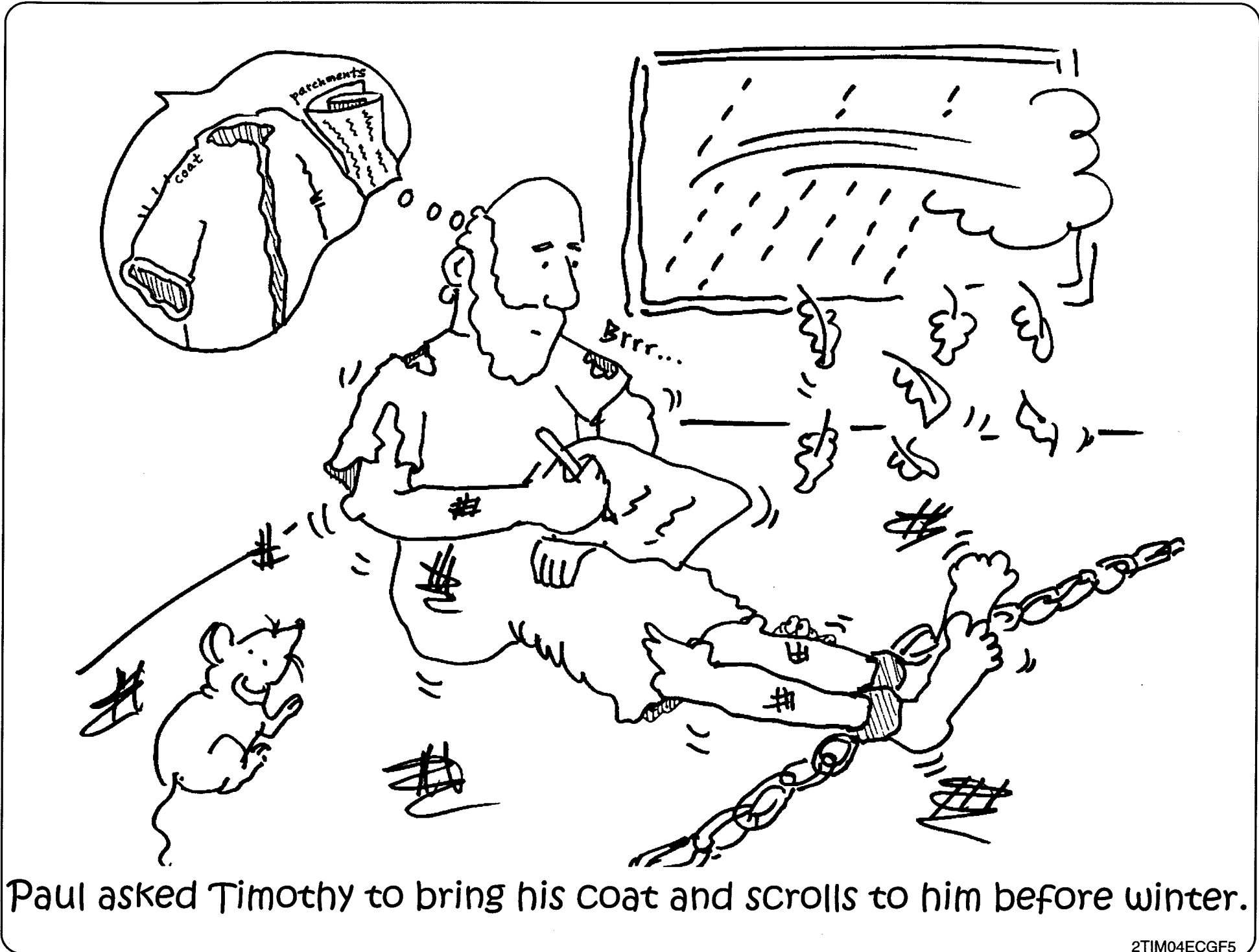
Those who finish a race receive a crown or garland as a prize.



Believers will receive a crown of righteousness as a reward.



Keep teaching God's truth. Don't "tickle people's ears" with lies.



Paul asked Timothy to bring his coat and scrolls to him before winter.

So do not be ashamed
to testify about our Lord.

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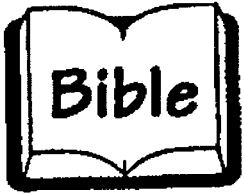
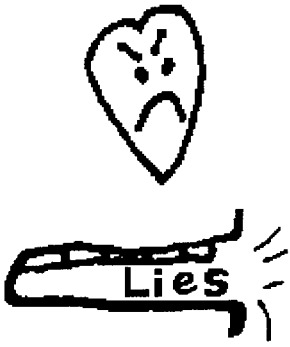
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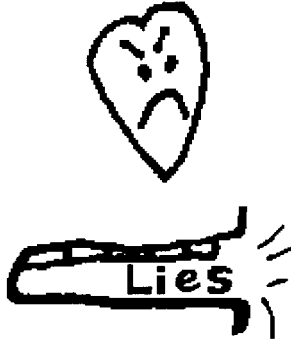
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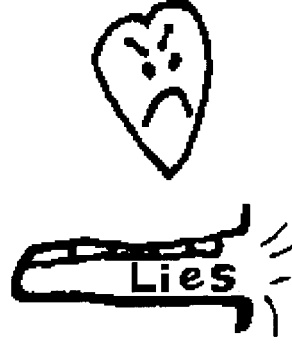
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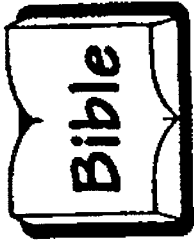
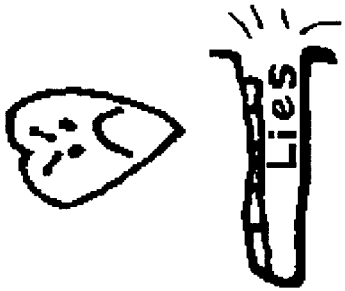
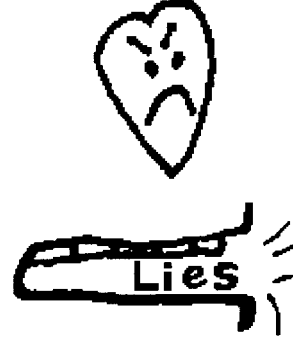
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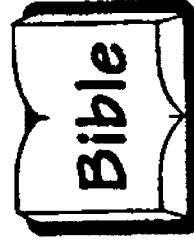
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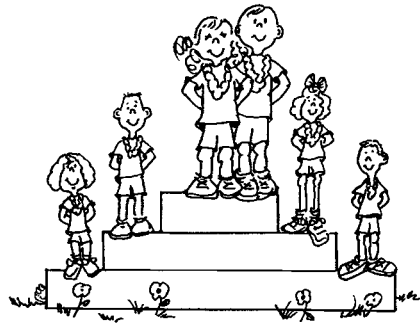
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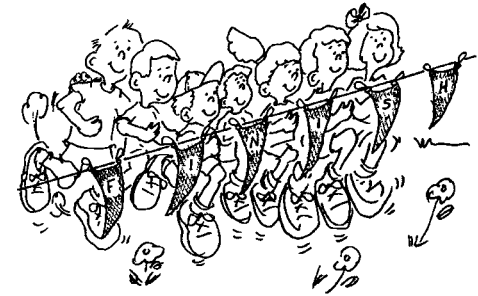
This is what I learned today!

Today we learned Paul had endurance in ministry. He never gave up preaching about Jesus no matter how hard it got. Paul wrote to Timothy about running a race. The people who finish the running race get a reward. In Paul's day they received a wreath of green leaves and flowers. Today, we might get a T-shirt or prize if we are in a running race. Paul had finished his ministry race. He had fought the good fight and kept the faith. He was ready to see Jesus. Paul's prize would be perfect righteousness forever with Jesus. Perfect righteousness is the reward for everyone who finishes the race by obeying God while they live here on earth.

2 Timothy Memory Verse

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

Finish the Race



Young children love to "run a race" in this way: The parent says, "On your mark, get set" and the child gets down on one knee. The parent says, "Go!" and the child runs to a designated spot and back. A child will enjoy this activity over and over. Paul was not in a running race, but when he finished his life, his prize was to go see Jesus in heaven and receive a crown of righteousness.

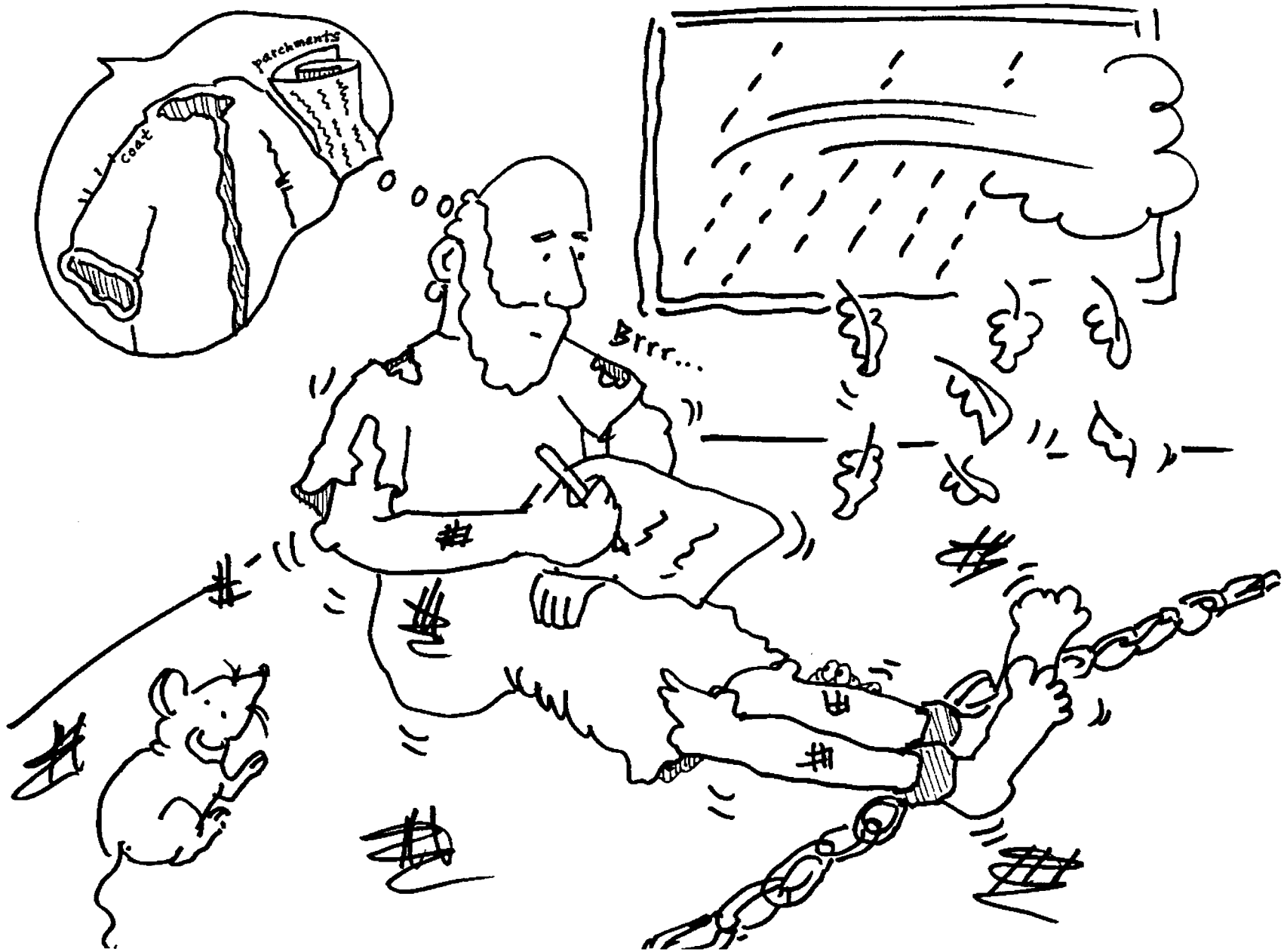
"Running a Race" Activity

It's time to get ready. We're running a race!
Get down and tie your shoes.
Stand up and stretch your arms.
Bend over and grab your toes.
Are we ready to run?
Get down on one knee--on your mark, get set, GO!
Run, run as fast as you can!
Run up hills. (Groan) Run down hills. ("Whee!")
Here comes the finish line!
We all won! ("Yay!")

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.

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



Paul's ministry race was almost over. He had endurance to the end.