

We are Young
Wk 1 of 2: Prove It
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

The goal of today's lesson is to inspire middle school students to take bold steps in living out God's calling in their lives.

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 4:12 & 15

THINK ABOUT THIS

Some adults look down on middle school students. Let's be honest, many middle school students look down on themselves. Timothy was a young Christian who Paul believed in so much that he wrote him letters to encourage him, which became books in the Bible! We believe in middle school students and more importantly, so does God. By studying Paul's words to Timothy in the Bible, we hope middle school students will believe that they are difference makers through the power of God's Spirit.

GOSPEL MOMENT

Jesus sees a lot of potential in you; even when you were at your WORST Jesus saw the potential in you to shine His light and love. The problem was our SIN kept us from the best life God had for us, so Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin, forgive us, and...WHEN we believe in Him, our relationship with God is restored and we become bearers of His light and love.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide

CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

If you want to make a difference, prove you can.

GET THEM TALKING

What are some ways adults look down on middle school students?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who can share a time where an adult believed in you?
2. What difference did that make to you?
3. Is there another middle school student you look up to?
4. Why do you look up to them?

READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:12 and answer the following questions:

5. What are the 5 different ways Paul said Timothy could set an example?
6. As a group, come up with 2 different ways to live out each example from Paul's list:
 - a. We can be an example in what we say by:
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - b. We can be an example in how we live by:
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - c. We can be an example in how we love by:
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - d. We can be an example in our faith by:
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - e. We can be an example in our purity by:
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____

READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:15 and answer the following questions:

7. In your own words, what is this Bible verse saying?
8. How can we apply this verse to our own lives?

NEXT STEP

Encourage your students to pick 1 or 2 of the examples your group listed above to live out this week. Leaders, if you have a Group Me or group text, send this list out as a visual reminder to your group.

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students their prayer requests and close in prayer.

Close your time together in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12 (NLT)

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

1 TIMOTHY 4:15 (NLT)

Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress.