



UNIQUENESS | WEEK 4 | FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Elementary Lesson

Right Now

Monthly Virtue: Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference.

Bible Story: Right Now (Timothy) • 1 Timothy 4:12

Key Question: Who has made a difference in your life?

Basic Truth: I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.

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 (NIV)*

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever thought about what makes you, you? We all have different backgrounds, families, or favorite colors. We all enjoy different sports, foods, vacations, and have different friends and experiences in life. Even twins have different fingerprints! Together, all of those pieces make up who we are. But we can't understand who we are and what we were created to do without first understanding the way God sees us. Every single one of us was created in the image of God. But even as image bearers, we were created as unique. There is only one you, and this month we have the chance to explore how God can use the ways we were created to make a difference.

Key Question: Who has made a difference in your life?

Is there someone in your life who has always been encouraging or who has helped you out of sticky situations more than a time or two? God has put people in our lives not just for our own enjoyment but so that we can make a difference to those we interact with. Our hope is that as preteens think through this question, they will be able to recognize the people in their lives they too can impact.

We end the month in 1 Timothy 4:12, where we learn about Timothy and the work he did with Paul. Timothy was young, and he could have let that stop him from helping Paul carry out the mission of sharing Jesus with others. Yet Timothy chose to be brave and let God use him to teach others about Jesus in spite of his age.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors
Open
9:15/11:00

Large Group
Starts
9:35/11:20

Small Group
Starts
10:05/11:50

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

LGL: “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

(SLIDE: BAPTISM) *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!”

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don’t dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

ROCK PAPER SCISSORS

(No Supplies)

All this month we are talking about what makes you, YOU! In other words, uniqueness.

(SLIDE: VIRTUE) Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference.

God has made each and every one of you, and each of you are different in many ways. However, there is one thing that makes us all the same, and that is that we are all made in God’s Image. We are going to talk about that some more later, but for now let’s check out our verse for the month.

(SLIDE: 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.” *Psalms 139:14 (NirV)*

Take a minute to explain that ‘Psalms’ is a book in the Old Testament, and that the first number means ‘chapter’ and the second one means ‘verse’. ‘NirV’ is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn’t originally written in English! There are different translations.

More on that later, but for now, let’s play a game.

(SLIDE: ROCK PAPER SCISSORS)

(SLIDES: ROCK PAPER OR SCISSOR SLIDES IN RANDOM ORDER)

HOW TO PLAY

- This is a simple game of Rock, Paper, Scissors but against the screen.
- When the game leader says "Rock, Paper, Scissors..." players make their chosen hand motions. Then, randomly display one of the game slides.
- If a player loses against the screen, they must sit down. Continue until there is one last winning player standing.

"That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let's worship God!"

WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: READY SET MOVE, THAT'S WHO I PRAISE)

BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

I have a quick question—when have you been told you were too little or too young to do something? Take a moment to chat about that with the person next to you. *(Pause)*

Maybe it's when you weren't tall enough to ride a ride at the Fair, or you wanted to stay home while your mom ran errands, or maybe it was when you KNEW you were too young to drive a car!

No one likes to feel like they're so young or so small that they can't do anything fun. No one likes to feel insignificant like that. That's a big word, but maybe you've been told you're too young so many times that you started thinking, 'Is there ANYTHING I can do while I'm young?' And if you've ever found yourself asking that or thinking that way, I'm glad you're here.

"We love questions around here. Questions give us a chance to discover something new about God, others, and even ourselves. And the best place for us to start when we have a question is the Bible. In the Bible, we can read about people who had similar questions about life and discovered answers as they went through life with God. And in the Bible, there is a story about a great person who can help us with our questions about what we can do while we're young. Let's head there now..."

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 5 MIN)

Like we talked about earlier, all of us at some point or another feel too young or inexperienced for something. Maybe somebody has even told you that you're too young to make a difference. But think about all the ways Paul told Timothy he could make a difference.

"He could set an example in what he said. Think about the way you use your words. Do you have some people in your life who you could be a good example to them on how to use words to build up rather than tear down? You don't have to wait to make wise choices with the sorts of things you say! You can do that right now!"



“Paul also told Timothy to set an example in how he lived. Think about the choices you make in your life. Do you have some people in your life who could use an example of what it means to live life with wisdom? There’s no minimum age for making wise choices and showing others what it means to trust God and follow Jesus. You can do that right now!

“Finally, Paul told Timothy to set an example in how he loved. How do you treat the people around you? Do you have some people in your life who can use an example of what it looks like to love other people even when they are hard to love? Again, no matter how old you are, you can always show kindness and love to others. You can do that . . . RIGHT NOW!

“Those three categories just scratch the surface. Paul made a difference in Timothy’s life, and as a result Timothy was able to make a difference in the lives of countless others. So, just think about all the ways you can follow Jesus and make a difference with your life! Who knows the sort of impact your life can have on others if you choose to share Jesus’ love with others, not someday, but RIGHT NOW! It’s like our Basic Truth says...

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.

Ok, let’s turn to the person next to us and answer our Key Question for today.

(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) ‘Who has made a difference in your life?’

Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don’t try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.

“Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1....

“I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let’s pray.

Dear God, thank you for making us in your image so we can reflect your love and glory to the world around us. I pray that we are faithful with the gifts and talents you’ve given us and use them to bring people to you. Amen.

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS



SMALL GROUP

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TALK ABOUT IT (K-5th)

There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.

Key Question: ‘Who has made a difference in your life?’

(Answers will vary: lead kids to talk about important people in their life and some of the life lessons that those people have taught them)

LOOK IT UP (K-5th)

Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.

Look Up: **1 Timothy 4:12**

Say: “The book of Timothy is in the New Testament and is a part of the ‘Letters’ written by Paul.”

PRACTICE IT (K-5th)

(Index Cards – 5-10 per group, pens/pencils)

What You Do:

- Work together to create a set of scenario cards (using the index cards) that outline situations where kids might feel “too young” or inexperienced. Examples include:
 - Trying out for a sports team.
 - Helping with a family event or gathering.
 - Organizing a school project with classmates.
 - Taking care of younger siblings.
- Divide the students into small groups of 3-5. Ensure each group has access to the scenario cards.
 - *Unless you lead a K-1st group. Instead, work together as one group through this activity. Be sure to talk through the scenario and assign different people to play different roles. See the example below.*
- Each group will draw a scenario card from the pile.

- Give them 3 minutes to discuss the scenario and decide how to act it out. They should focus on how they might feel if they thought they were “too young” and how they could respond positively to the situation by leading by example.
 - For example, if they chose a scenario about leading a class presentation/project - they can act that the different people in the group were a little scattered and no one wanted to go first. You can lead by example by helping your group organize themselves by what people are good at and volunteering to go first, even if it’s a little scary!
- Have each group present their scenario through a brief role-play to the rest of the class. Encourage creativity and teamwork!

What You Say

- “What did you notice in your role-play? How did your words affect others?”
- “Can you identify a time when someone encouraged you when you felt too young? How did it make you feel?”
- “How can we use our faith and actions to help each other when we’re feeling inexperienced?”

“Remember, just like Paul told Timothy, we can be examples of love, faith, and good choices in our everyday lives. It’s important to lift each other up and recognize that even though we may feel ‘too young,’ we play a vital role in our community!”

GET STRONGER (K-5th)

(Memory Verse Poster)

What You Do:

- Review the monthly verse, giving anyone who has memorized it a chance to share it.
- Recite the verse together, but have one kid at a time choose HOW you are going to say it (robot voice, whisper, with a French accent, etc.)
- Repeat a few times together.

PRAYER

“Dear God, thank you that you have made a way for us to have a relationship with you through your son, Jesus. Thank you that you’ve given us gifts and talents to share that Good News with others! Amen.