

2 Timothy 2:8-13 Lesson 6 For King and Country

Welcome and Play Time 10 Min

These lessons are designed for 2-6 year olds. Don't be discouraged if your kids don't seem to be completely focused on every word you say. Our goal with these lessons is to plant seeds in their hearts and to water seeds that have been planted previously. Consider that you are building into their spiritual foundation and it won't all happen in one hour! Pick a small phrase or point in the lesson and repeat it frequently to help drive home what you really want them to leave with and let God cause the growth.

Use this time as people are arriving for the kids to get comfortable with each other and settled in so that Mom and Dad can enjoy small group.

Bible Lesson Activities 20 Min

Activity 1 - Who is our King? We've been talking about enduring (staying strong through hard times) over the past few weeks. Do you ever wonder why we do this? Why would we want to do hard things? The first reason is that Jesus endured them for us.

Have kids stand up and ask the kids questions with energy and hand motions. Have them answer "Jesus" after each question with energy and excitement!

- Who spoke in the beginning and created the world? (cup hands over mouth, then make the shape of the world with your hands) "Jesus"
- Who came as a baby to save the world? (cradle a baby in your arms) "Jesus"
- Who died on a cross to save our sins? (put your arms out like on a cross) "Jesus"
- Who rose again on the third day? (make your hands rise) "Jesus"
- Who is preparing a place for us in heaven? (point up to the sky) "Jesus"

Let your older helpers do the activity again and allow the repetition of the truths sink in.

Activity 2: Who are our countrymen?

When you live in the same place as people you are their "countrymen". What country do we live in? (USA) That makes us "Americans". People who love and believe in Jesus are called "Christians" and belong to the "Church".

Jesus wants us to endure hard things so that our "countrymen" or other Christians may know Jesus's love. One way we can show love is by sharing with each other. We need to love people more than things.

Practice sharing books and toys. Encourage everyone to be good at sharing and thinking of their friends first before themselves.



Bible Reading Time & Scripture Memory 10 Min

Have a small snack for the kids like pretzels or cheerios to help encourage quiet mouths and listening ears. Pray and thank God for the snacks and for being our King. Don't be afraid to just read the word to them. These kiddos memorize naturally through hearing the word, and we want them to be familiar with the word they will use later.

Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13 (ESV) Read from a Bible if you have one available

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Discuss with the children what the verses mean. The last couple of weeks we've learned what kind of learners God would like us to be. He wants us to stick with it like a soldier, play fair like an athlete and work hard like a farmer. This week Paul wants to make sure we remember why we're doing all of this!! **Who does Paul ask Timothy to remember?** (Jesus) **What were some of the things that we need to remember about Jesus?** (any of the statements from activity 1) **Who else do we endure for?** (the Church, Christians, our countrymen) **What is a good way to show people that we love them?** (sharing with them, taking care of them, helping, telling them about Jesus) If we do these things then it shows that we love and believe Jesus and that we are Christians. It proves we are citizens in a place where Jesus is King!

One of the best ways to remember Jesus and love others is memorizing God's Word. It is truth about Jesus and comfort to Christians. Last week we learned a verse. Can anyone say their verse? (2 Timothy 2:3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.)

Would you like to learn another one?

**It is a trustworthy statement:
For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him.
2 Timothy 2:11**

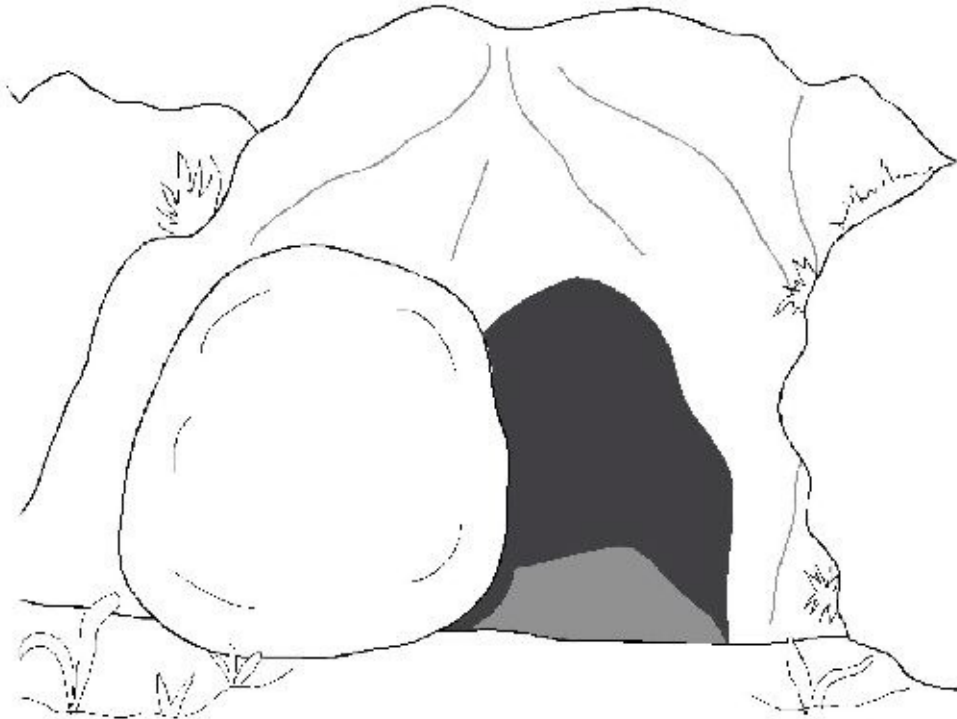
Coloring Sheet 10 Min

Have older children help the younger children with their coloring sheet. Talk about the Bible reading as you color. Help reinforce the Bible verse and what it means as they color.

Closing/Clean Up 5 Min

Clean up and make sure everyone has shoes on, coloring sheets in hand and everything is put back in the room. Be encouraged. 2 Tim 2:9 shows that Paul is limited by chains, but the Word of God is not. You might feel limited in your ability, performance, attention span of the kids, but the Word of God will not be limited by any of those things. Today you have invested in eternity!

HE IS RISEN



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