

## Welcome and Play Time 10 Min

These lessons are generally designed for 2-6 year olds, but if you have older children in your group, be intentional with them this week about taking the lead with the younger ones. The lesson today is simple: Pass it on! The message of God must be passed to the faithful (and, as emphasized today) by the faithful. Every time the older children take the lead in this setting (even a small portion), they are learning to “fight the good fight” that they might “finish the course” and “keep the faith”. Challenge them. Make it fun!

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 - Good Soldiers** - This week’s lesson centers around the wisdom from a seasoned soldier. Many of us may never see a physical battle field, but we are all at war and soldiers in the army of the Lord.

### Sing: I’m in the Lord’s Army



I may never march in the infantry, ride in the calvary, shoot to the artillery

I may never zoom over the enemy, cause I’m in the Lord’s army - YES SIR!

I’m in the Lord’s army - YES SIR! I’m in the Lord’s army - YES SIR! (Repeat all)

**Activity 2 - Pass the Baton** - In the passage this week Paul is passing his ministry off to Timothy much like a runner passes the baton. Set up some kind of obstacle course in your room and line the kids up for a relay race. Use pillows, blankets, toys or tickles as obstacles in the course and have the first child run through with the baton and pass it off to the next child. Continue until all the children have run through or everyone is flat on their back tired!



**Activity 3 - Prizes** - Use the template provided to make crowns for the kids (or stop by a certain fast food chain that provides them). Let kids color and decorate their crowns.

## 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 giving us His Words so that we may share it with others. Read the Word straight through and then give yourself time to discuss after you've read the whole passage.

### Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NASB) Read from a Bible if you have one available

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Discuss with the children what the verses mean.** This is a pretty serious time for Paul. He is locked up as he writes these words and as Timothy feels the pain of his calling, Paul offers these words of comfort like an old P.O.W. **What is Paul saying is going to happen to him?** (*He's going to die - "time of departure has come"*) Paul has been Timothy's example. He has fulfilled his purpose faithfully. He has fought long and hard with the truth that NEVER changes. Because of this, **what does he say about the prize he will receive?** (*crown of righteousness*). This is SO much better than ANYTHING you could get from ANYONE on earth. Do you know why? Because Jesus the Son of God gives it! Are you excited that He is coming soon?

Memorizing scripture keeps our minds fit for the race we need to run. Scripture memory shows we take God's Word seriously. Does anyone know the verse from last week? (*2 Timothy 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.*) Lets learn another one!

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 2 Timothy 4:7**

## Coloring Sheet 10 Min

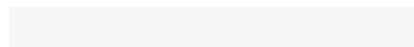
Have older children help the younger children with their coloring sheet. Talk about the Bible reading as you color. Help reinforce the Bible verse and what it means as they color.

## 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. Praise God for allowing you this opportunity to be poured out and find abiding joy in Him alone!



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I HAVE FINISHED THE COURSE,  
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH;  
2 TIMOTHY 4:7**



CROWN TEMPLATE  
(PRINT AND COLOR)

