

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What does it take to be a good church leader?
- Who are the leaders in your church?
- How can you love and support the leaders of your church?

Letters to Church Leaders

1-2 Timothy; Titus

STORY POINT: PAUL TOLD CHURCH LEADERS TO TRUST AND OBEY GOD.

The early church grew, spreading out in different cities as more and more people heard the gospel and trusted in Jesus. The believers met together, and leaders taught them about God and about how Christians should live.

Paul wrote letters to some of the leaders in the church. Two of these leaders were Timothy and Titus.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul reminded him not to let anyone look down on him because he was young. Paul said, "Be an example of what a believer says and does."

Being a leader in the church is not easy. Paul told Timothy that God had chosen him to lead. Paul wrote, "Do not be afraid to suffer for the Lord."

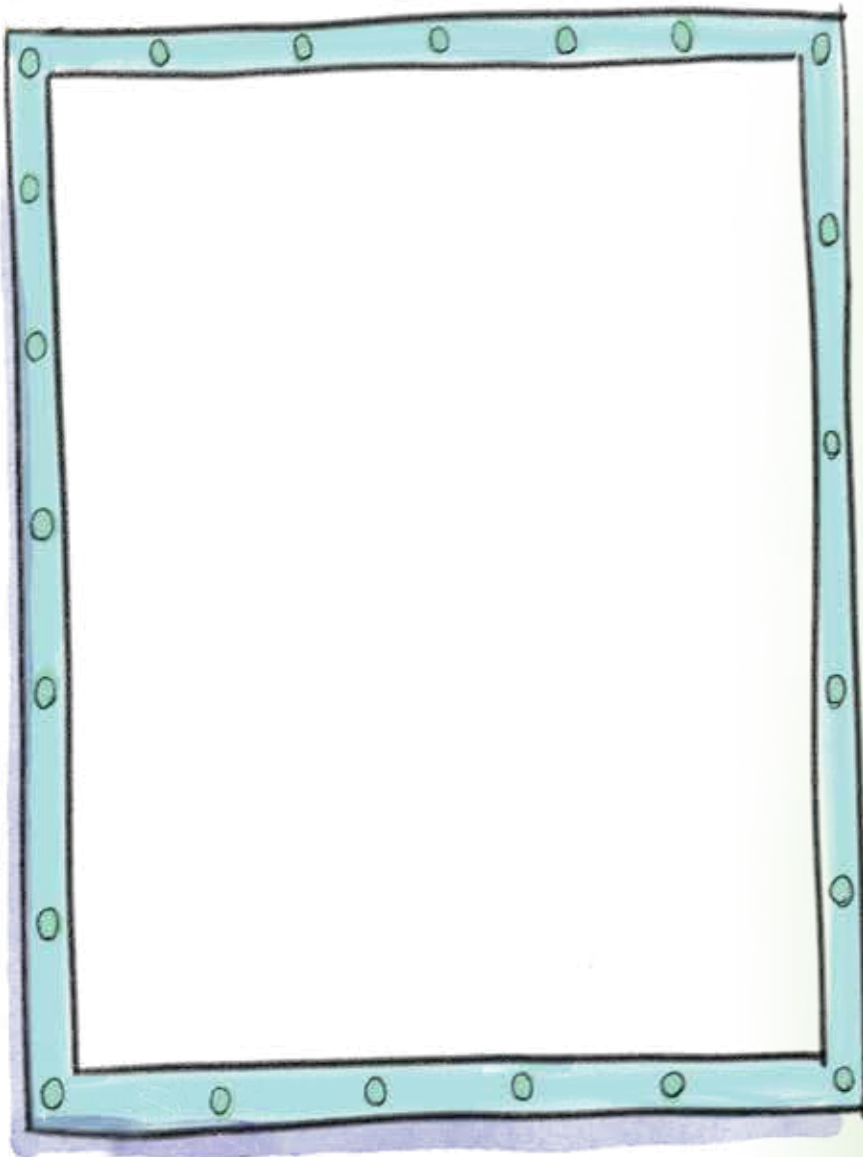
When Paul wrote to Titus, he explained why believers should live in a way that pleases God.

Paul explained that God is gracious to sinners. God gave us what we do not deserve when He provided the way for people to be saved from sin. Because of this, we want to do what is right. We want to live in ways that please God.



Christ Connection: Paul wrote to guide Timothy and Titus and to help all church leaders know how to lead God's people. Church leaders help believers know what is true, and they serve the church by following the example of Jesus, who served us by dying on the cross for our sins.

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My Church Leaders

Draw a picture of a leader in your church. List what you have learned from him or her. Do you have any questions to ask?

Timothy or Titus?

Find and read the Scripture references in your Bible. Circle the phrases that relate to Timothy and underline the phrases that relate to Titus.

Stayed in Ephesus

Preached with patience

Stayed in Crete

Helped Apollos

Taught by his grandmother and mother

Paul asked him to come to Nicopolis

Young

Paul asked him to bring his cloak and scrolls

Rebuked rebellious people



1 Timothy 1:3
1 Timothy 4:12
2 Timothy 1:5
2 Timothy 4:2
2 Timothy 4:13



Titus 1:5
Titus 1:10-13
Titus 3:12
Titus 3:13