Preschool–Grade 5

The Timothy Craft

From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures · 2 Timothy 1:1–7; 3:14–15 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



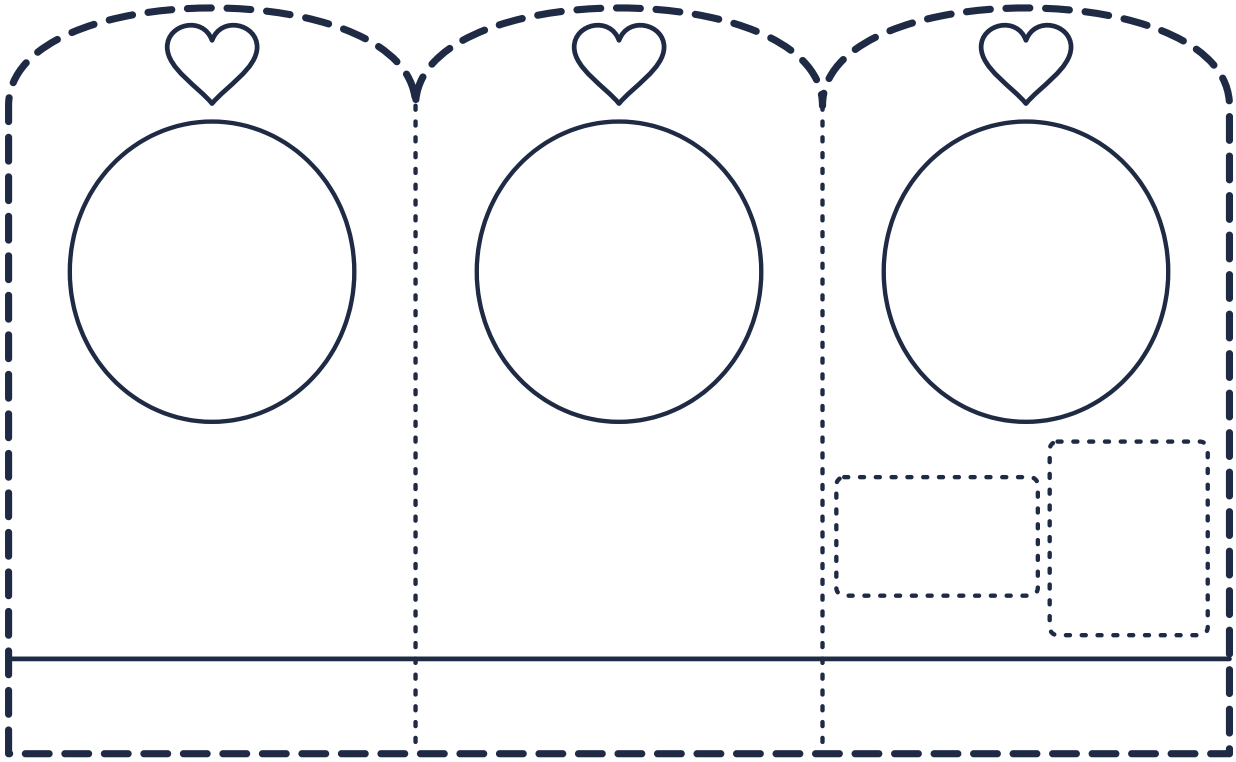
Harder

Both levels are a stand-up of three arched panels, folded in a zigzag, with light yellow walls, brown floors and a red heart at the top of each panel. Kids draw grandmother Lois, mother Eunice and Timothy in the three windows, for the faith that "dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice" and in Timothy also (2 Timothy 1:5). A paper scroll with brown rollers sits under Timothy: "from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures" (3:15). Medium (left): the stand-up. Harder (right): the same with Paul's folded letter tied with red yarn beside the scroll (1:2).

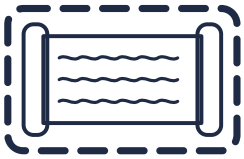
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



stand-up: walls light yellow, floors brown, the three hearts red. Leave the three windows white.



scroll: color the two rollers brown, leave the paper white

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15 (KJV)

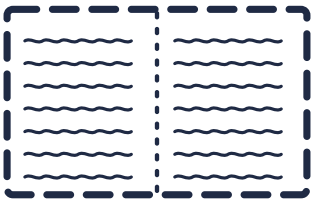
verse strip: glue it on the back of the middle panel

Color each piece the way its label says. Draw grandmother Lois in the left window, mother Eunice in the middle and Timothy in the right. Cut out the stand-up, the scroll and the verse strip. Glue the scroll on the left dotted box under Timothy. Fold on the two dotted lines, one back and one forward, and stand it up.

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✂ Harder level



Paul's letter: leave it white, cut it out, fold it in half on the dotted line

How to add Paul's letter

1. Make the stand-up from page 2 first.
2. Cut out Paul's letter on the dashed line. Leave it white.
3. Fold the letter in half on the dotted line, with the writing rows on the outside.
4. Wrap the red yarn around the folded letter two times and tie it in a bow on the front.
5. Put glue on the back of the letter and press it on the right dotted box under Timothy's window, beside the scroll.
6. Tell it: Paul wrote a letter "To Timothy, my dearly beloved son" (2 Timothy 1:2). He prayed for him "night and day" (1:3) and wrote, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (1:7). He reminded Timothy that "from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures" (3:15). Point to the letter, then to the scroll.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/timothy-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest, so it stands), crayons or markers in light yellow, brown and red, crayons for drawing the people, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and about 12 inches of red yarn per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the stand-up, the scroll and the verse strip ahead of time, and fold the stand-up on its two dotted lines.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and fold the stand-up. Kids color, draw the three people, glue the scroll under Timothy, and glue the verse strip on the back with help.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut, glue and fold. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the stand-up like the medium level. Then add Paul's letter from page 3, folded and tied with red yarn, beside the scroll (2 Timothy 1:2). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** the walls light yellow, the floors brown and the three hearts red. Leave the three windows white.
2. **Draw:** in the left window, draw grandmother Lois. In the middle window, draw mother Eunice. In the right window, draw Timothy as a child (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15).
3. **Color the scroll:** color the two rollers brown and leave the paper white.
4. **Cut:** cut out the stand-up, the scroll and the verse strip on the dashed lines. Don't cut out the windows.
5. **Glue the scroll:** glue it on the left dotted box under Timothy's window.
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the middle panel, and read it together.
7. **Fold:** fold on the two dotted lines, one fold back and one fold forward, so the stand-up zigzags and stands on the table.
8. **Tell it:** the faith dwelt first in grandmother Lois (point to the left heart), then in mother Eunice (the middle heart), and in Timothy also (the right heart, 2 Timothy 1:5). Point to the scroll: "from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures" (3:15).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Who wrote a letter to Timothy? *(Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, 2 Timothy 1:1)*
- What did Paul call Timothy? *("My dearly beloved son," 1:2)*
- When did Paul pray for Timothy? *("Night and day," 1:3)*
- Point to the left heart. Who was Timothy's grandmother? *(Lois, 1:5)*
- Point to the middle heart. Who was Timothy's mother? *(Eunice, 1:5)*
- What hath God not given us? What does He give instead? *(Not the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind, 1:7)*
- Point to the scroll. Since when had Timothy known the holy scriptures? *(From a child, 3:15)*
- Who teaches you God's Word?

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: unfeigned** means real, not pretend; **dwelt** means lived; **dearly beloved** means much loved; **the holy scriptures** means God's Word; **wise unto salvation** means wise about how to be saved; **a sound mind** means a mind that thinks clearly and right.
- **What the Bible says:** 2 Timothy 1:5 names Lois and Eunice and says the faith was in Timothy also, and 3:15 says he knew the holy scriptures from a child. The Bible doesn't describe their home, a scroll's look or Paul's letter's look. The walls, the hearts, the scroll with rollers, the yarn tie and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** each child draws Lois, Eunice and Timothy in the windows. Lois and Eunice have long hair and long dresses with long sleeves; Timothy is a boy with short hair in a long robe.
- **Kids without a believing family:** say plainly that a teacher, a pastor or a friend at church can be their "Lois and Eunice." Never shame a child's family.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut and pre-fold everything. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child point to the three hearts while you say, "Grandma, Mommy, and Timothy too!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Timothy lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/timothy.

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