

Family Theme | **Devoted to Truth** Date | **May 3, 2026**

Study Text | **1 Timothy 1:1—2:7**

**Read the Word:** 1 Timothy 1:1—2:7

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how we can be on guard for false teaching and pray for people.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth:** Believers Grow in Their Understanding of the Bible and Reject False Teaching (1 Timothy 1:1-11)

**APPLY:** Do what helps you grow in your understanding of God's Word and reject all false teaching.

- *What could you do to grow in your knowledge and understanding of God's Word?*
- *What can help us recognize false teaching and defend the true gospel? (Keep learning what the Bible teaches; evaluate what we are taught by comparing it with Scripture; etc.)*
- *Why do you think false teaching is often appealing, even to sincere believers?*
- *In verses 6-7, Paul said some people were confident teachers of the Law yet misunderstood it. How can confidence or charisma sometimes mask error? How can we see through that?*



**Key Truth:** God Saves Undeserving Sinners and Then Uses Them in Ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-20)

**APPLY:** Thank God daily for saving you and using you to advance His kingdom.

- *How should we respond to God for saving us when we did not deserve it?*
- *In what ways has the reality of God's mercy changed the way you view other people who are far from Christ?*

**APPLY:** Be careful to follow sound teaching and avoid being deceived by false teaching.

- *Why is false teaching so dangerous? (It can keep the lost from understanding and believing the true gospel for salvation; it can cause believers to get off track and drift away from the truth; etc.) What are some subtle ways false teaching can begin influencing a church or individual?*
- *How can we lovingly help a fellow believer who is being drawn toward teaching that is not consistent with Scripture?*



## **Key Truth:** Believers Pray for All People, Including Those in Positions of Authority (1 Timothy 2:1-7)

**APPLY:** Pray for all people's needs, including people in positions of authority.

- *What should we pray for those who govern us? (That they will come to know Christ; that they see what is good and right and have wisdom and courage to do it; etc.)*
- *How does praying regularly for our leaders—even the ones we disagree with—shape our attitude toward them and our witness before others?*

**APPLY:** Pray especially for all people to hear and respond to the gospel.

- *What should be included in prayers for the lost?*
- *How does remembering God's desire for all people to be saved (verse 4) influence the way we pray for those far from Christ?*

## **Build a Foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Why is it important to be aware of and on guard against false teaching?
- What are some of the false teachings that happen today?
- What are some tools you have to help you learn and know the truth?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **2 Peter 3:18**

## **Discuss this week's Building Block:**

Jesus taught that His Word would never pass away. In amazing ways, God has protected and preserved the Scripture, and its text has remained accurate and true to the original intent.

## **Everyday Extras:**

Gather some items that have real and fake versions (i.e., real apple/toy apple; real money/fake money; real car/toy car; real diamond/fake diamond; real dog/stuffed animal). Use pictures if necessary and let your child tell you which is real and which is fake. Talk about how sometimes it's easy to spot things that are fake—not the real thing. But there are times when it's more difficult. God wants us to know the truth found in His Word, but Satan wants to deceive us with his false teachings. Remind your child to be aware by learning the truth in God's Word.

## **Preschool Highlights**

Today your child learned Philip was a missionary, which means he told others about Jesus. He loved Jesus and wanted everyone to know about Him. An angel told Philip to go down to a town named Gaza. God had a plan for Philip to tell someone about Jesus. Just like Philip did, we can tell others about Jesus. **We know Everyone Needs Jesus.**