

Making Disciples

Making Disciples - Not too young to minister | 11 | All Ages

• OBJECTIVE •

- + **Head:** Learn that the Bible is full of stories of young people doing great things for God
- + **Heart:** Know that you can do BIG things for God even while you are young
- + **Hands:** Be willing to serve God right now, no matter how old you are

• PRAISE & WORSHIP •

Spend some time in worship as a family. The link below has a playlist of recommended songs, which will cater to all ages, it also has the Sermon video for you to share with your kids.

You can also search for our you tube channel:
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• NOTES •

• INTRODUCTION •

The Bible is filled with stories of children and young people like David, Samuel, the boy with the loaves and fishes doing great things for God. Read the following scriptures about Jeremiah and Timothy (*explain in age appropriate manner*) and watch the videos on the links:

Jeremiah 1:4 -10 <https://youtu.be/1f5erbw-TQc>

Acts 16:1-3 <https://youtu.be/Yw8OJNdEeZk>

1 Timothy 4:11-12 *Command and teach these things. 12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

• MAIN SERMON •

In the past few weeks of this series of Making Disciples we've learned about Missions; the 3 F's and that we are called to fish for men, which is part of the purpose God puts in our lives, as well as the S.A.L.T method to help us minister the Gospel to unbelievers.

You may be feeling that you're too young to do these things or you need to do some growing up and learning before you can minister or share the gospel or even that God only works with adults in the church. Well, from the story about Jeremiah we can see that God appoints us for His special purposes even before we are born and in the story of Timothy we read



that the Apostle Paul recognised potential and he saw that Timothy was already a great example to other believers, even though he was very young.

God has created each of us with a job to do for His Kingdom. He has given us all the talents and gifts that we need as well as the Holy Spirit to be with us and all we have to do is be obedient to do what we hear Him saying. You may be feeling nervous about the work God is calling you to, but be encouraged that Jeremiah felt the same way. Jeremiah thought he was too young and unable to do anything special or important for God, but as we read in Jeremiah 1:7-8 God tells him not to think that way because he has been set apart for the special work. God also reminds Jeremiah that He knows everything about him and that he mustn't be afraid because God promises that He is always with him to do the work.

On the other hand, Paul saw by Timothy's faith and actions that he would be a leader in the church. Timothy, even though he was young, was an example to other believers in how to live a faithful and obedient Christian life. Paul asked Timothy to join him in the mission of spreading the gospel. Timothy knew it was important to show people that he followed Jesus. He knew that his actions had to match his words. Other kids and even adults are watching your words and actions too. The way you speak and behave should be an example of a Godly life. You can show your Christian faith in the love you show to others, in how you praise and worship God as well as in how you practice spiritual disciplines such as reading the Bible and praying for people.

People often say that children are the next generation - the future of the church but actually children are part of the church right now. Paul trained Timothy up to continue the mission work he had started and Timothy was willing and excited to do great things, despite being young. In the same way the leaders at church are training kids up to continue the ministry work, now and in the future. Children have been given exactly the same spiritual gifts that adults receive and with these you can already do big things for God TODAY, for example praying for healing or prophecy to encourage people. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example just like Timothy did.

10 minutes

• MINISTRY TIME | APPLICATION • (all ages)

Take a moment to think about the things you do. Are you a reflection of God's love and grace. Can people see you are a Christian by your words and deeds.

Ask God to show you anything you need to repent of and change. Now ask that the Holy Spirit will remind you daily that you are never too young to minister to others or be an example of a follower of Jesus.

• LET'S PRAY •

Dear Lord, thank you that you like to minister through unexpected people, regardless of age or ability. You look at the reflection of our hearts. Help us to shine your love and grace out to those around us. Remind us that you have known us from before we were born and you go with us wherever we go. May we be excited to do BIG things for God, even when we are young. In Jesus' name, Amen

• RECAP •

God has planned special work for each of us, even before we were born and we can do big things for Him, no matter how old we are. We can even be a Godly example to adults in the way we act and speak

• CHALLENGE •

Think about if you've ever felt too young, or you're too busy with other stuff like sport and homework to do what God has called you to do. Repent and ask God to forgive you for not believing that He can minister through you. Now think of ways that you can be an example and practice it. Do you remember when you stepped out in faith and as you obeyed GOD, you blessed people (prophecy, prayer, gift-giving examples can be shared) Go out and pray for someone or sing a worship song out loud so people can hear you and then tell them about Jesus.



Thus sayeth
THE LORD!



Jer 1:7

Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

