

Sunday School Lesson, August 23, 2026

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Lesson—Home Is Where The Heart Is¹

Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-6; 3:14-16

I. Aim for Change/Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, we will...

1. List characteristics of Timothy's childhood that are conducive to his growth as a faithful witness.
2. Value the home as a training ground for becoming a faithful witness.
3. Adopt practices of home nurture for becoming a faithful witness.

Why This Lesson Matters: People closest to us can influence us either positively or negatively. Paul reminds Timothy of the genuine faith of his mother and grandmother and encourages him to see in them models for his own faith.

Key Verse: *“When I called to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is indeed, which first dwelt in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.” (2 Timothy 1:5, KJV).*

II. Topical Outline of the Lesson

1. Introduction
2. A Family Heritage (2 Timothy 1:1-6)
3. A Grounded Faith (2 Timothy 3:14-16)

III. Prominent Character(s) in the Lesson

Paul: a Jew who persecuted the Christian Church. An encounter with Jesus on the Damascus Road led to his conversion and his zeal for the body of Christ. He preached the gospel to Jews and gentiles alike and emphasized the importance of introducing Jesus to all humanity.

Timothy: Timothy was Paul's apprentice, and his teacher refers to him as his beloved and faithful son in the Lord.

Eunice: She was the mother of Timothy, a Jewish believer who married a Greek man. She was a firm believer in Jesus Christ and brought Timothy up with the same mindset.

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Lois: She was the mother of Eunice and the grandmother of Timothy. She was also instrumental in giving Timothy a strong Christian foundation.

IV. Key Terms in the Lesson (KJV)

<i>Abide</i>	<i>Grace</i>	<i>Mercy</i>	<i>Promise</i>
<i>Serve</i>	<i>Tears</i>		

V. Historical/Biblical Background and Lesson Context

Our lesson text of 2 Timothy is one of the inspired letters that Paul wrote to Timothy, his son in the faith, and it is the last of his writings (67 AD) before he was martyred in Rome. Paul urged him to rekindle his spiritual gift, replace fear with power, love, and a sound mind, and willingly suffer for the gospel, holding on to the truth as a spiritual leader ready to assume the duties of ministry leadership. Although extreme hardship lay ahead, Paul wanted Timothy to continue in the teachings he had learned from the rich spiritual heritage passed down to him by his mother, grandmother and Paul himself.

Second Timothy was written during a time of political upheaval in Rome, when Emperor Nero deflected blame for the destructive fire in the city from himself by accusing and harshly persecuting Christians, which included Paul. Paul's final instructions to Timothy focus on several key principles that Timothy - and believers today - can apply to their lives: enduring and persevering through hardships, remaining faithful to the gospel while handling it accurately, using scripture as the inspired and authoritative source for equipping believers for ministry, and staying prepared to address false teachings and the increasing ungodliness that will mark the last days.

Food for thought/question for consideration: (What have we learned, Charlie Brown?)

With the many challenges that our culture and community face today, it is important that we do all we can to maintain godly lifestyles within our family, nurturing our children in the faith that helped us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Do you have relatives, particularly young ones, or of your own, who are not being nurtured in the faith by being brought to the House of the Lord to learn and grow? Make it your personal mission to bring the next generation along in the faith.

Closing Hymn: *Blessed be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Sunday School Slogan: *To Sunday School to Sunday School, we all should go; we have classes for all ages, help us to grow.*