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Small Stewards – Big Blessings

Biblical Stewardship Lessons for and with Children

(You are encouraged to share this lesson with children in Sunday school openings, classroom devotions, children's worship messages, or other congregational settings. The lesson may also be a family devotion resource with the "Notes to Family" offering family applications and explorations.)

June 2015 Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Pastor and missionary Timothy was once a small steward nurtured by his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. (2 Timothy 1:5) Timothy was a steward of the Word. Before Timothy was blessed to share the Word, he had to know and believe the Word. The Apostle Paul writes to his student and friend Timothy reminding him, that the Word of God makes us "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." (vs. 15)

Hearing, learning, knowing, and believing the Word is always the working of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit had used Timothy's family and Timothy's friend to give Him the promise of salvation. Now Timothy was blessed to share that Word with others.

Many of us, like Timothy, are blessed with family members who brought us to the waters of baptism and who bring us to church and Sunday school to continue to learn about Jesus. While few of us may become pastors or travel as missionaries to other lands, all of us are witnesses to our family and friends. The Holy Spirit helps us share the Good News of Jesus. Many times small children bring big blessings to others by letting them know about the Jesus who died for them and rose again. This summer many of us will be going to vacation Bible school. Is there a friend, neighbor, or classmate that we can invite to come to VBS with us? Can we be a Timothy?

When you join the Young Investors Club and become an important investor in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, you help train pastors and build churches and schools so that children around the world can learn about Jesus. Little Timothy's (and Tina's) today continue to learn from God's Word so that they too are "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Prayer: Let me learn of Jesus now and always so that I might be with Him forever. Amen.

Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Notes to Family

Today's lesson shares the importance of parents and grandparents teaching about Jesus to their children. What do you like about your family going to church together? What other times and places does your family talk about Jesus and His love for you? What does it mean to "continue in what you have learned and firmly believed?" (vs. 14)

Children are important faith-sharers. They are also important LCEF investors. Parents and grandparents, enroll your children as members of Young Investors' Club (Y.I. Club) and surprise them with an occasional (or regular) addition to their account. See your congregations Y.I. Club coordinator or visit www.lcef.org for more information.