

# Mother's Day Match Game

## UPPER ELEMENTARY LESSON PLAN

**Theme:** Giving thanks for our mothers who set a good example by their strong faith in God.

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:5

**Memory Verse:** I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. - 2 Timothy 1:5

## The Children's Sermon

In the Bible, there is a letter that the apostle Paul wrote to a young man named Timothy. In his letter, he praised Timothy for his strong faith in God. He told Timothy that he had seen this same faith in Timothy's grandmother and his mother. No doubt, Timothy developed his own faith by watching these two Godly women.

Many of you children are here in this place today because of the strong faith of your mother. She has brought you here today because she wants you to develop that same faith in God. She wants others to look at you and see the same strong faith in you that they see in her.

Today, we give thanks for our mothers and for the faith that grows in us as we watch the example set by Godly mothers.

Now, let's talk more about this sincere faith legacy. Imagine faith as a tiny seed. Your mom or grandma plants this seed in your heart when they teach you about God, pray

with you, and show you how to live a life that makes God happy. Just like a seed needs water and sunlight to grow, your faith needs love, kindness, and learning more about God to grow big and strong.

Your mom and grandma have a special garden of faith in their hearts. They take care of it every day by talking to God, being kind to others, and following what God says. They have beautiful flowers of faith because they have been taking care of their garden for a long time. Now, they are helping you start your own garden in your heart.

This sincere faith legacy is like a treasure map that leads to a very special treasure. The treasure is not gold or jewels but something much more valuable. It's the love and peace that comes from knowing God. Your mom and grandma are giving you the map by teaching you about God and showing you how to follow Him.

Sometimes, it might seem hard to follow the map. You might not understand everything about God or why we need to do certain things. But remember, your mom and grandma are there to help guide you. They have been following the map for a long time, and they can help you when you have questions or feel lost.

As you grow up, your faith garden will start to grow. You'll learn more about God, and you'll start to see beautiful flowers of love, kindness, and bravery in your heart. These flowers make God very happy, and they make the world a better place.

One day, you might have your own children or help other kids learn about God. You'll be able to share the sincere faith legacy that your mom and grandma shared with you. You'll show them how to plant their own faith seeds and help their gardens grow.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our mothers and for the example they set for us. Help us to live so that others will see the same faith in us that they see in our mothers. Help us to share the sincere faith legacy with everyone we meet. Amen.

Remember, kids, your faith is a beautiful garden that you and your family are growing together. Take care of it, and one day, you'll share your own sincere faith legacy with the world.

## Bible Memory Verse

**I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. - 2 Timothy 1:5**

You Will Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into large heart shapes, one for each child.
- Set up a crafting station with scissors, glue, markers/crayons, and stickers.

Do This:

1. Have each child select a heart and write the memory verse on one side using markers or crayons. Encourage them to decorate around the verse with drawings or stickers that remind them of family and faith.
2. On the other side of the heart, ask them to write or draw about someone in their family who has shown them faith, like Timothy's grandmother Lois and mother Eunice. It could be a parent, grandparent, sibling, or another relative.
3. Share in a circle, allowing each child to talk about the person they chose and how that person's faith has influenced them. Conclude by praying together, asking God to help their faith grow strong like the faith of Timothy, Lois, and Eunice.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Bible or printed copies of 2 Timothy 1:5
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Photos of students with their mothers or female guardians (optional)
- Decorative items (stickers, glitter, etc.)

Get Ready:

- Cut construction paper into card or bookmark sizes.
- Set up a crafting station with all materials easily accessible.
- If using photos, have them pre-cut to fit on the cards or bookmarks.

Do this:

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:5 together, discussing the importance of faith passed through generations, focusing on mothers or female guardians.
2. Each student chooses to make either a thank you card or a bookmark for their mother/guardian. They can start by decorating one side with drawings, stickers, and a photo if available.
3. On the other side, encourage them to write a personal thank you message, mentioning specific examples of their mother's/guardian's faith and how it has inspired them. They can include the verse from 2 Timothy 1:5 as part of their message.
4. Share the creations with the class, if comfortable, and discuss the different ways faith can be shown and shared within families.

## Snack Activity: Faithful Fruit Parfaits

You'll Need:

- Various fruits (strawberries, blueberries, bananas, etc.)
- Vanilla yogurt
- Granola
- Clear cups
- Spoons
- Small pictures of Timothy, Lois, and Eunice (to discuss the scripture)

Get Ready: Wash and prepare the fruits by cutting them into small pieces.

Do this:

1. Discuss 2 Timothy 1:5, emphasizing the faith passed from grandmother Lois to mother Eunice and then to Timothy. Show the pictures as visual aids to make the connection between the scripture and the activity.

2. Layer the fruits, yogurt, and granola in the clear cups to create the parfaits. As the children layer their parfaits, encourage them to think of qualities they admire in their mothers or grandmothers that reflect a strong faith in God.

3. Once the parfaits are assembled, lead a prayer of thanks for the mothers and grandmothers who set good examples of faith, similar to Lois and Eunice. Encourage the children to enjoy their snack as they reflect on the importance of passing down faith through generations.

## Game Activity: Faithful Footsteps

You'll Need:

- Sidewalk chalk
- Photos of mothers (or female guardians) of the children in the class
- Bible verses about faith and mothers, including 2 Timothy 1:5, written on index cards

**Get Ready:** Before the class, draw a large hopscotch grid on the sidewalk or any safe outdoor area. Each square should be large enough for a child to stand in comfortably. Number the squares from 1 to 10. Place the photos of the mothers next to the corresponding number their child will start on, ensuring every child starts on a different number. Scatter the Bible verses about faith and mothers around the grid, making sure there is at least one verse per square.

Do this:

1. Each child starts on the square with their mother's photo. Explain that just as Timothy was influenced by the faith of his mother and grandmother, their faith journey is influenced by their mothers and other important women in their lives.
2. Children will take turns tossing a small stone or bean bag to land on any square within the hopscotch grid. Before they can hop through the grid to retrieve their stone

or bean bag, they must read aloud the Bible verse in their current square, if there is one. Encourage them to say a quick prayer of thanks for their mother's (or guardian's) faith after reading the verse.

3. After retrieving their stone or bean bag, the child hops back to their starting square, giving thanks for their mother's example of faith. The game continues with each child taking turns, allowing for multiple rounds to ensure each child interacts with several different verses and reflects on their mother's influence on their faith journey.

## Craft Activity: Faithful Generations Photo Frame

You'll Need:

- A plain wooden photo frame
- Acrylic paint & brushes
- Printed photos of the child with their mother/grandmother
- Decorative items (stickers, glitter, etc.)
- Bible or printed verse of 2 Timothy 1:5

Get Ready: Choose a photo that best represents the child's relationship with their mother or grandmother. Print out the verse 2 Timothy 1:5 on a piece of paper.

Do this:

1. Paint the wooden frame with acrylic paint. Choose colors that remind you of your mother or grandmother's favorite colors or something that represents their faith.
2. While the paint is drying, discuss 2 Timothy 1:5. Talk about the faith of Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice and how that faith was passed down to Timothy. Reflect on how the child's mother or grandmother has shown strong faith and been an example to them.

3. Once the frame is dry, decorate it with stickers, glitter, or any other decorative items that the child feels represent their mother or grandmother's faith and personality.
4. Cut the printed verse to fit the frame and place it on the back side of the photo. This way, when the photo is displayed, the verse is right behind it, symbolizing the foundation of faith behind the family relationship.
5. Insert the photo into the frame, and encourage the child to give it to their mother or grandmother as a gift, sharing with them the story of Timothy's faith and how they see similar faith in their own family.

## Prayer Activity: Faithful Footsteps: A Prayer Walk for Moms

You'll Need:

- A Bible
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons

Get Ready: Prepare an open space in your classroom or outside where the children can walk a little path. Cut out footprints from construction paper and write different prompts related to 2 Timothy 1:5 and giving thanks for their mothers' or grandmothers' faith.

Do this:

1. Start by reading 2 Timothy 1:5 together as a class. Discuss the importance of faith being passed down through generations, focusing on the faith of mothers and grandmothers.



2. Place the construction paper footprints on the floor to create a path. Each footprint should have a prompt for the children to think or pray about as they follow the path. Examples of prompts: 'Thank God for your mom's love', 'Pray for your mom's strength', 'Thank God for a special moment with your mom', and 'Ask God to help you follow your mom's example of faith'.
3. Have each child walk the path, stopping at each footprint to read the prompt and say a silent prayer or reflection about their mother's or grandmother's faith and influence in their lives. Encourage them to think of specific examples of their mother's faith in action.