

Lesson 48

Show and Tell



Lesson Overview

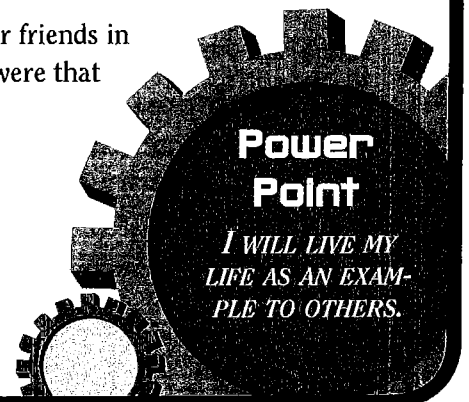
Paul wrote to Timothy and gave him a special word of advice that kids can latch on to: “Don’t let anyone make fun of you, just because you are young. Set an example for other followers by what you say and do, as well as by your love, faith, and purity” (1 Tim. 4:12). Even kids, at any age, can be a living example of faith both to their peers and adults alike. Their love, their faith, and their purity will make them stand out in a crowd.

Help your kids realize that even though they are kids, they can be powerful examples of Jesus to anyone with whom they come in contact. The Bible says time and again that others will know us by our actions; it never gives a restriction on age. Your kids can be living examples to their classmates at school, their friends, their peers in church and their families at home. Whether they are examples to people they barely know or others with whom they’ve lived all their lives, their actions can literally lead someone to Christ. It may be something as private as not losing their tempers when their siblings play with their toys, to something as public as praying over their lunch in their school cafeteria.

Take time today to share with your kids about a time or two when you were young that you made a decision to live right and be an example to your peers. Share about the ease or difficulty you encountered and the end result. It’s important for your kids to know that being an example may not always be an easy road, but it is a rewarding one. And as they live today’s Power Point, *I will live my life as an example to others*, others will be blessed beyond measure.

Going Deeper

Have each child write one tangible way they can be an example to their friends in the coming week. Have them report back on what happened when they were that example.



Welcome

Start your service with high energy as you welcome the kids and open with prayer.

Game #1

Watch Me Now

Review Questions

(Select one boy and one girl who answer the following questions correctly to be captains in Game #1 and choose a friend to play with them.)

1. **Complete last week's Memory Verse: "Through (Christ), I can do all things."**

2. **What did the boys use to power up their submarine?**

Purple rocks.

Props: Bubble gum and CD of upbeat music.

Participants: Twelve players standing in a row facing the front, two judges to watch for the biggest bubble, and sound person to play game music CD.

Preparation: Buy new name-brand bubble gum (old gum will not produce big bubbles and is hard to chew).

Playing: The goal is to blow the biggest bubble. Participants will have three minutes to chew and blow bubbles. Two judges will watch carefully to see who can blow the largest bubble. Children will have to chew their gum for about a minute before it is soft enough to blow a bubble. They should keep trying even if it's difficult to do. The game will start when the music starts.

Presentation: Do any of you play sports where a lot of people are watching you? *(Acknowledge responses.)* If so, then you know just how our players are feeling today. We will all be watching to see who can blow the biggest bubble.

(After game.) Sometimes it is difficult to do even a simple thing when everyone is watching. *(Turn to face winner.)* Congratulations to our biggest bubble winner. You withstood the pressure of everyone watching and were able to win the game. Today we will talk about being a good example to others, especially the ones who are watching you as you live your Christian life.

Game #2

Parent Bird Feeds the Worm

Review Questions

(Select one boy and one girl who answer the following questions correctly to choose five kids each and be participants in Game #2.)

1. **Who wrote the Book of Philippians?**

Paul.

2. **How did the boys in last week's story get help from the adults on Children's Island?**

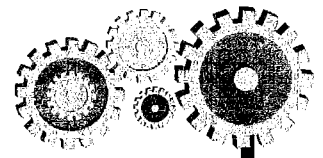
They played a game with them.

Props: Six chairs and 6 long, red licorice strings.

Participants: Twelve players divided into six pairs.

Preparation: Place the chairs across the front of the room.

Playing: The goal of the game is for the parent bird to feed the baby bird a "worm" (a red licorice). Help each pair decide who will eat the licorice and who will feed it. The player who is the baby bird should sit in the chair with the parent bird standing behind it. Each parent bird should hold the licorice by one end so it dangles just above the baby bird's mouth. The baby bird will have to eat all the licorice without using any hands, because birds don't have hands. The parent bird should gently lower the licorice as the baby eats. The game will start when the music starts.



Presentation: Usually the very first examples we remember are our parents. Someone had to show us how to eat, how to walk, and of course, how to tie our shoes. In this game the baby birds need some help eating. Let's watch and see what happens.

(After game.) I think all those baby birds are full. That was certainly an interesting way to eat a meal! Today we will talk about being a good example to others. As we continue, think of how many things you can do now because someone took the time to teach you.

Praise & Worship

Lead the children in a powerful time of entering God's presence using *The Next Generation* praise and worship CDs or DVD.

Lesson Introduction

Props: Stopwatch and handheld mind-bender puzzle, such as the type where you must free a center ring from a block and rope (available at toy stores and Cracker Barrel gift shops).

Preparation: Read the instructions and learn how the puzzle works so you can solve it in seconds. Adjust the presentation as needed for your puzzle.

Presentation: I have a fun game here today! This one's a real mind-bender. Here it is. All you have to do is get the ring off the block and rope. I'm going to do it once, and we'll see how long it takes me to free the ring. Then I'll call someone else up to do it. Me first. *(Have a helper time you with the stopwatch. Turn around and free the ring so they can't see how it's done.)* There! I did it. It only took me a few seconds. *(Turn around and put it back together.)* Who would like to try and beat my time? *(Select a volunteer.)*

OK, I'll start timing you now. *(Start stopwatch.)* Go! Um...aren't you done yet? Not yet? *(After a*

while, stop the clock.) I don't understand why you can't get it; it's really quite easy. I just had someone show me how to do it.

What? You want me to show you? OK, here's how it works. *(Demonstrate how it works, then let the child try. She will most likely get it right away.)* Wow—it's much easier when you have an example to follow, isn't it?

That's what we're talking about in KIDS Church today: following examples. Someone look up 1 Timothy 4:12 for me. *(Have the child read 1 Timothy 4:12.)* Paul said that we should be an example to others by what we say and do. Why is that? It's because He knew others would want to follow Jesus if they saw us doing it first!

This puzzle was much easier to solve when you saw an example, wasn't it? In the same way, when people see Jesus in you, it makes it easier for them to want to live for Jesus, too. So listen up, because today's Power Point is, *I will live my life as an example to others.* Who wants to do that today? *(Allow for response.)* Then let's go!

Scripture Memory Verse

Set an example for other followers by what you say and do. —1 Timothy 4:12

Preparation: For today's Memory Verse, start by playing Simon Says. Be sure to prepare several actions "Simon" can tell the kids to do: jump up, sit down, turn around, clap their hands, say today's Memory Verse, etc. As you can, try to trip the kids up so that most of them are sitting down eventually.

Practice It

(Project the Scripture Memory Verse. Play the game as described for a few minutes and repeat the verse several times. Then end the game.) Whew! Simon Says can be hard, can't it? Especially when you go really fast!

Understand It

I like Simon Says, because the game is all about being an example. Today's Power Point says, *I will live my life as an example to others*. God wants us to be examples to those around us. That's what 1 Timothy 4:12 says. Why do you think God wants us to be an example to others? (*Allow feedback.*) He wants us to lead other people to Him. When other people see us living the good life in Jesus, they will want to live that way, too!

Live It

Being a good example is one of the best ways we can share Jesus with others. People are watching us. They see when you sit down at school lunch and pray over your food, when someone calls you a name and you respond by staying quiet, when you're nice to someone whom others pick on, and when you have an opportunity to cheat on a test but don't. They see Jesus in you, and when they're facing trouble, they'll remember. They might just come to you and ask for help—and you can share Jesus with them. Just like Simon, let's be an example and do what Jesus says. Let's say today's Memory Verse once more. (*Repeat.*)

Bible Lesson

Paul's Instructions to Timothy

1 Timothy 4:12–16

Visual Option: A video clip is provided on the *Bible Connection* DVD to enhance the presentation of your Bible lesson. In the clip, young people share personal stories about the challenges of standing up for God and being an example to others. Involve your creative team in preparing and presenting this lesson segment.

Props: *The Princess Diaries* video (or DVD) with counter set to: 0:28:51–0:30:34 (the scene in which the queen teaches Amelia to walk and act like a princess).

Preparation: Use the video clip to talk about

the importance of being an example.

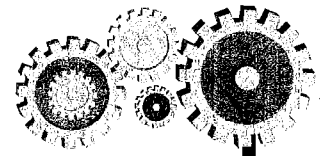
Presentation: Do you know that you can be an example to other people? Some people may say that because you're young, you can't be an example, but that's not true. The Bible says, "Don't let anyone make fun of you, just because you're young. Set an example for other followers by what you say and do, as well as by your love, faith, and purity." So all of us can be examples to others, regardless of how old we are. In fact, let's read this entire passage together. Everyone open your Bibles to 1 Timothy 4:12–16. (*Allow volunteers to read.*)

All of us can be examples. By the way we speak, treat others, worship God, use our talents and live, other people will learn how to live like Christians. Of course, doing these things—speaking kindly, treating others nicely, worshiping God with your whole heart, using your gifts and living right—shouldn't be things you must force yourselves to do. They're not work. They're just part of loving God. As we love God and Jesus, we can't help but do these things and live the way God wants us to live.

Now, to show you what I mean by being an example to someone, we're going to watch a short video clip of a movie I'm sure several of you have seen before. (*Show video.*)

Wasn't that fun? How many of you have seen *The Princess Diaries*? It's a really fun movie, and did you see what was happening in this portion of the film? The queen was being an example to Amelia, teaching her how to be a princess. She told her how to dress and showed her how to walk and stand and sit. Those were all important things for Amelia to know so that she would be the best princess she could be.

You and I don't have to take lessons to become Christians. God allowed us to be His children for free! When we accepted Jesus as our Lord, we became Christians. But part of living the Christian life is showing others how they can live right, too. You may be an example to another Christian, or you may be an example to someone who isn't a Christian; she could want to be one. Because of



your example, she may want to learn more about Jesus and give her life to Him.

So being an example is an important job, and it's something we can all do. That's why our Power Point says: *I will live my life as an example to others.*

Object Lesson #1

Pattern Plus

Props: Pattern (such as shirt or craft pattern).

Preparation: Purchase the pattern from the sewing section of a store.

Presentation: Have any of you tried to make something using a pattern? (*Allow for response.*) Why do you need a pattern? (*Allow for response.*) Some people are very gifted in sewing and may be able to sew incredible clothes and crafts without using a pattern. However, I am not one of those people! I need a pattern to show me what to do.

(*Open up the pattern so the kids can see.*) If I use this pattern, then hopefully my project will look just like the picture on the package. I think I need more help though. (*Find the instructions, take them out of the envelope, and show the kids.*) Excellent! Here are the instructions. I knew I was missing something! Well, I think I might be able to use the pattern and follow the instructions, but what I really wish I had is a person to help me. I always find it easier to have a teacher show me how to do something for the first time. Then I like it when the teacher watches me try and helps me if I need it. Then I can finally make the project on my own.

Did you know the Bible talks about people helping others by being an example? (See 1 Corinthians 4:17 and 2 Timothy 2:1.) As you read your Bible this week, try to find at least one verse where one person is teaching another. You may also want to ask God to show you a person you can be a good example to this week. You may choose to start in

your home, where most of us find it difficult to consistently be a good example. Some of you may choose school, since you spend a lot of time there and you know people are watching you. For others, sports may be the place where you can start really living your Christian life. Sometimes what we *don't* do, like not using bad words when we miss the ball, is just as important as what our actions show. Whatever you do, make a decision to let your life be a pattern that others can follow.

Object Lesson #2

Cupcake Truth

Props: Cupcake pan, large cake pan and pie pan.

Presentation: How many of you like cupcakes? (*Allow for response.*) I really like them too, so I thought I would make some. (*Grab the large cake pan.*) What's the matter? Don't you think my cupcakes will look good in this huge pan? I kinda like big cupcakes. (*Shake your head.*) But how will I be able to make individual cup cakes in this big pan? (*Allow for response.*) You are absolutely right! I need to use the proper pan. (*Now grab the pie pan, and repeat the dialog for making cupcakes.*) Oh, so I need to use this pan. (*Finally pick up the cupcake pan.*) It really does make a difference what type of pan I use, doesn't it?

Did you know that God has made each of you unique? (See Psalm 139.) That means that there is no one made just exactly like you, even if you are a twin. That means that God has a job that He wants you to do. He wants to shape your life so that you can be an example to others. Did you ever think of yourself as a cupcake pan? That's a crazy thought, but it's true that others can watch your life and learn from you. Some people may even try to be just like you. The Bible says that you become like those who teach you. (See Luke 6:40.) So if you aren't living a life that you want others to copy, consider making a change. It's never too late to

start being an example to others. Why don't you decide today to be a leader who others can follow?

Today's Life Story

The Subatomic Summer Job

▶ Let's read 1 Timothy 4:12. "Set an example for other followers by what you say and do." Today we continue the adventure of the Subatomic Summer Job, and learn how what you do is just as important as what you say. Joel, Corey and Daniel T are in for a big surprise in today's story. Are you ready? ◀

Illustration 48-1



It had been an hour since the boys left Children's Island.

"WAHOOOOO! We can go underwater, and we avoided the Tide of the Opposites! We're on our way home!" yelled Daniel T as the three boys fixed various parts of the submarine. "I'm ready to get home and have a big dinner. Mashed potatoes, steak, gravy..."

"Oh, please stop, would you?" asked Joel, laughing and looking at a repair manual. "My stomach is already growling, and we haven't eaten in half a day. Say, is this the correct way to connect the wires, old bean?"

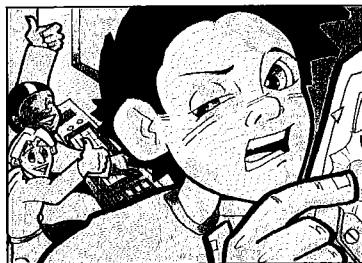
"Yes, that's correct. The red wires are connected to the blue box," said Corey, as he finished working on the camera. "There! The underwater camera is back in order. Alpha Base will be able to view the sea floor and take important pictures."

"The purple rocks have been stashed in the storage bin," said Daniel T.

"And I inserted the necessary six rocks in the energy compartment of the submarine, with great results," said Joel. "Can you hear how well the engine is running? You did a good job in showing me how it was done, Corey. I appreciate it."

▶ Boys and girls, one of the best ways to teach others is by showing them how something is done. For example, in teaching someone how to read the Bible for their devotions, you might show them where you have your reading! ◀

Illustration 48-2



"Hmmm. I can't seem to get Control on the overhead speaker. Maybe I accidentally broke a communications wire," said Corey, tapping on the speaker. "I'll need to get on the computer and see how to repair it."

"Can't it wait? I'm really hungry. Don't we have any food? I'm starving," said Daniel T.

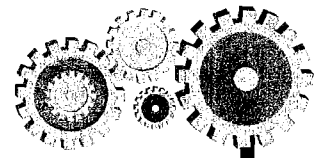
"Right you are, Daniel T," said Joel, turning to Corey. "Isn't there anything for us to eat?"

Corey nodded. "You two take a look at the computer and see if you can get Control back on the speaker. I'll check the food supply." Daniel T and Joel gave him a thumbs up, and Corey smiled. "It's good to see you two aren't bickering any more. You really work as a team."

"Fighting won't get us home," said Daniel T.

Joel smiled. "Cooperation will."

"That's the spirit," said Corey, as he went over

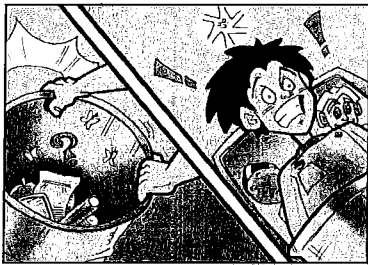


to the food storage door. The truth was, he was incredibly hungry as well.

It'll be great to get a meal into my belly, he thought. Man! We haven't eaten a thing since we left. Well, everything seems to be going OK, so we can stop and get a good meal. With the Base so far away, it'll be good to eat...

He opened the food bin.

Illustration 48-3



He was shocked to find only a few items of food on the shelves. He saw only two cartons of milk, a couple of sandwiches, an apple, a plum, and a small squeezable package of pudding.

"Hey, is that food ready?" called Daniel T, looking at the computer screen.

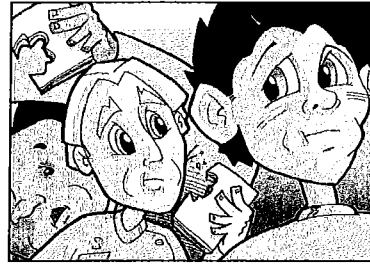
"Yes, how about it, Corey? I'm getting a bit light-headed here," said Joel, studying the computer monitor.

This is hardly enough to keep us going until we get back to Base, thought Corey. Those two have worked so hard. They need to eat a good meal...

Daniel T yelled. "Corey! Did you hear us? What about—"

Bowing his head in a quick prayer of blessing to the Lord, Corey popped the plum in his mouth and turned around to face the boys, his arms loaded with the food. "Hey, no problem. Here is the food. Sorry it's not much, but it'll get us back to Base."

Illustration 48-4



Corey handed the food out evenly as he chewed the plum. Daniel T and Joel each got a sandwich, milk, and half an apple "You'll need to share that package of pudding," said Corey.

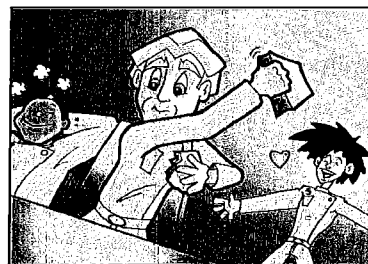
"What about you? What will you eat?" asked Joel, taking a bite of his sandwich.

"Oh," said Corey, smiling and chewing on the plum, "I've had my share of the food."

Daniel T crunched into the apple. "Well, good. This isn't too much, and each of us needs to get every scrap of food." Corey heard his own stomach growl, but he turned away quickly.

► Boys and girls, one of the kindest things you can do in showing God's love is to share, even if you go without something. In what ways can we share, even sacrificially? ◀

Illustration 48-5



Joel said, "By the way, Corey, you left this next to the keyboard." He held the Bible up for Corey to take. "It must be important to you, and I didn't want you to lose it."

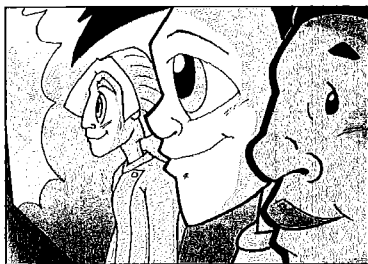
"Hey, thanks," said Corey, taking the Bible. He wished the boys would pay more attention

whenever he tried to share the truth about Jesus to them. It would take time, he knew. "OK, how do the computer readings come out? Will we be able to get Control back on the line?"

There was a heavy *THUMP*. Daniel T spat milk all over the monitor. "Man! What was that?"

Joel frowned while looking out of the side window. "We bumped into a killer shark, but he realized that titanium metal doesn't taste good. He's leaving. Would you please clean the milk off of the screen?"

Illustration 48-6



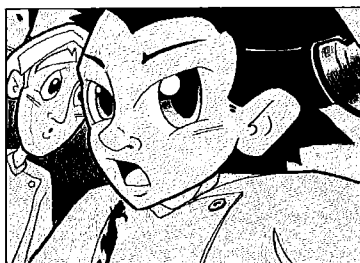
"Hello! Hello! Calling the *Seahorse*! Can you hear me?" asked Control. "If you can, then set your bearing six degrees south and start your auto-pilot. The submarine will take you home automatically. You can rest now, boys."

Daniel T jumped for joy. "We hear you, Control, and I have set the bearings six degrees to the south, turning on the auto-pilot. It's good to hear your voice!"

"And it will be great to get back to the Base and meet you face to face. I bet you wonder what we look like," said Joel.

Control laughed. "Yes, you will have a chance to see me, but I must tell you, we all know what the three of you look like."

Illustration 48-7



"All of you? You mean the people at Alpha Base? Do you have a picture of us?" asked Corey.

"More than that, Corey," answered Control. "The whole nation has been watching you."

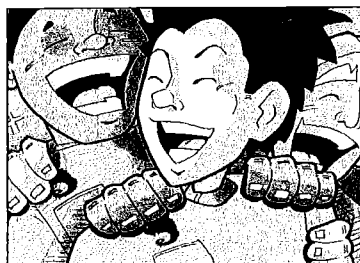
"I'm afraid we don't understand," said Daniel T.

"Take a look to your left. The camera that Corey repaired over an hour ago was not a camera to look *out*, it was an in-board camera to look *inside* the sub so that we could see the safety of the crew," said Control. "We had permission to show the national TV networks what was going on. Even though I couldn't talk to you, we were all watching how well you worked together."

"Well, it's one thing to talk about teamwork, but it's another to actually put action to your words," said Joel.

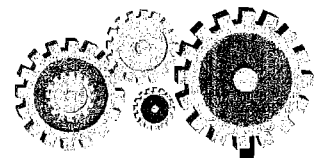
"We all saw more than teamwork," said Control. "We saw sacrifice."

Illustration 48-8



"You boys may be interested to know that while you shared that very important meal between the two of you, Corey had only a plum," said Control.

"That was your whole meal?" asked Joel. "You gave up your food so that we could have a good meal?"



“And you kept it a secret?” said Daniel T.

Corey looked away, embarrassed.

“Well, what Corey did in secret will be rewarded openly,” said Control. “Boys, when you get back, you will be given the biggest banquet this base has ever seen, for your bravery must be rewarded. And you, Corey, will be given a medal in honor of your leadership and willingness to sacrifice. The whole nation has been calling and telling us to pass on words of admiration for your selfless sacrifice. I hear you are a Christian. Well, your example made a big impact on the nation today. Now boys, get ready, because when you arrive at the Base, we will have a huge party waiting for you to enjoy.”

When the three boys arrived safely, the party truly was the biggest they had ever seen.

▶ Boys and girls, the boys made it home because they were so courageous, and because they listened and obeyed Control’s voice. The same is true with us. We need to act courageously and follow the voice and leading of the Lord. When we do this, we know that God will be the strength of our lives. It won’t always be easy, and we will find ourselves in tough situations, but we will make it! The boys were heroes in the end, but every one of you is a hero! You are God’s champion. You can *live your life as an example to others.* ◀

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, You sent Jesus to live His life as an example for all of us. As we get to know You more, we too can live like Jesus. We know that You are the strength of our lives, and we commit to always look to You for everything that we need. Help us to confidently say, “*I will live my life as an example to others.*”

Small Group Ministry

Using your Small Group Module, divide your kids into age-appropriate small groups and go deeper into the life application of this lesson. Instruct your small group leaders to hand out the lesson’s Take-Home Challenge. Be sure to ask for testimonies next week from the kids who participated!

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