

# ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

## CHARACTER TRAIT:

## TRUSTWORTHINESS

## DEFINITION:

Being dependable without a doubt

## MEMORY VERSE:

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise."  
Hebrews 10:23

## FINISH LINE:

God helps us be trustworthy

## READ: 2 Timothy 1:1-14; 3:14-17

### WHAT DOES IT SAY?

#### (OBSERVATION)

1. Who wrote this letter? *(Paul)* Who did he write to? *(Timothy. He was not Paul's actual son, but Paul loved him like a son.)*
2. What job had God given Paul? *(Tell others about eternal life promised through faith in Jesus.)*
3. Look at verses 1:8 and 1:13. What did Paul tell Timothy to do? *(Do not be ashamed to tell others about the Lord. Hold on to the teaching he learned and the truth of God's Word.)*
4. Look at verses 3:14-17. What had God given Timothy to help him be trustworthy? *(Scripture, His Word. We have it, too!)*
5. How can God use His Word to help us be trustworthy? *(He uses it to prepare us to do His work because it teaches and corrects us and tells us what is true.)*

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

#### (INTERPRETATION)

1. Look at verse 9. What was God's plan? *(To save them and show them His grace through Jesus. This is the good news He wanted Paul and Timothy to share.)*
2. Did Paul ever tell Timothy he had to be trustworthy and do everything he said by just trying hard enough? *(No.)* Whose help did Paul know Timothy needed? *(God's help! Because God had helped Paul be trustworthy, he knew God could also help Timothy.)*
3. Do you think it was easy or hard for Timothy to be trustworthy? Why do you think that?

### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

#### (APPLICATION)

1. Can anyone be dependable on their own? *(No. Only God is perfectly trustworthy and that is why we need Him.)*
2. Is it easy or hard for you to be trustworthy? What can make it hard sometimes? Why?
3. God is always there to help you be trustworthy, just like He was there for Paul and Timothy. How can God help you be trustworthy this week? What has He given you to help you?