Never Too Young - Overview - January 7th - February 11th

OVERVIEW

You are NEVER TOO YOUNG to change the world for God. All throughout the Bible we find incredible stories of those who may have been young, but they trusted God to use them to do BIG things for Him! In this series, we are going to learn from some of those incredible kids of the Bible! They didn't wait until they were adults to change the world! They knew that you are NEVER TOO YOUNG to rock the world for God!

Never Too Young will teach valuable lessons from the Bible's youngest heroes. Through the amazing Bible Stories of Timothy, Esther, Joash, David, Naaman's servant girl, and the boy with the 5 loaves & 2 fish, your kids will learn that they don't have to wait until they are adults to do BIG things for God.

Series Verse: “Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers…” 1 Timothy 4:12

THE MAIN POINTS

1. Be An Example (Timothy) - I’m never too young to change the world!
2. Speak Up (Naaman's Servant Girl) I will speak up and say what is right!
3. Give What You Have (Boy W/Loaves & Fish) If I give God a little, He will make it much!
4. Take On The Giant (David & Goliath) If I take risk, God will bring the victory!
5. Stand Up For Others (Esther) I will stand up for others - no matter what the cost!
6. Listen To Godly Advice (Joash) I will listen and learn to take Godly advice!

SERVICE ORDER

6:10 - Volunteers Arrive
6:15 - Check in and Organized Games
6:25 - Announcements, Intro Video
6:30 - Large Group Time
7:00 - Meal + Huddle Time
7:30 - Dismiss from Classrooms

Huddle Activities:
Welcome
Attendance
Meal
Ice Breaker Questions
Bible Story and Questions
Activity
Discussion and Prayer
Bonus Activity
Never To Young - Huddle Lesson 6 - February 11th

Main Point: I will listen and learn to take Godly advice!

Break the ice. During Meal Time to lead into study.

**Ask:** Who is in your life to give you Godly advice?

**Ask:** Give an example of Godly advice that someone gave to you and what you did.

Activity 1- Retelling the Bible Story

*(Prior to Huddle Time, hide the ears around your room!)*

**Say:** “I can’t believe that we have already come to the end of this series. We have learned some amazing lessons from young people in the Bible who did great things for God. Today we will wrap up our lessons with a story of a boy who was just 7 years old when he got his big chance. I am going to read the story and I want you to listen closely for a special ‘word of the day.’ The word of the day is ‘LISTEN!’ When you hear me say that word, I want you to stand up and go look for ears. That’s right, you heard me, ears. Hidden all around this area are pictures of ears. Each time I say the word of the day, you may stand and go collect **ONE (JUST ONE)** ear and then come sit back down. Are your ears ready? Here we go!”

**Say:** “Today, we are going to **LISTEN** to an incredible story of survival straight from the Bible. In 2 Kings chapter 11, we find the story of a woman named Athalia. She was an evil woman who was the mother of the King of Judah. When she heard that her son had died, she decided she wanted to become Queen. The only way that could happen is if the rest of the royal family was dead. So, Athalia screamed, ‘Kill the rest of the royal family!’ She found some people who were willing to do just that. She had the entire royal family killed. **LISTEN**, there was one thing she didn’t know. The king’s daughter took the king’s young baby boy, Joash, and hid him and his nurse in the temple, far away from the evil Athalia. Athalia never even knew that Joash existed. Seven years passed by and Joash grew to be a fine young boy. **LISTEN**, it was time for the priest, Jehoida, to reveal Joash to the people of Judah. Jehoida brought Joash out for the people to see that there, indeed, was a young prince that had escaped Athalia’s attempt to kill the royal family. Jehoida placed the royal crown on the head of Joash, declaring him as king - at the age of seven years old. **LISTEN**, Queen Athalia was not happy about this at all. Even though she tried to stop it, she was dragged out of the temple and put to death. Joash was now the one true King.

Joash was only seven. He didn’t know how to be a king over an entire country. He made the wise decision to **LISTEN** to the godly advice of Jehoida the priest. He raised money to rebuild and renovate the temple along with many other wonderful things. The Bible says in 2 Kings 12:2, ‘All his life Joash did what was pleasing in the Lord’s sight because Jehoida the priest instructed him.’ Isn’t that incredible? It’s such a wonderful thing that Joash was willing to admit he didn’t know everything. He was willing to **LISTEN** to the godly adult that God had put in his life. When we **LISTEN** to the godly advice of the adults God has placed in our lives, great things can happen!”

**Ask:** “What do you think might have happened if 7 year old Joash tried to run the kingdom by himself?”

**Say:** “Joash wasn’t a know it all. He did not try and pretend like he knew what he was doing; he wasn’t trying to look cool in front of his friends or the people of his kingdom. Joash was SMART because he knew when to ask for help and **LISTEN**!”
Activity 2- Listen Up Bingo
Say - “It’s time to play BINGO! Bingo is so much fun! I am giving each of you a card that has a row of letters at the top and pictures in squares. I will randomly choose a card and call out a letter and a symbol. If your card has that matching letter/symbol combination then you may place an ear on that symbol. The first player to get a row full of ears wins! However, you must listen carefully! I will only call out the card once. If you miss it, you can not ask anyone for help, so you better listen up!”
~Play “Listen Up Bingo”~
Say - “Joash was willing to admit that he didn’t know everything and to listen to the godly adults in his life. It’s super easy to get BIG BRAIN Syndrome. We think that we know everything and even if we don’t know we just pretend to know. Acting like you know everything doesn’t get you very far. What a great example we have in Joash. He admitted he needed help and then listened when help came. Because Joash listened, God did great things through Him!”

Discussion and Prayer
Ask for a final update on their projects. After updates, remind the kids that while this lesson series is ending, we are still NEVER TOO YOUNG to lead! (If one of your students has a cool story to share, write down some notes and email it to me or post it to the city -Corey)

Key Verse:
“Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise.” - Proverbs 13:10