

## Parent Curriculum Guide

### Study: **Tupos – 1 Timothy 4:12**

#### Overview:

Your students know the rules. Don't drink. Don't have sex. Don't say that. Don't date non-Christians. So why do they still do them? In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul explains to Timothy and other young people why five key areas of behavior are important: in order to be an example (or in Greek, *tupos*) to other people. This five-session study will focus on the five areas mentioned in 1 Timothy 4:12: speech, life, love, faith, and purity. It has been designed to take a different approach, going beyond the familiar lists of what our students should not do and instead focusing on why these areas are important and how to live a life that impacts others around us.

#### Session One: Speech

Central Bible Truth: Your speech always impacts others.

Focal Passage: Proverbs 12:14

#### Outline:

##### The Process Of Making A Statement

1. You think of what you want to say. – Matthew 12:34
2. You choose your words. – Psalm 19:14
3. The words come out in a manner that you choose. – 2 Timothy 2:23-24
4. Your words leave a *tupos*. – Proverbs 12:14

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is it important to be careful of the words you choose?
2. How can you use your words to glorify God?

#### Session Two: Life

Central Bible Truth: Our lifestyle is the most important tool we have to impact others.

Focal Passage: Ephesians 5:15-16

#### Outline:

##### Affirm

1. Your lifestyle impacts those around you. – Ephesians 5:15-16
2. Your life can validate the truth. – 1 Peter 2:12

##### Confirm

1. The way you live is proof that you know God.
  - a. Test 1 – Believing lifestyle – 1 John 5:1
  - b. Test 2 – Obedient lifestyle – 1 John 2:3,6
  - c. Test 3 – Loving lifestyle – 1 John 4:7-8
2. Your lifestyle is a way to worship. – Romans 12:1

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. What can your lifestyle reveal to others?
2. What can you do to make sure that your lifestyle is leaving the right kind of mark?

### Session Three: Love

Central Bible Truth: Our love is the main thing that marks us as a Christian.

Focal Passage: Matthew 22:37-40

#### Outline:

##### Why Love Others?

1. Your love for other people communicates your beliefs. – John 13:35
2. Love fulfills all the teachings in the Bible. – Matthew 22:37-40
3. Loving is the most important thing you can do. – 1 Corinthians 13:2-3
4. Love is not always easy. – Matthew 5:44

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is it important to love others?
2. Can a person truly love God and not love others?
3. How can you show God that you truly love Him?

### Session Four: Faith

Central Bible Truth: Holding firm in your faith during tough times leaves a powerful mark.

Focal Passage: Luke 17:5

#### Outline:

##### Why Hold Onto Faith?

1. Faith gives stability to your life. – James 1:6
2. Faith can be contagious. – Luke 17:5
3. God is in control. – Isaiah 40:10-31
4. Faith can be powerful. – Matthew 12:21

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is it difficult sometimes to have faith in God?
2. What are some things about God that make him very trustworthy?

### Session Five: Purity

Central Bible Truth: Even though purity is hard to maintain, it is a powerful way to make a mark.

Focal Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:19

#### Outline:

##### Why Is Purity Worth The Fight?

1. You do not have the right to do anything you want to your body. – 1 Corinthians 6:19
2. Purity protects you from danger. – Proverbs 1:8-19
3. It doesn't make sense for a Christian to live like a non-Christian. – Romans 6:2
4. A life of purity is rewarding. – Matthew 5:8

#### Questions For Discussion:

1. What is the value of living a life of purity?
2. How can a person who has not lived a pure life begin to live a life of purity?