Lesson Plan for Children

Ice Breaker to play as kids are arriving (2 Timothy 3:17)
You can have as many teams as needed. Have colored solo cups. Each cup has one word of 2 Timothy 3:17 written on the cup “so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” Have this verse also displayed (TV, Projector, chalkboard, etc.). Kids race to one end of the room, pick up a cup, and bring it back to their team. Once they have all their cups collected, they stack their cups so that the top cup is “so” and the bottom cup is “work”.

Open with Prayer

Lesson
Let’s see if you can guess what my occupation is by what I would pack if I needed to be gone for a day and pack my office in a bag. If in my bag I packed a thermometer, a prescription pad, some medicine, and a sucker – what would you guess my job is? A doctor or a nurse, correct! What if I packed a book, a test, some stickers, some homework papers, and a hall pass? A teacher, that’s right! One more, what if I packed, dog treats, scissors, shampoo and towels? A dog groomer, that’s right! All of these professions have equipment that helps people do their jobs well. Have you ever thought about the Bible being equipment? For a preacher maybe, but what about equipment for you and me?

2 Timothy 3:16, 17 tells us that “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

What does this mean? Who is the servant of God and what does it mean to be thoroughly equipped? This is us!! We are each servants of God! When we are in a friendship / a relationship with God, we are His friends, His servants. God gives us His Word to teach and to train us so that we can be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Reading the Bible, being taught by it is one way that we can be fully equipped.

What difference does equipment make when we play games? If we are going to go and play a game of football, what equipment would we take along with us? If we were going to go and play soccer would we take instruments such as a drum, a clarinet and a flute? No, those would be things we would take if we were going to be in a marching band. If I were going to pack my bag with a sleeping bag, a lantern, a tent, and a flashlight, where would you think I would be going? Camping! That’s right, you could tell from my equipment that I would be headed out to the woods to go camping. Being fully equipped means having the right tools for the right task.

Game Option
Have various items in a bag. Many things that would go along with eating – utensils, bowl, napkin, cup, salt shaker, measuring cup, a straw, as well as other items that do not go along with eating, a golf ball, car keys, a toy car, a remote control, etc. Pass the bag around, allowing the students to only put their hand inside and feel around, not to look inside. Tell them to pull out one object from inside the bag that would assist them with preparing or eating a meal. At the end connect their items with having the right “equipment” helps accomplish your task. Having a spoon and fork, cup and bowl help you to eat dinner. Car keys and a remote are useful for other things, but are not the right equipment when you are eating lunch. God helps us and wants us to be fully equipped.
Let’s look at some people in the Bible who God fully equipped with the right tools for the job.

1. Moses - Exodus 7:1-10

God called Moses to do something that he felt was beyond his ability. Moses went back and forth with God about whether or not He was actually capable of all God wanted him to do. God equipped Him. He gave him something that He could hold and use. He gave him instructions and He gave him a staff.

1 "Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. 2 You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. 3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt, 4 he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. 5 And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it."

6 Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded them. 7 Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

8 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 9 "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake."

2. David - I Samuel 17

This is the story of a young man named David. There is a Philistine giant that has been taunting the Israelites. They had no one who would stand up against him. David took the equipment that God gave him, stones, (I Samuel 17:40) and used it to accomplish the purpose that brought glory to God.

1 "Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at So- koh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Soco and Azekah. 2 Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. 3 The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Phi- listine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.[a] 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels[b]; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.[c] His shield bearer went ahead of him.

8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." 10 Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

12 Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old. 13 Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The first-born was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. 14 David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, 15 but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

16 For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

17 Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah[d] of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. 18 Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance[e] from them. 19 They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

20 Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. 21 Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. 22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. 23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. 24 Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.

25 Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel."

26 David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

27 They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him."
As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward him. "You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel." 46 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.

3. The disciples - Matthew 14:13-21

13 "When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." 16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. 18 "Bring them here to me," he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children."

It didn't seem like they had nearly enough. There were crowds of people who were hungry and needing to be fed. The disciples really wanted to send them away so they could buy themselves some food, but Jesus had another plan. He reminded them He had already equipped them with what they needed. The five loaves of bread and the two fish. He multiplied what they gave back to him. How many did they feed? Five thousand men, besides women and children. What was left over? Twelve basketfuls of broken pieces and it says in verse 20 that they "all ate and were satisfied". God fully equipped them to take care of the need.

When we were little how are some ways that God uses others to fully equip us? (Possible answers include - moms teaching us how to eat, siblings teaching us how to crawl, others teaching us about to talk, how to use a straw, etc.)
When we first start school how are some ways that God uses others to fully equip us? (Possible answers include – teachers teaching us to read, how to spell, do math, sports, play instruments, Boy Scouts, etc.)

In Church, what are ways that God uses others to fully equip us? (Possible answers include – Sunday School classes helping us learn scriptures, the Pastor’s sermons, our friends being Christlike examples, growth through service projects, etc.)

**Today is SNU Sunday**

Southern Nazarene University is a way that God can use to help you become fully equipped when you graduate from High School and it’s time for you to attend college. God has placed wise, godly, teachers, professors, administrators, counselors, theologians, doctors, and friends on the campus in Bethany, OK. Their goal is to help God, help you become fully equipped to be the servants of God that you were created to be! No matter what age you are, you are never too young, to visit the campus of SNU and see what a great place it is, full of friends, who are there desiring to do the same thing you are – be all that you can be for God! We know that we do that, by being fully equipped!

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