

# Explore It

## FOR LEADERS



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### LOVE IN ACTION (3) MOTHER'S DAY

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#### 2 Timothy 1:5 Sharing love like Lois and Eunice

In this session we now turn to what love in action looks like at home, and look at greater connections across the generations. How can we practically show love to our mum/grandmother/carer?

We consider how we can learn about Jesus from our family (being mindful of those children who are not from a Christian home) but also looking at how we can share our faith with our family; the importance that we can all learn from each other.

Although Mother's Day is a celebration of our Mums, it can also be a challenging time for those who are missing their Mum. Depending on the circumstances of the children in your group, some of the wording in the questions may need to be adjusted.

Each child will need:

→ Pens/pencils and paper

### Start It

● **Say:** Today we are thinking about how we can share the love of Jesus within our families.

→ Does your Mum or someone at home have a special name that they call you?

→ Do you have a special name for your Mum or someone at home?

Try this quiz and see how much you know about the special names given to baby animals.

**Screenshare:** *Baby animals names quiz* by BBC Bitesize  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbm2sg>

### Sing It

Today's song includes lots of brilliant Mums with their very special children.

Sing along and see if you can join in with the Makaton actions.

**Screenshare:** *50 Mums – 50 Kids – 1 Extra Chromosome* by Wouldn't change a thing (4 mins 38 secs)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Biex1XR\\_mpo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Biex1XR_mpo)

### Tell It

#### **Leader's notes:**

The video used in this section tells Timothy's story and the difference Lois and Eunice made in his life. Timings are given in the following section to show where to pause the clip and share the discussion questions.

● **Say:** Today we are going to find out about Lois and Eunice in the Bible.

**Ask:** Do you know who they are? Have you ever heard of them?

## Read:

**'I remember your true faith. That kind of faith first belonged to your grandmother Lois and to your mother Eunice. And I know that you now have that same faith.'**

— 2 Timothy 1:5 (ICB)

**Ask:** We're going to find out a lot more about Eunice and Lois. But why do you think they get a special mention in Paul's letter?

## Video

Stop the video at key moments to discuss.

**Screenshare:** *2 Timothy 3:14-17 – A mother gives her child real wisdom* by Kids' Bible Talks - Clayton TV (7 mins 20 secs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaiymJmF930>

Stop video at: 1:49

**Cue:** '...by showing us love as we're growing up.'

**Ask:** What kind of things has your Mum/Grandma or carer taught you to do?

Stop video at: 4:23

**Cue:** '...to pay the price for our sin.'

### Ask:

- What do you think Paul meant when he said to Timothy, 'But as for you, continue in what you have learned'? (2 Timothy 3:14)
- What important things did Eunice and Lois teach Timothy when he was a little boy?
- How do you think that helped Timothy to follow Jesus as a grown-up?

Stop video at: 6:57

**Cue:** '...it's the most important thing that they'll ever teach you.'

### Ask:

- Who teaches you about the Bible?
- How does learning about the Bible help you to become wise?
- How does learning about the Bible help you to love other people?
- 💬 **Say:** When we read about people like Timothy, Paul, Eunice and Lois, we find out why it's so important to learn more about God and to share all that we know about Jesus.
- 💬 **Say:** If you have a special person in your life who teaches you all about the Bible, then take time to let them know how much you appreciate it. Why don't you share what you have learned today with someone at home? That's exactly what Lois and Eunice did in our story today.

## Action It

- 💬 **Say:** Lois and Eunice showed their love for Timothy by teaching him about the Bible and helping him to grow in his faith. We have already thought about those people in our lives who teach us about Jesus, and now we're going to think of ways that we can show God's love to the people we live with at home.

## Activity

Ask the children to each draw a picture of a person who is really special to them. Write on the picture about an act of kindness they will do to show that person the love of Jesus.

Here are some extra ideas to suggest to the children:

<https://abeautifulspace.co.uk/ideas-for-random-acts-of-kindness-for-kids-during-lockdown/>

Give the children time to share their pictures with each other and talk about the different acts of kindness they have chosen.

## Pray It

- **Say:** In the last activity you thought about the special people in your life and wrote down an act of kindness to show them. One of the ways we can show God's love to people is by praying for them. Choose one of the people in your picture and write a special prayer for them that you can take home and use throughout this week.

## Explore It

Remember to send home the Explore It (For Me) and Explore It (Together) ideas for children and families.