

Children's Sermon: Not Too Young

Scripture: Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Materials:

Enough Index Cards that say: follow the rules, love our neighbors, study God's word, make good choices for the entire group to have one.

Opening: Ask one of the younger children to pass out the cards for the children's sermon for you. Just before they start, ask them how old they are. Whatever age they are, tell them to wait just a moment and ask if there is anyone older than that age. If another child raises their hand ask them how old they are and then say, "Hold that thought, is anyone older than _____?" Do this once more.

Say: "You all seem so young?! Who is going to pass this out for me? It's an important job!" Do you really think you three can handle it? I guess I need to trust that you can do it. **(Give all three of them some to pass out and thank them when they're done)**

I want to tell you about someone else who was young when God chose her to be a leader. Fannie Heck was just 23 years old when she became the Chairwoman of a new women's missions organization called Woman's Central Committee of Missions. Fannie was young, but she had a passion for Jesus, for the poor, and for the lost. Fannie knew she needed other strong leaders around her so she asked Sallie Bailey Jones who ministered to poor children in Raleigh with her to help. At just 16 years old Sallie became the Secretary for the organization, which would later become Woman's Missionary Union. Just 16 years old! Wow! That's young! Together they helped to lead women across America in supporting our missionaries. We take up the Heck /Jones offering for Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina in their honor.

Sally and Fannie were young but they were great leaders. In Paul's letter to Timothy in the Bible he says "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

God wants to use you too! Even though you are young there are important things that you can do for Jesus. Can you name some of those things? **(you may need to help)**

We never know how or when God will choose to use us in big or small ways but we can be ready by training ourselves to do the things on our cards. Can someone show me their card?

(Read the card out loud and have the child stand beside you. Ask to see another card until all of the key words are read and one child is standing for each)

Say: Speak kindly, follow the rules, love our neighbors, study God's word, and make good choices with our hearts and bodies. Let's say that one more time. Speak kindly, follow the rules, love our neighbors, study God's word, and make good choices with our hearts and bodies

Do you think you can do that? I know you can!

AI generated picture of what Fannie Heck may have looked like at age 23.

