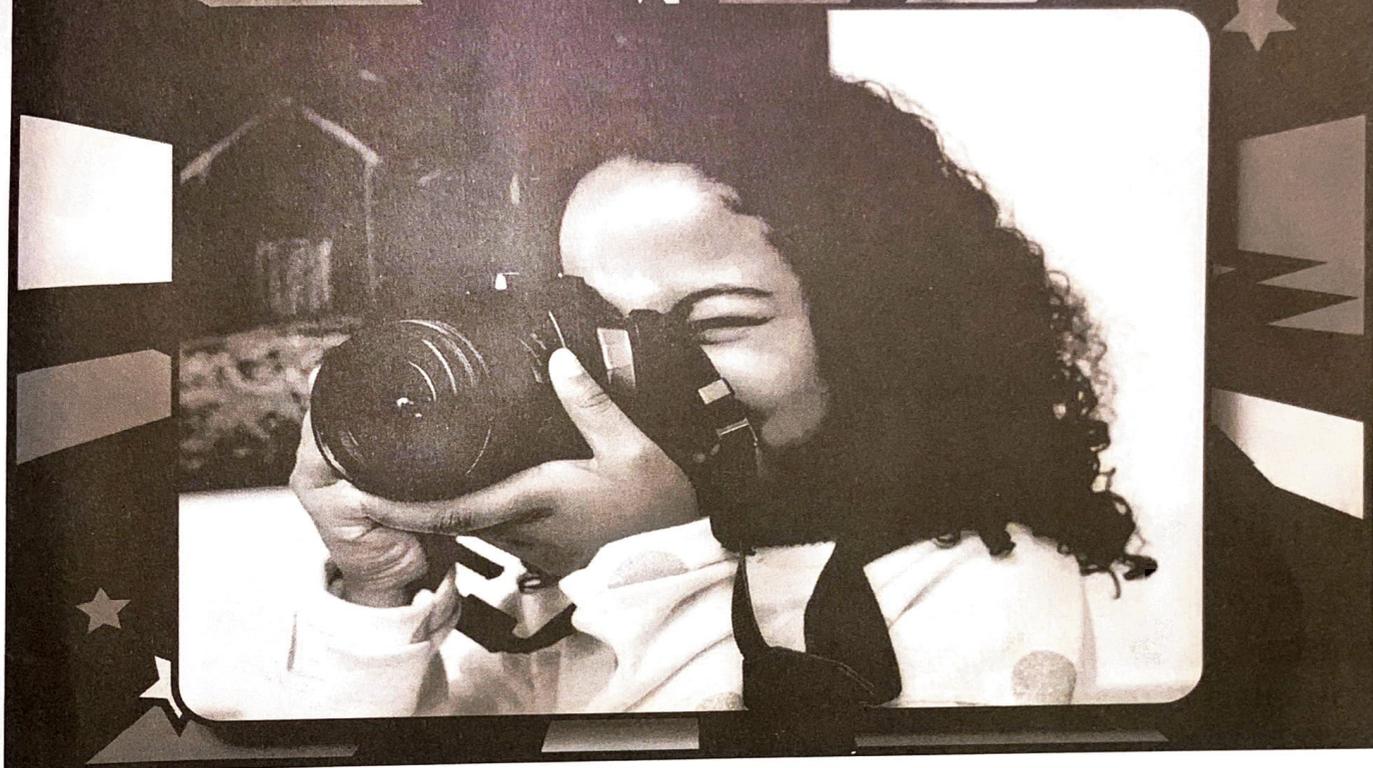


Called and Encouraged



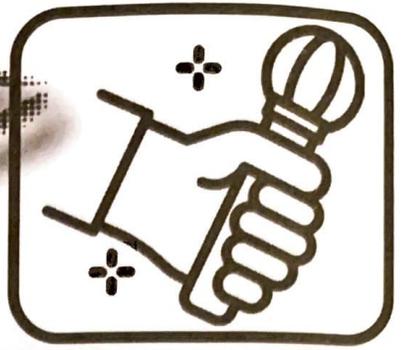
Thanksgiving and Encouragement

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

get excited!

(5 minutes)

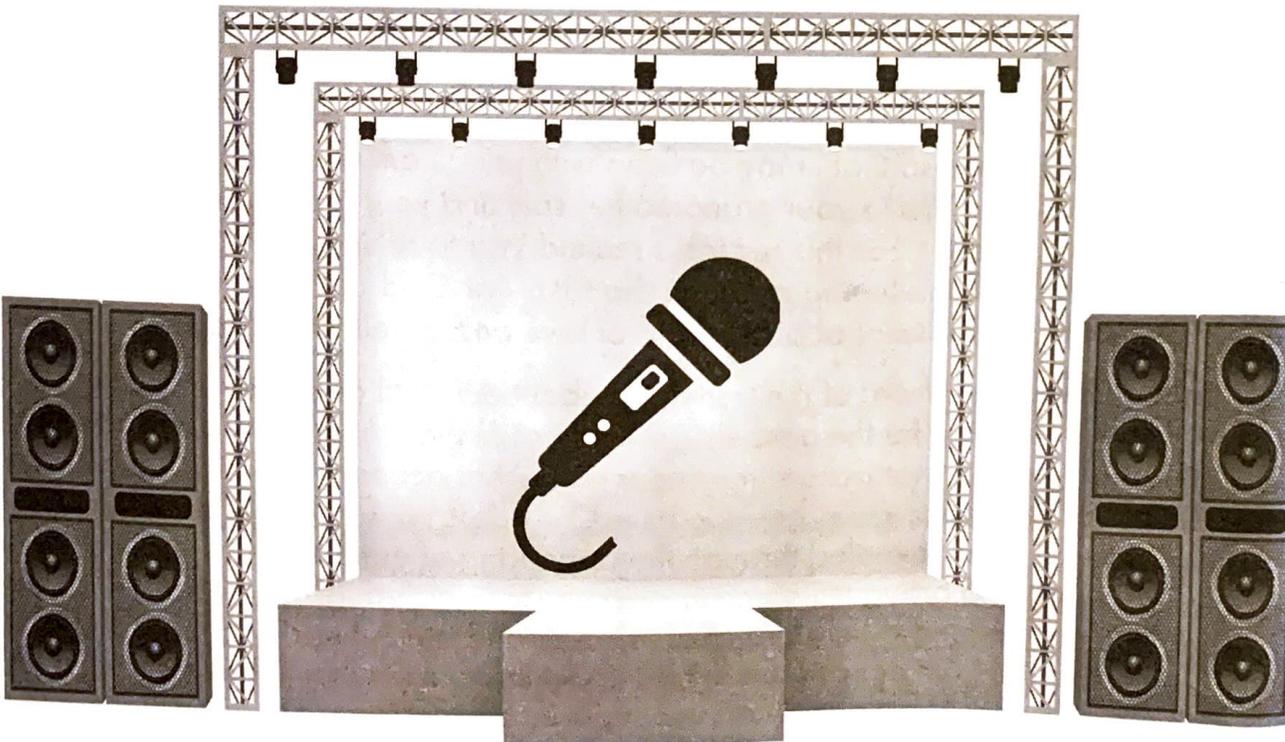


Verse to Remember

[God] saved us and called us with a holy calling . . . according to his own purpose and grace. **2 Timothy 1:9a.**

key verse exercise

Pretend to be a music artist and perform the key verse. You can choose to sing, rap and create beats that invite crowd participation. You also can perform it like spoken word poetry.



read and learn!
(10 minutes)

CALLED WITH A HOLY CALLING



ZAYA: Hey, I am curious about today's lesson now that we have learned God chose and saved us.

ZION: Me too, I wonder what more God can do!

ZAYA: Based on the preview of the lesson, I know that God has the power to call us for a purpose.

ZION: You mean, calling us on the phone to give us information?

ZAYA: Uh—no. God knows each of us, our gifts, and what we can do well. Therefore, he assigns us a task or a project that is a just-right fit for us. I like that. . .

ZION: Well, what do I have to do?

ZAYA: All God requires is that we lead a clean, pure and holy life.

ZION: I want to know more! I want to live like God and complete my assignment. Class today will be amazing. Let's go, I don't want to miss it.



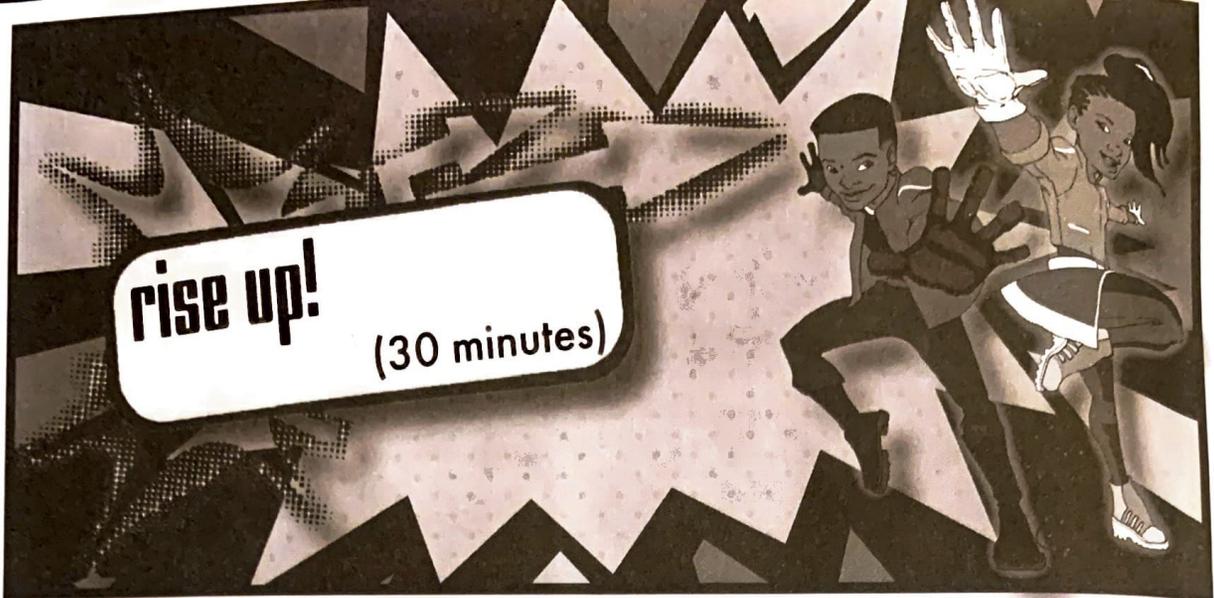
Questions

Who was Timothy?

What are some of the things that Paul told Timothy in a letter he wrote to him?

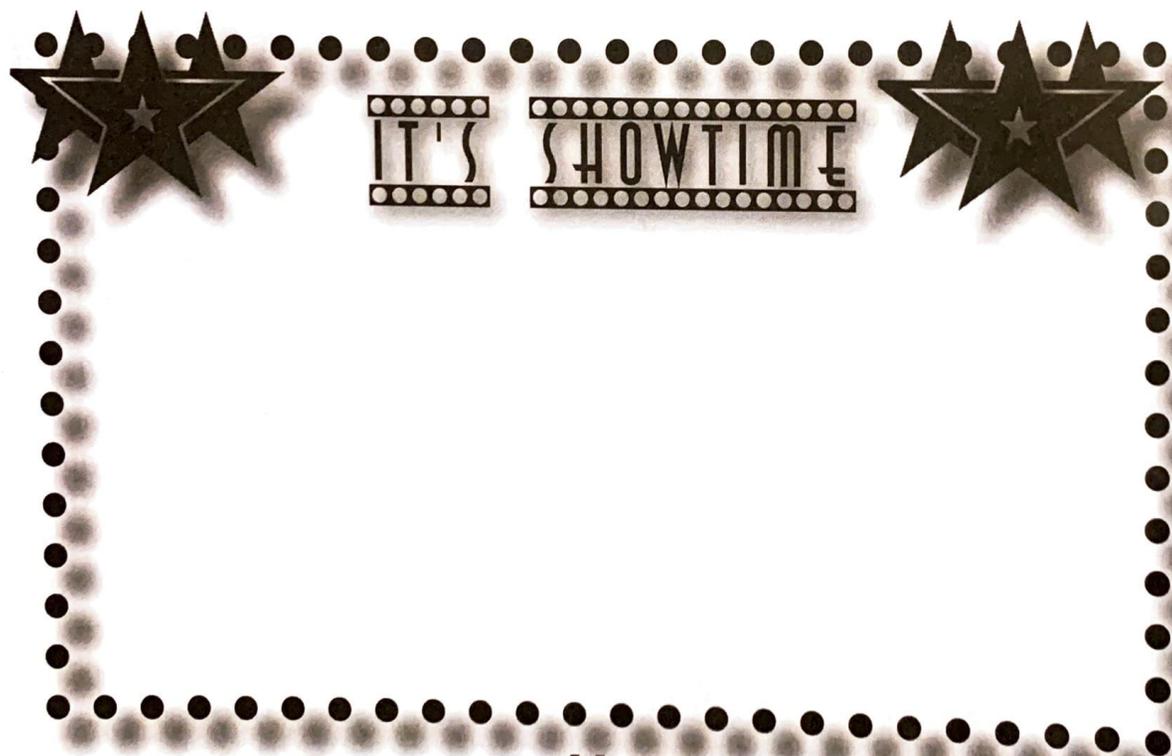


Key Words
Pastor, Specific,
General



rise up!
(30 minutes)

Help Zion and Zaya with this week's **Superhero Challenge:** **"CALLED AND ENCOURAGED."** Pretend that you have started a singing group or a band. Create a name for your group and a title for the the song that you created in the key verse exercise. Write it in the space below.



craft time



Crafts & More

time to pray

O Lord, help us to hear you calling us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.