GRACE THAT FORMS US

Family Study: Titus 2:1-10

Main Idea: Living like Jesus sets a good example for others to follow–now and beyond our lifetime.

Key Verse: *"In everything, set them an example by doing what is good."* — Titus 2:7a

Object Lesson: The Domino Effect

Materials Needed: A small set of dominoes or building blocks.

1. **Set up:** Stand a line of dominoes upright, spaced closely together in a row.
2. **Action:** Have your child tip the very first domino over so they all fall in a chain reaction.
3. **Discuss:** Notice how pushing just the first domino made every single domino fall? Our choices work the exact same way. When we obey God and choose to show kindness, self-control, and love today, it starts a positive chain reaction that touches people we might not even know yet!

Scripture & Discussion

Read Together: Titus 2:7–8 (NIrV or NLT translation recommended for kids).
"In everything, set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech..." — Titus 2:7–8a

- What is an 'example'? (It means acting in a way that shows others what following Jesus looks like.)
- Paul tells Titus that showing self-control and doing good matters. Why is it sometimes hard to do the right thing when no one seems to notice or give us a reward right away?
- How can being kind, honest, or helpful at school or at home create a 'domino effect' for others around you?

Key Takeaway

Spiritual growth isn't about how old you are; it's about how faithfully you live right now. When you choose to obey God—even when it's tough or you don't see immediate results—you are building a strong foundation. God uses your faithful choices to glorify Himself and bless people far beyond your lifetime!

Family Action Step

Pick one specific way your family can set a godly example this week (for example: speaking encouraging words, showing patience when frustrated, or serving a neighbor together).

Closing Prayer:

"Lord, thank You for loving us and giving us Your Word. Help us to be strong examples of Your love, self-control, and kindness every day. Use our lives to touch others and build Your kingdom, even in ways we cannot see yet. Amen."

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Sermon: Formation Beyond You

Scripture: Titus 2:1-10

Opening Questions

Share a time when you put effort into something without seeing immediate results. How did you handle that?

In what areas of life do you find it hardest to stay faithful when you can't see immediate, visible outcomes?

Digging Deeper

Read **Titus 2:1–10**. How does Paul describe the connection between sound doctrine and our daily character across different age groups and roles?

Read **Hebrews 11:13–16** alongside **Titus 2:1–10**. What does it mean to live and obey with an eternal perspective, trusting God with outcomes beyond our own lifetime?

In **Titus 2:2–6**, Paul highlights qualities like self-control, integrity, and sound speech. Why are these character traits vital for modeling faith to the next generation?

Living it Out

Which of the four action steps (Being formed by God’s Word, Modeling faith, Intentionally investing in others, Remaining faithful without visible fruit) feels like your biggest growth area right now?

Who is one person in your sphere of influence (family, church, work) that you can intentionally invest in or encourage spiritually this month?