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READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

If you're in kindergarten or first grade right now, you probably feel like you're a small fish in a big pond, and the big fish—a.k.a. the fourth and fifth graders—are the coolest. Or if you're a fifth grader, you're looking to middle school and realize you'll be low man or bottom of the pile once again. But the good news is, just because you're the youngest or the smallest doesn't mean you can't do great big things for God! In fact, all throughout the Bible, God has used the unlikeliest of people to make the biggest difference in the world:

Who took down a giant with just a slingshot? _____

Who brought the loaves and fishes that Jesus used to feed a crowd? _____

Who did God speak to in the middle of the night, telling him about the future of Israel?

And who came to save the world as a tiny baby?! _____

THANK God that He knew best to gift you the way that He did.

(Answers: A young David; a young boy; a young Samuel; Jesus)

READ ROMANS 12:11

Have you ever built a campfire? It feels nice and cozy when the fire is roaring; you can cook hot dogs and roast marshmallows, and you can stay safe and warm even if it's cold outside. But what happens if someone throws water on the fire? Or what if you don't add more wood to the fire? It takes work to keep fire going, and if you don't pay attention, it can go out.

If you let others discourage you for trying to make a difference, it's just like letting them throw water on your fire. Or if you believe that you're too young or not talented enough to make a difference—then your spark will go out and you won't create a fire. But what if you decide not to let others put you down, no matter how young you are? God wants to use your gifts to make a difference in the world.

What is your "fire"? What is something you can do to use the talents and gifts God has given you to make a difference in the world? _____

ASK God to keep the fire in your heart alive so you can make a real difference.

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COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

What is the age requirement where you live for getting a driver's license? ____

How old do you have to be in the U.S. to vote? ____

How old do you have to be to join the armed forces? ____

How old do you have to be to make a difference in the world for God? ____

That last one is a TRICK QUESTION! That's the beauty of having God as your boss—you don't have to be a certain age or have certain experiences to work for God. All God asks is that you serve Him with all your heart—no matter how young or old that heart is!

What are some things you can do to make a difference right now? Think about a need you see around you and write it here: _____.

List some of the talents and resources God gave you: _____.

Now, how can you use one or more of those things to meet the need you wrote down?
_____.

LOOK for needs in the world around you TODAY that you can meet with the gifts God has given you!

READ ROMANS 13:11

Sometimes it's easy to think that we'll start really living life later. We think that when we get older, we'll really make a difference and help other people. You know, when we make a million dollars, we'll give it away. Or when we become famous, we'll use our fame to help others. And when we become a doctor, we'll save lives.

But God wants us to make a difference NOW! There are things that you can do for your family, at your school, and in your neighborhood, that no one else can do. God has given you all you need to help others, and you don't have to be older, richer, or famous to make a difference!

All month long we've talked about making a difference. Have you started using your gifts and your unique story to make a difference in others' lives? If not, today is the day to make it happen. Look back on all the things you've written and made this month, and pick something you haven't done yet. Ready, set, go!

KNOW that life is short and the time to make a difference is now!

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