Sunday School Craft
'Small but Mighty' Paper Ants

SCRIPTURES:
Let no one despise your youth but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. *(1 Timothy 4:12)*

Paper Ant Craft

MATERIALS:
- Ant Patterns *(to follow)*
- Black Construction paper
- Black or red pipe cleaners
- Wiggle eyes
- Glue
- Tape
- Scissors
- Hole Punch
- Pens or pencils
- Sticky Notes

PREPARATION:
- Print out the ant patterns
  Optional: Trace onto black construction paper. Cut out. (Each ant has a top and bottom pattern.) Then, using a hole punch, make holes in circles as noted on pattern

DIRECTIONS:

SAY: *Ants are very small insects, but they are exceptionally small. Today's Bible story teaches us about Timothy, who was a young man but became an extraordinary leader in the church. His story teaches us that we are NEVER TOO YOUNG to be an example for ALL believers! Both Timothy and ants may be small, they are nonetheless exceptionally strong. Never underestimate someone or something based on their size – some may be small, but they can still be mighty!*

1. Give each student a top and bottom "ant" pattern. Punch holes using hole puncher as noted on patterns . . .
   OR Give each student patterns cut from black construction paper.
2. Cut pipe cleaners in half for the legs. You will need 2 ½ pieces of pipe cleaners per ant.
3. Stick the half pipe cleaners through one hole on the side of the ant's body and bring it under the body to the corresponding hole on the other side of the ant's body. Tape the pipe cleaners down between the holes.
4. Bend the legs.
5. Use the other half pipe cleaner for the antennas. Glue the two patterns together so that the pipe cleaners going across the pattern are on the inside. <u>Don't glue the mouth closed</u>.
6. Glue wiggly eyes on the face.
7. On a sticky note, have students either copy 1 Timothy 4:12 (*above*) or write words that represent Timothy or Christianity, (*love, faith, prayer, hope, etc.*) Place sticky note in the ant's mouth, (*as pictured*).