

## Leading by example

*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

Jhoel Zambrana Hurtado lives in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, with his family. Like many of you, Jhoel grew up going to church. Every Sunday he would go to Sunday school and learn about God. (Thanks to the Sunday school materials created by our mission worker, Margrit!)

One day, he no longer wanted to just hear about the gospel ... he wanted to teach others! So he began to learn about teaching the Bible. He went to a discipleship program (called *Escuela Misionera S.A.C.*) and also to the training course for the vacation Bible school teachers (*Equipo S.A.C.*).

Jhoel is now 16 years old. This year, he helped to teach two vacation Bible schools: one in his home congregation of Esmirna Mennonite Church and one in Las Gamas, a village about one and a half hours from Santa Cruz. He stayed there with other youth for three days to minister to the children.

Jhoel has lots of gifts and talents to offer others. He knows a lot about Jesus, and how to teach others. He also knows the importance of showing God's love to everyone in the classroom. Just like Jhoel, you have a lot of gifts, too. And just like Jhoel, you can be a leader to teach people about Jesus' love.

### Questions for discussion

1. What does it mean to lead by example, like the title says?
2. Jhoel has a lot of great gifts. What were some of the gifts mentioned in the story?
3. Think about what you enjoy doing and what you are good at. What ways can you use these gifts to help others—both inside the church and out? What ways can you use your gifts in school? At a friend's house? At a retirement home? At a soup kitchen?

### Prayer

*Jesus, thank you for the gifts you have given us. Help us to use those gifts to honor and serve you. Amen.*



**Spreading the Good News**—Jhoel teaches a Bible school class in the Esmirna church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

### Our gifts can help support mission in Bolivia.

Mennonite Mission Network supports a variety of ministries in Bolivia. A lot of energy is put into teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school. When you give, you help other children learn about Jesus in many different ways. Did you know:

- **\$50** helps to provide children's Sunday school materials.
- **\$25** helps 10 children to attend vacation Bible school to learn about Jesus.
- **\$16** helps to train one young adult in the *Sirviendo a Cristo* (Serving Christ) program.

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