



My name is Jerry Timothy; I teach Special Education and English as a Second Language. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, a Special Education license, and an English as a Second Language endorsement.

I began my career teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Salt Lake City. We needed to be close to dependant family, so I accepted an offer to teach 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Alpine School District. This assignment included teaching Spanish and teaching regular curriculum in Spanish. The Spanish Immersion program was eliminated from the school, so I found a position at Freedom Academy that first year it was open which included teaching the Spanish specialty class. I helped teach Special Education and found that I loved it. I immediately began a Special Education program which included the ESL endorsement. I enjoy my assignments at Freedom Academy.

My family is my first hobby, of course, but I also enjoy writing, drawing, reading, sports, and listening to music.

My favorite literature is the story of the *Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien. The struggle against evil and temptation rings true. Another theme that permeates the story is that regular people can be heroes. My favorite part is the prequel, *The Hobbit*; a classic story about the travels of a hobbit who finds the "one ring." It is far less violent than the rest of the story and is the perfect bedtime story for older children.

My goal as a teacher is to help kids find their potential and ability. As this takes place, they will naturally do more to make our world better by setting elevated goals and setting their own standards higher. I focus on challenging students without pushing them to the point of frustration.