



JAMES

BIBLE PASSAGE: James 2:1-17

FOCUS VERSES: Romans 2:11; Proverbs 22:2;
Matthew 7:12; Ephesians 4:32

Summary: James became a leader of the Jerusalem church. His letter offers wisdom for all believers. In James 2, he teaches not to show favoritism, emphasizing that both the rich and poor are equally loved by God. Showing mercy instead of judgment reflects true faith. Faith in Jesus should inspire actions that help others, especially those in need. God's love is for everyone, and trusting in Jesus brings eternal life.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

May God equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.

(HEBREWS 13:21A)



God helps us love others.

HE

DOES GOD PLAY FAVORITES?
God does not show favoritism. God created all people and loves all people.

WE

HOW CAN WE LOVE OTHERS LIKE GOD DOES?
With God's help, we can treat others the way we want to be treated, showing kindness to all people and not showing favoritism.

ME

HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?
Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



GOLDEN RULE SKITS

OLDER ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP
JAMES

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PREP: Print the printable page and cut out.

You notice an unpopular kid in your class keeps getting skipped when it is their turn to play a game.

You accidentally say something unkind to a friend and you can tell their feelings are hurt.

Your parent or other family member comes home from work or school and looks very tired.

Your younger sibling is having a hard time with their homework. They are getting frustrated and want to quit.

A friend at your lunch table realizes they forgot their lunch at home. They look sad and are worried about being hungry all afternoon.

A new student joins your class. They look a little shy and are standing alone during recess.



TAKE-HOME

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BRITE Idea

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HOW IS GOD INVITING TO RESPOND?

Large empty box for drawing or writing a response.



DRAW OR WRITE YOUR RESPONSE

CHOOSE YOUR *Challenge*

- Memorize Hebrews 13:21a by using a silly voice.
- Use stuffed animals to explain how God loves everyone equally.
- Ask God to help you treat others the way you want to be treated.

SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME DISCIPLESHIP
DISCUSSION



NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD

Feeling unwanted can be a tough topic for kids. We can help kids view this topic through the lens of Scripture. Learn more about this and how to have a conversation at home here:

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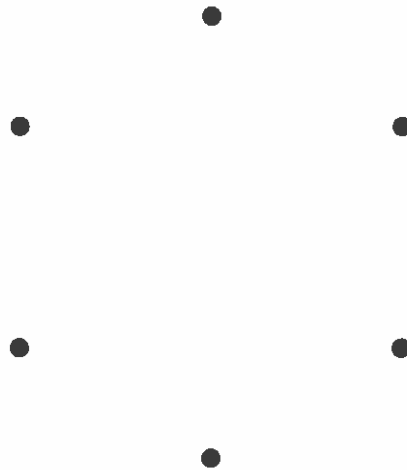
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Favoritism, Jerusalem, Wisdom, Equal, Faith

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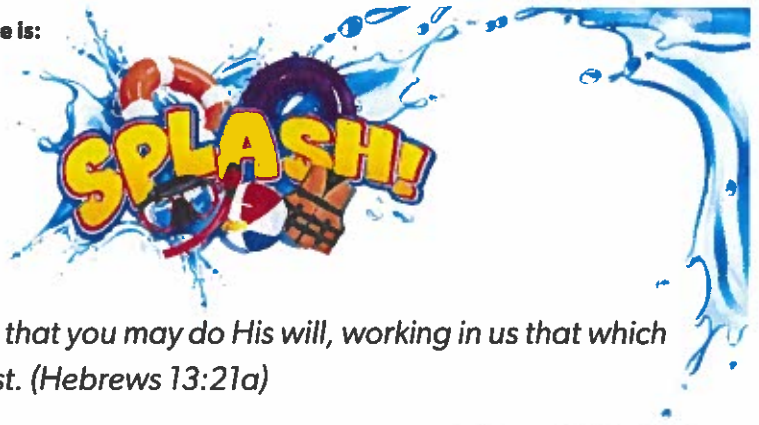
- Find a partner.
- Use different colors.
- Take turns drawing a line from one dot to another.
- The first player to make a triangle in their own color loses!



This month's theme is:

HEY, FAMILIES!

Here's what we're learning:



MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

May God equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 13:21a)

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

(Galatians 5:13-26)

Week 1

Brite Idea: The Holy Spirit helps us live like Jesus.

He Question: Who perfectly demonstrates the fruit of the Spirit?

Jesus is the perfect example of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We Question: How do we live like Jesus?

We can't live like Jesus by our own effort. We walk in the Spirit, allowing Him to change us and following His lead.

FAITH

(Hebrews 11:1-12:2)

Week 2

Brite Idea: God helps His people have faith.

He Question: What pleases God?

God is pleased by faith because He loves people and desires a close relationship with them.

We Question: How can we show our faith in God?

We show faith in God when we trust and obey Him, no matter the circumstances.

TIMOTHY

(1 & 2 Timothy)

Week 3

Brite Idea: God helps us do His work.

He Question: Is God still working in the world?

God is active in the world, working through people and situations to fulfill His perfect plan.

We Question: What work does God want us to do?

God has gifted each believer differently to help build His church and spread the good news of Jesus. As we grow closer to Jesus, we discover ways He wants to use us.

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Week 4

Brite Idea: God helps us love others.

He Question: Does God play favorites?

God does not show favoritism. God created all people and loves all people.

We Question: How can we love others like God does?

With God's help, we can treat others the way we want to be treated, showing kindness to all people and not showing favoritism.



FAMILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY REMEMBER & RESPOND	MONDAY WONDER & DISCUSS	TUESDAY EXPLORE	WEDNESDAY REVIEW	THURSDAY PUT INTO PRACTICE	FRIDAY & SATURDAY PREPARE AHEAD
<p>WEEK 1 ----- The Holy Spirit helps us live like Jesus. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>READ TOGETHER: John 13:15 How are we able to follow Jesus' example?</p>	<p>Come up with a tune that will help your family recite the fruit of the Spirit.</p>	<p>HEBREWS 13:21A How does God equip us with "everything good"?</p>	<p>Anytime you see a family member show a fruit of the Spirit, shout out that fruit. See who can spot and show the most fruit!</p>	<p>Name the fruit of the Spirit you see characters using in your favorite show or book. READ TOGETHER: Hebrews 11:1-12:2 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 2 ----- God helps His people have faith. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>READ TOGETHER: Hebrews 11:1 What is something we're certain of that we cannot see?</p>	<p>Play "catchphrase" using the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11.</p>	<p>HEBREWS 13:21A How does having faith in Jesus help us do God's will?</p>	<p>Craft "faith hero" ribbons or trophies to remind each other that we can all be heroes of faith when we allow God to help us.</p>	<p>Practice trust falls together. Talk about why you had faith you'd be safe. READ TOGETHER: 1 & 2 Timothy DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 3 ----- God helps us do His work. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>READ TOGETHER: Philippians 2:13 How does it make you feel to know God takes pleasure in working through you?</p>	<p>Teach each other about something that is important to you, just as Paul and Timothy's mother and grandmother taught Timothy.</p>	<p>HEBREWS 13:21A How have you experienced God working through you?</p>	<p>Bless a neighbor with a meal or dessert and tell them you are showing love because God loves you!</p>	<p>Leave each other letters this week, like Paul left for Timothy. READ TOGETHER: James 2:1-17 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 4 ----- God helps us love others. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>READ TOGETHER: Matthew 7:12 How have you shown God's love by treating others the way you wanted to be treated?</p>	<p>Take a love language quiz and learn how you each prefer to be loved.</p>	<p>HEBREWS 13:21A How does God work through you to show love to others?</p>	<p>Choose someone who has been difficult for you to love in the past and bless them in an unexpected way as a family.</p>	<p>Draw names from a hat and secretly show love to that family member throughout the week. READ TOGETHER: Psalm 19 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?</p>

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