PARENT LESSON 4.11.21

Session Title: Doers of the Word **Bible Passage:** James 1–2

Story Point: James said that faith without works is useless.

Key Passage: "so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members

one of another." Romans 12:5

Big Picture Question: What is the church? The church is all Christians everywhere, who

gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.

ACTIVITY: The Bible says

Explain that you are going to read a list of statements. If kids think the Bible actually says that statement, they should go to one side of the room. If they do not believe the statement is from God's Word, they go to the other side of the room. After each statement, ask kids why they believed or didn't believe that the statement was in God's Word.

Love one another. (John 13:34-35)

God won't give you more than you can handle.

Believe in yourself, and you will be successful.

You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! (John 16:33)

Honor your father and mother. (Ephesians 6:2)

Say •To answer correctly, you have to be familiar with what God's Word says. In the lesson today, we were reminded that we must also do what God's Word says. **James said** faith without works is useless.

Key passage activity

Lead kids in reading aloud Romans 12:5 together.

Give each child a piece of white paper folded, and with a people chain outline. (You can find simple instructions for this on YouTube) Also give each child a piece of colored construction paper. Have the kids cut out the paper people chain and glue it on the construction paper. Then the kids should write the verse on the construction paper and then color and decorate the paper people.

Lesson Application

What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

How does this story help me to live on mission better?

Talk with your kids about how this week's lesson gives clear instruction to all believers about how we can live on mission for Jesus. People should be able to tell, through our acts of compassion that we love Jesus and want others to know about Him.