

Doers of the Word - Bible Passage: James 1-2

Story Point: James reminded believers to do what Jesus said.

Key Passage: Romans 12:5 We, though many, are one body in Christ.

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

Christ Connection: Jesus said, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word” (John 14:23). James reminded believers to do what Jesus said. Jesus takes our punishment for sin so we can live for Him. When we trust in Jesus, we can do what is good and right.

Activity #1: Sing a song about loving Jesus

Sing the following lyrics to the tune of “Frère Jacques.” Sing each line of the song, guiding children to echo the lyric.

“If you love me, (If you love me,)

You will keep my Word. (You will keep my Word.)

Obey because He loves you (Obey because He loves you)

And gave His life. (And gave His life.)”

Say • Jesus said, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word.” **James reminded believers to do what Jesus said.**

God does not accept people *because* they do what is good and right. He accepts people who *trust in Jesus*. Jesus took our punishment for sin so we can be accepted into God’s family. Believers do what is good and right because God loves them.

Activity #2: Build with blocks on a mirror

Lay a large, flat mirror in the center of a table. Secure to the table on all four sides with duct tape to prevent it from slipping. Invite your child to build with interlocking blocks on top of mirror. As he builds, show him how the block structure is reflected in the mirror.

Say • James said anyone who hears God’s Word but does not do it is like someone who sees himself in a mirror, and then forgets what he looks like. James reminded the church that those who hear and do God’s Word will be blessed. ***Who is the church? The church is all Christians everywhere.*** Christians do what is good and right because God loves them.

Snack and review

Serve heart-shaped cookies for snack. Talk about how hearts make us think of love. James told Jesus’ followers everywhere that when we love Jesus our actions will show it. **James reminded believers to do what Jesus said.** Jesus takes our punishment for sin so we can live for Him. When we trust in Jesus, we can do what is good and right. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

1. James wrote that people who really love God will also love whom? (*other people*)

2. How can we know if someone has true faith? (*by what they do*)

3. Does God accept people because they do good or because they trust in Jesus? (*because they trust in Jesus*)

4. Why do those in God’s family do what is good and right? (*because God loves them*)

5. ***What is the church? The church is all Christians everywhere.***