

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Galatians 2:15-21; 3:1-29; 5:13-26; 6:1-10

BIBLE VERSE:

Galatians 6:9a

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Help other people know and love Jesus.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

We can only be saved by repenting of our sin and trusting Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

(YK)

We cannot earn our salvation in any way.

Salvation comes only by faith in Jesus. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

James 3:1-12

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

James 3:1

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *James 3:7-12*

MONDAY: *James 3:13-16*

TUESDAY: *James 3:17-18*

WEDNESDAY: *James 4:1-3*

THURSDAY: *James 4:4-5*

FRIDAY: *James 4:6-10*

SATURDAY: *James 4:11-12*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Galatians and James together as a family:



- **Justified by faith alone.** Paul's letter to the Galatians introduced them to a new concept: justification. The word *justification* means that God declares a person innocent. When God looks at someone who is justified, instead of seeing him as a sinner, God sees only the risen Jesus whose sacrifice on the cross covered the person's sin. Justification is an important concept for people to know and understand.
- **Confusing teachings of the Judaizers.** Judaizers were Jewish teachers who had infiltrated the early church. Judaizers taught that Gentiles who had become followers of Jesus had to take on physical signs of Jewishness to bring themselves more in line with Jewish believers. Paul clearly taught that the teachings of the Judaizers were false, and that because God had justified the new believers, there was no reason for the Gentile believers to do anything more. Salvation comes through faith in Christ alone. Because of Christ's justification, God views all believers equally.
- **Maintain your first love.** Paul started the Galatian church on one of his early missionary journeys. Though Paul had previously applauded the people for their faith in Christ, in this letter, Paul goes on to sternly admonish the church for falling away from the faith he first preached to them. Paul was angry with the church for being led astray by the Judaizers, and he let the church know that they needed to put their trust in Christ and in God's Word to avoid being led astray by false teachings.
- **Remain strong in your faith.** Paul told the Galatians that after they adjusted their belief and put their faith back in Jesus Christ, alone, they should remain strong in this faith. James also shared with the believers that faith in Christ should be strong, and he encouraged them to remain in that strength as well. James challenged the believers to prove their faith by using words that honor God and edify others.