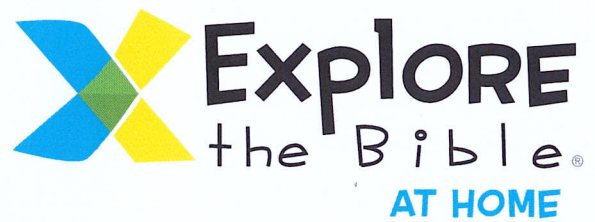


FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

James 1:2-8,19-27; 2:14-26; 3:1-18

BIBLE VERSE:

James 1:22

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Do what the Bible says.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*We must obey God's Word. (YK)
Those who believe in God should obey God's
commands. (OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

James 4:6-17

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

James 4:17

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *James 4:13-14*

MONDAY: *James 4:15-17*

TUESDAY: *James 5:1-3*

WEDNESDAY: *James 5:4-6*

THURSDAY: *James 5:7-8*

FRIDAY: *James 5:9*

SATURDAY: *James 5:10-11*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

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



- **James, the brother of Jesus.** We know from Scripture that after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph had other children. James, the author of this book, was one of Jesus' half brothers. Though he grew up with Jesus, James did not become a believer in Christ until after Jesus' resurrection. James eventually became the pastor of the church in Jerusalem. When the church members were scattered because of a massive persecution against them, James wrote this letter to encourage the believers and give them instructions to help strengthen their faith.
- **Actions speak louder than words.** James encouraged the believers to be faithful to God and reminded them that the way they acted should reflect their love and obedience to God. James listed a few things that believers should do to keep their actions in line with their words. James encouraged a deep understanding of the Scriptures and assured the people that they should not simply hear the words of God, but should put those words into action.
- **Faith without works is dead.** James clarified for believers Paul's previous words which held that actions of someone's hand were not what brought about salvation, but the actions one did were an indication of faith in Christ. Faith in Christ brought about good works, not the other way around. James also taught that the words people speak should match up with the actions that they do.
- **Follow God in all obedience.** James had some harsh words for the believers because he saw that they had been openly critical of others, and he wrote to help them remember that God is the one Who judges men. It was not the responsibility of the church to sit in God's seat as judge. James continued to teach that obedience to God showed a person's faith in Christ.