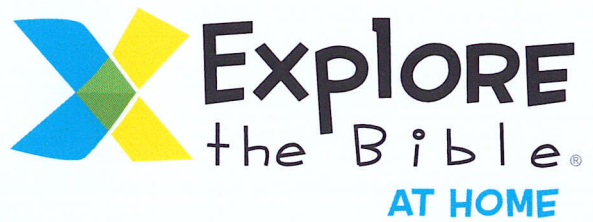


FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 2018



**BIBLE STORY:**

*James 4:1-17; 5:7-18*

**BIBLE VERSE:**

*James 4:8a*

**BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**

*Remember Jesus and live like Him.*

**KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*We should be humble. (YK)*

*God blesses those who are humble. (OK)*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**

*James 5:7-9,13-20*

**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**

*James 5:16*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**

**SUNDAY:** *James 5:12*

**MONDAY:** *James 5:13-14*

**TUESDAY:** *James 5:15*

**WEDNESDAY:** *James 5:16*

**THURSDAY:** *James 5:17-18*

**FRIDAY:** *James 5:19-20*

**SATURDAY:** *Genesis 25:19-26*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

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



- **A Christian life should be focused on honoring God.** James continued his letter to encourage the believers to live their lives in such a way as to honor God. James reiterated the idea that faithful living was an extension of one's faith and not the source for one's faith. A life committed to honoring God would bring about actions that would indeed honor God.
- **Prayer is important.** James shared with the church the importance of prayer. James began this section of his letter by telling the church that they did not have the things they needed because they had failed to ask God for them. God willingly gives to believers the things they need and blesses those who ask. James encouraged the believers to ask with boldness for the things they needed from God. James went on to tell the church that prayers did not need to be selfish in nature, but should also be focused on the specific needs of those in the congregation. James wanted all believers to remember that prayers for others were effective and honored God.
- **Life is short.** James characterized life in general as but a vapor. James told the church that human existence, though it appears long in our finite human minds, is but a moment in time for God almighty. Considering the brevity of life, James appealed to the believers to live their lives in ways that honored God so that more people would become followers of Him as well.
- **Wait for the Lord.** James ended his letter with an admonition to wait patiently. On the heels of his teaching on the brevity of life, James assured the believers that Christ indeed was going to return—the believers needed only to wait patiently for His return. That did not mean that the believers could sit idly by waiting for Christ's return, but they should be diligent to share with others so more people could become followers of Him, too.