



Doers of the Word

James

Objectives:

- Talk about the truths of the gospel as described in James.
- Emphasize the importance of doing what we know is right.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Obedience
- Integrity

This Lesson contains 4 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule.

Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe



Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: “Choose The Right Way” Children’s Songbook page 160
If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/choose-the-right-way>

Prayer:

Scripture Time: James 1:21-22

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Video Clip: Watch clips from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. You can find the clip at
<https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-doers-of-the-word>



Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 10-15 minutes

Lesson

Summary: The book of James is filled with ways we can more fully live the truths of the gospel.

Ask of God (James 1:5-6)

If we have questions, we can ask God for wisdom. If we have faith that he will answer our prayers, we will receive an answer. Joseph Smith read this scripture, and he said “Never did any passage of scripture come with more power to the heart of man than this did at this time to mine.” Joseph decided to go to a grove of trees and pray to know which church was true, and that’s when Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father appeared to him, beginning the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will probably not receive an answer to our prayers in the same way Joseph did, but we Heavenly Father will answer our prayers.

Patience (James 5:7-11)

Sometimes life gets difficult, but if we are patient we will be blessed. We should be patient with others and in times of trial.

Faith and Works (James 2:14-18)

James explains that our faith is shown by our works. It’s not enough just to say that we have faith. It is important to do the things that we believe are right. We show our faith in Jesus Christ by following His teachings.

Love All People (James 2:1-9)

James says that we should love all people, including the poor and needy. Are there times when we might judge people because they are different, or because they live in different circumstances? Jesus taught us to love one another, even our enemies.

Be Careful of How You Speak (1:26,3:9-10)

It doesn’t make sense to praise God with our words, and then say unkind things about our fellow men. We are asked to be careful of the way we speak. Unkind or thoughtless words can be hurtful, and even dangerous.

As we learn these truths, how can we commit to do them, and not just hear them?

Points to Ponder:

How do we receive answers to our prayers? Is there a time your prayers were answered? (Discuss ideas)

How can we be more patient? (Discuss ideas)

How can you show your faith in Jesus Christ? (Discuss ideas)

How can we show love to others – even when it’s difficult? (Discuss ideas)

How can you bless others with your words? (Discuss ideas)

How can we be “doers of the word, and not hearers only”? (Discuss ideas)

Quote:

“We live the gospel and become ‘doers of the word’ by exercising faith, being obedient, lovingly serving others, and following our Savior’s example. We act with integrity and do what we know is right ‘at all times and in all things, and in all places’ no matter who may or may not be watching.

In our mortal condition, no one is perfect. Even in our most diligent efforts to live the gospel, all of us will make mistakes, and all of us will sin. What a comforting assurance it is to know that through our Savior’s redeeming sacrifice, we can be forgiven and made clean again. This process of true repentance and forgiveness strengthens our testimony and our resolve to obey the Lord’s commandments and live our life according to gospel standards.” *Ann M. Dibb*

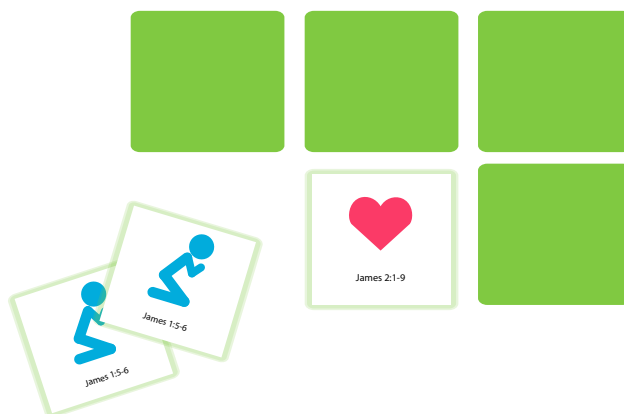


Activity Time

What you need: A copy of “Gospel Truths” matching game, scissors, heavy or colored paper, glue.

Preparation: Print the “Gospel Truths” matching game cards. If they are easily seen through, glue a sheet of heavy or colored paper to the back before cutting. Cut apart cards.

Activity: Lay out all of the cards face down. Take turns choosing two cards. If the cards don’t match, that person’s turn is over and the next person takes a turn to choose two cards. If the cards do match, read the scripture on the card and talk about what you learn. Remove the cards from the playing area. The turn then ends and another person takes a turn to choose two cards. Continue playing until all of the matches are found.





James 1:5-6



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James 5:7-11



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James 2:14-18



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James 1:26,3:9-10



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James 2:1-9



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James 5:14-16



James 5:14-16



Treat Time

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Chill Time: 10–20 minutes

Bake Time: 8-10 minutes

"Doers, Not Hearers Only" Cookies

- 1 C. butter
- 1 1/2 C. sugar
- 1 Large egg
- 2 Tbsp. dark corn syrup or molasses
- 1 Tbsp. water
- 3 1/4 C. flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp. ground cloves



Cream the butter and sugar until light. Add the egg, corn syrup and water blending well. Sift the dry ingredients together and add to the butter mixture. Chill the dough for approximately 10-20 minutes.

Treat Time: Give each child a two 1 inch balls of dough. Roll balls of dough in sugar and then form into the shape of ears (see diagram).
Bake, on ungreased cookie sheets, in a preheated 350 degree F. oven for 8 to 10 minutes.



Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.