

January 3, 2021

*"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"*  
1 Corinthians 3:16

# FBCG Kids



## Journey Through James— Day 1

DAY 1: JAMES THE SERVANT

BEFORE you read this devotional, look up & read James 1:1.

AFTER you read this devotional together, here are some activities you can choose from:

- Play "Secret Servant" at your house tomorrow. Have everyone draw a name of a family member and find as many ways as they can to serve them. Report back tomorrow!
- Think of someone you can serve this week as a family (neighbor, friend, teacher). Come up with a plan & do it!
- Listen to the song "The Cause of Christ" by Kari Jobe. Talk about what this tells us about serving.
- Pray that God would give your family an opportunity to serve together.

DEVOTIONAL

Did you know that over 800 people work at Queen Elizabeth's Buckingham Palace? While they are no longer called "servants", they do the job that servants did for hundreds of years—everything from cleaning the 760 windows (every six weeks, no less), to making clocks.

Imagine what it might be like to work at a palace. You would be in the presence of royalty 24/7. It certainly sounds stressful to me! Most of us wouldn't wish for the life of a servant in the palace—in fact, most of us would wish we were the royalty being served.

While not a king, James was the brother of Jesus and well-known church leader. He could have used the opening lines of his letter in the Bible to show off—reminding people he

was a "pastor" and "disciple." Instead he used one word—servant. This type of servant isn't one who washes windows or makes clocks—it's one who has a much higher calling: to serve God and those around him. By calling himself a servant, James shows us humility and what is important to him—serving Jesus with his entire life. Serving wasn't just something he did—it was who he was.

For Preschoolers: As you help your little on with their daily tasks today, say these words: "I am serving you just like Jesus!" If they are old enough, find a way for them to serve in your house and help them.

*Used with permission from: <https://equipfamily.com/>*

### Calendar Events:

The Church Office will close at NOON on December 31. The Church Office is closed on Friday, January 1.

## Announcements and Resources



Centri-Kid Summer Camp is for students that will be completing 3rd—6th grades. **Camp deposits will be due on January 24.** We will attending camp, June 14—18, at Gardner-Webb University, in Boiling Springs, NC, (just outside Charlotte).

If you are interested in Centri-Kid camp or you know for sure that you would like to send your child to camp, you may register through our link here: <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=56000> Those that register here will continue to get information about camp.

Here are two videos (promo and highlights) to get a glimpse of what Centri-Kid is about. Check it out:  
<https://vimeo.com/122421379>  
<https://vimeo.com/306894660>



## Journey Through James— Day 2

### DAY 2: TOUGH TIMES

BEFORE you read this devotional, look up and read James 1:2-4 and James 1:12.

AFTER you read, here are some activities you can choose from:

- Ask everyone in your family to share a tough time they have went through or are going through. Where can you see God in the tough time?
- Listen to the song “Even If” by MercyMe and talk about what it means for your family.
- James talks about receiving a crown in eternity if we stand strong in tough times. Make crowns together with your family and use them as reminders to not give up!

### DEVOTIONAL

If you could invent anything, what would it be?

Some of the world’s most famous inventions would not exist if their creators had not **persevered**—simply put, kept going—when things got hard! Thomas Edison worked on the lightbulb for 13 months straight before he finally created one that worked. Charles Goodyear, the creator of modern rubber used in tires, got thrown in jail while working on his invention, and finally had success while he was in prison! Talk about not giving up!

You may not need patience to work on an invention, but everyone faces time where we need to choose to keep going or **persevere**. These are tough

times, or trials, that James talks about in the verses we read tonight! James doesn’t teach us how to avoid the tough times—but rather how to lived during them.

Sticking with it during the tough time isn’t easy—we need God’s help to do it! As we stand strong and trust in God’s grace and power during hard times, God makes us more like Him and promises us a reward in heaven! What a great promise.

For Preschoolers: If you find your little ones getting frustrated throughout the day, repeat these words—“God gives us patience when things are tough!”

Used with permission from: <https://equipfamily.com/>

There is a **Prayer Wall** on the church website. The Prayer Wall is a place to post a prayer need or to pray for the needs that were posted.

First Baptist Church  
211 N. Main Street  
Greenville, TN 37745

Phone: 423-639-3194  
[www.fbcgreenville.com](http://www.fbcgreenville.com)  
Email:  
[kcampbell@fbcgreenville.com](mailto:kcampbell@fbcgreenville.com)

## Mission Moment ...

Missionaries work with other Christians to train them to share Jesus. Some choose to use Bible stories. Stories can be retold and passed along from friend to friend, person to person.

One missionary couple uses a program of stories for Healing for Wounded Hearts. As this couple was training a small group, it was important to keep it a secret. They prayed for God to keep them safe.

After the first day of training, they were discovered. They had to move their meeting to another location. They regrouped and prayed for safety. God answered their prayers. They were able to complete their training.



- Please pray for these training sessions when they happen, that the participants will be safe.
- Pray for the Rohingya people to search for Jesus.
- Pray for the believers to share Jesus with the people who need emotional healing. They use Bible stories to help hurting people.
- Pray for God to bring more missionary families to share Jesus with the Rohingya people.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Most international missionaries are assigned to a people group instead of a country. This allows the missionary to work with the group where every they are living.

