

January 10, 2021

"For it by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

FBCG Kids



Journey Through James – Day 3

DAY 3: THE STORY OF SIN
BEFORE you read this devotional, look up and read James 1:13-15 and James 4:8.

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

- As a family, make a list of temptations that you face. Make a practical plan of how you can 'resist' them together this week.
- Make up a chant, actions or songs to help you commit James 4:8 to memory. When you face temptation this week, recite the verse!
- Pray and ask God for His strength as you face temptations this week.
- Listen to the song "Lord, I Need You" by Matt Maher and talk about how we need God to help us!

DEVOTIONAL

Have you ever noticed that sometimes it seems really easy to do something that isn't the best for you? Here are some examples:

- * It's easy to be mean to someone when they are mean to you, even in you should be kind.
- * It's easy to choose chips instead of veggies when you're having a snack.
- * It's easy to get angry at a family member instead of being kind.
- * It's easy to watch Netflix instead of doing homework.

Why do things that are bad for you seem so good sometimes? James, in his first chapter talks about the story of sin. He explains that those things we know that are bad for us—gossip, lying, addictions—present themselves as appealing options as every turn.

Just as we have to make a choice to turn down the chips or do our homework, we also have to make a choice to turn down our desire to sin and stand strong in the face of temptation. We can't do this on our own—James makes that clear. We can however, submit to God, and watch His strength in action! This helps us stand strong, resist the devil and enjoy the good gifts from God.

For Preschoolers: Sin affects even the littlest of hearts. Listen to the song from the Bible App for Kids "I Say No to Sin" with your little one. Make it your anthem for the day!

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Calendar Events:

Jan. 24. Centri-Kid Summer Camp deposits are due. Camp is for students completing 3rd—6th grades. Register on this link.

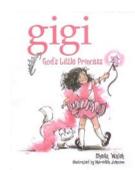
<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=56000>

Resources

 Check out [rightnowmedia](http://rightnowmedia.com), and the many resources available here. If you do not have account, the church website will give you the information on how to access rightnowmedia. There is something for all ages—from young preschool to adults. The topics are varied. It's good stuff. Check it out!!!



Singer/Author Natalie Grant has a 4-book series for girls 8—12 years old, Glimmer Girls. They are part of the Faithgirlz series.



[Will, God's Mighty Warrior](#) and [Gigi, God's Little Princess](#), by Sheila Walsh are for ages 4-8.



Journey Through James – Day 4

DAY 4: LET'S BE DOERS!

BEFORE you read this devotional, look up and read James 1:19-27.

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

- Write a Bible verse or a reminder like "Do what the Bible says" on a piece of paper or using a Window Writer on your mirror. Read it each morning as a reminder to live out God's Word!
- Talk about an instruction from the Bible you find hard to obey. Why is it hard? What can you do as a family this week to help each other obey the Bible?
- Play a game of "Simon Says" to practice listening and doing.

- Pray as a family that God will help you live out His Word!

DEVOTIONAL

To start things off today, I'd like you to do a little experiment. Go around the circle, and have each person say 3 things you did today. As you start talking, blast music or the TV in the back ground, and don't stop until everyone is done talking. See if anyone can remember what everyone else said.

After the first time you've done that activity, try it again, this time without the music on. Have everyone look into each other's eyes/ faces and listen closely. At the end of this turn, see if you can remember what everyone else said again.

This experiment proves one thing: hearing is not the same as listening. You can hear

what someone is saying, but not really listen. James knew that the same things was true when it comes to the Bible— you can hear it, and even read it, but not truly listen and do what it says.

According to James, hearing the Bible without activin on it was pointless! Responding to the instructions found in the Bible was what it meant to truly listen to and follow Jesus. James gives his readers plenty of opportunity to DO in the words that follow in today's Bible reading—as he talks about true religion as the end of this passage. How can you live out the Word this week?

For Preschoolers: Read a Bible story to your little ones. At the end, say, "Let's live out what God's Word says." Repeat this phase throughout your dat.

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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.

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Mission Moment ...

As we begun the new year, **will mark your calendar** with the items that we collect for the Greenville-Greene County Community Ministries (GGCCM) - the "Food Bank"? In both the lobby and the Missions Hallway, there is a collection bin for food donations to be placed. Someone from the Food Bank comes and picks these donations up during the week. Families may also drop donations off AT the Food Bank, if they choose.

Needs have increased during this time and GGCCM has seen more families asking for help. **There are several ways**

to assist:

*Monetary Donations – used to assist clients with bills and to buy food for the pantry

*Food – see list.

*Basic Toiletries

*Prayer:

- Health of the workers
- That enough Food and Money is available to assist the community
- For the families receiving Aid.

January— Peanut Butter
February— Crackers
March— Oatmeal or dry cereal
April— Powdered Milk
May— Spaghetti Sauce
June— Pasta
July— Boxed Meals
(Hamburger helpers, etc)
August— Mac & Cheese
September — Canned Vegetables
October— Canned beans
November— Canned soup
December— Boxed instant potatoes or rice

