

January 31, 2021

*"Do your best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15*



FBCG Kids

Journey through James— Day 9

Day 9—Yes & No!

devotional.

BEFORE you read this devotional, look up and read James 5:12.

DEVOTIONAL
"That was the BEST meal I've ever had!"

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

"I would NEVER do something like that."
"Yes, I absolutely LOVED it!"

- Practice some ways of being honest without being hurtful. Roleplay some scenarios like the ones mentioned in the devotional, using true words that wouldn't hurt someone.
- Practice telling truths that are kind. Go around your family circle and tell each person one true thing you LOVE about them.
- Pray and ask God to help you and your family use your words to be more like Jesus.
- Read Matthew 5:33-37 together and talk about how it matches today's

How often have you said those phrases? If you're like me, they cross your lips fairly often. How often have you said them though, when they weren't entirely true?

You eat an okay meal at a restaurant, and claim it's the best you've ever eaten to the waitress who serves you. You open a birthday gift and exclaim your love for it, only to admit to your best friend later you don't like it at all.

Exaggeration, little lies, and grand promises are regular parts of our speech. Most of us accept these as "no big

deal." James though, in his letter, warns us of the importance of speaking with integrity. He uses the example of swearing oaths to remind us that our words need to be simple, straightforward and true.

While something like exaggeration or a little while lie may seem insignificant, in the long run, it damages our integrity and keeps us from being truly Christlike. Jesus did not just speak truth—He IS the truth, and to be like Him, our words must reflect that.

For the Preschoolers: Just say yes or no! It's easy to exaggerate with little ones—let your yes be yes and no be no today!

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

Calendar Events:

Announcements and Resources

If your family is planning to send a child to Centri-Kid Summer Camp please let Kim know ASAP. FBCG will need at least 5 students to attend camp for us to go. Sign up for camp at this link: <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=56000>

- The VBS Meeting for February will be postponed. The date will be announced later. The leader materials for crafts and music are available, if you plan to teach these and would like to begin planning. Contact Kim.
- Preteen Weekend for 4th—6th Grades has been postponed. Parents please see the email regarding this.



Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 4, at the Homeplace. More details to come.



Journey through James— Day 10

Day 10—THE POWER OF PRAYER

worshipping our God who does miracles.

BEFORE you read this devotional, look up and read James 5:13-18.

DEVOTIONAL

Do you have any friends or family members that are fascinated by magic? Shows like “America’s Got Talent” are filled with skilled actors who perform amazing illusions. Maybe your friends are always trying to perform magic tricks. Some people are obsessed with scary, supernatural characters like zombies and ghosts. All of these are just knockoffs of the real thing.

James tells us was “just like us.” Despite being just like us, he prayed for the rain to stop and start over the course of years—and it did! James tells us that the prayer of a “righteous person is powerful and effective”, resulting in forgiveness and healing. When we pray, things happen.

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

- Make a prayer list of needs in your family or of people you know. Pray for them now, and commit to pray for them everyday this week. Write it down when you see answers.
- Check out the story of Elijah on Youtube. Superbook has some great videos telling this story and making it come alive.
- Listen to the song “God of Miracles” by Chris McClarney and spend some time singing and

What if I told you that Christians already have access to the greatest power you could imagine? James reminds us that when we pray, we have power.

Today’s Bible reading tells us the story of Elijah, an Old Testament prophet, who

Those things don’t happen because of our goodness or amount of faith, but because of the God we pray to. He is all powerful, and we can count on Him to hear us and answer us when we pray.

For the Preschoolers: Make a point to pray for needs you know of with your little one today. Exclaim: “God answers prayers.”

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
Greeneville, TN 37745

Phone: 423-639-3194
www.fbcgreeneville.com
Email:
kcampbell@fbcgreeneville.com

Mission Moment ...

In Tennessee, we have 159 North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries listed on the website. Their roles range from evangelism catalyst to chaplain.

Here is where are NAMB TN missionaries are listed. At this location, each has some family info, a ministry highlight, and a prayer request. Check it out.

<https://missionaries.namb.net/?query=&filter%5B5%5D=&filter%5B0%5D=&filter%5B1%5D=&filter%5B2%5D=&filter%5B3%5D=&filter%5B4%5D=54&limit=12&page=1>



The spring semester, especially around the Easter season, is when we think of the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Why Annie Armstrong? Who was she?

Annie Armstrong (1850-1938) was born in Baltimore. Annie came to know Christ as her personal Savior when she was 20 years old. In 1888, Annie Armstrong was instrumental in leading to the creation of the Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU). She advocated for missionaries, requesting churches to support mission work

through prayer and sacrificial giving.

In 1934, WMU recognized Annie Armstrong’s lifetime work by naming the annual Easter offering for home missions in her honor. Every dollar of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes to support mission work throughout the US and Canada.

FBCG will take the Annie Armstrong Offering during the months of March and April.