

A large, gnarled tree with a thick, twisted trunk and dense green foliage. The roots are exposed and glow with a bright golden light, extending over a rocky shoreline and into the water. The background is a dramatic, stormy sky with dark, heavy clouds. The word "Thrive" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the middle of the tree.

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Dedicated to
SHELBY KENNEDY

We are all given the opportunity to make an impact on others. Shelby Kennedy always said she wanted her life to be like a pebble that hits a pond and creates a ripple effect. She wanted her love for God and His Word to impact those around her.

Shelby had an infectious gift of faith. She radiated joy, life, and hope to those she met. She was energetic and fun-loving, and she enjoyed adventures, travel, making memories, children, friends, and family. Along with her family, Shelby dedicated her time to bringing the gospel to impoverished people in Mexico and Haiti in spiritual as well as practical ways. She was as dedicated when she was comforting a hurting child as she was when she was hammering nails or painting a wall. She lived out the admonition, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ” (Col. 3:23-24 ESV).

On May 31, 2005, at the age of twenty-three, Shelby went home to be with the Lord after an intense struggle with cancer. During the most debilitating time of her illness, what energy Shelby had was focused on proclaiming Jesus Christ. Her testimony of hope in the midst of a fiery trial inspired those around her.

Much of what kept Shelby’s joy in her last days was the time she spent studying the Word of God. Her life was the inspiration for the Shelby Kennedy Foundation, a nonprofit ministry that began the National Bible Bee in 2009 with the mission to engage young people in the memorization and study of the Bible and provide opportunities to proclaim God’s Word through local, national, and broadcast venues.

Though Shelby’s earthly life is over, the Word that she loved endures forever. It is the Foundation’s hope that the Word will dwell richly in the hearts of the young people of this generation that it may transform generations to come.



*This Discovery Journal is dedicated to Shelby Kennedy
and her life fully lived for the glory of God.*

THE GREATEST DISCOVERY

A relationship with Jesus Christ is life's greatest discovery.

OUR CREATOR

God created everything. Though one God, He exists in three distinct, yet co-existent and co-equal, Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is infinite, powerful, sovereign, all-knowing, and omnipresent. Most importantly, He is holy—meaning He alone is God; there is none like Him. He created us in His own image and designed us to have fellowship with Him.

Genesis 1:1, 27; 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 95:1-5; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 4:11

OUR CONDITION

When tested, man chose to doubt God's goodness and provision. Man's rejection of God brought sin into our lives. The punishment for sin is death—eternal separation from a holy God, the very source of life.

Genesis 2:17; 3:1-6; Romans 3:23; 6:23

GOD RESCUES

However, God had a plan from the beginning for redemption—deliverance from sin. At the appointed time, God sent His Son who became flesh, took on human form, and lived among us. Only the sinless Son of God, Jesus, could be a sufficient sacrifice for the penalty of our sin. Out of love, He took our punishment through death on the cross and then rose again. We can do nothing to provide the remedy or the payment for our sin. We can never try hard enough, work long enough, or be good enough. Trusting in the completed work of Jesus is the only way.

John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 1:19-20; 1 Peter 3:18

WE DISCOVER

So how can we be restored to a relationship with God? You can actually rest assured that you don't need to do anything. In fact, you must understand that you can do nothing that would restore yourself to God. If you are striving for salvation, you are missing it. God does all the work in salvation! He provides the faith to believe, and we respond to Him in repentance, turning away from sin and toward obedience to God. Call on His name, and He will give you new life and a change of heart.

Psalm 32:1-5; Psalm 51; Isaiah 45:22; Jeremiah 29:12-13; Matthew 11:28-30; 16:24; John 6:40; 14:6, 15; Acts 2:36-39; Romans 3:20; 8:1-4, 30; 10:8-10, 13; 1 John 2:1-6

OUR VISION

As part of the vision of The Shelby Kennedy Foundation, “to know God’s Word and make Him known,” the goal of the Discovery Journal is for each student to gain a right understanding of the Scriptures and then apply it to their lives so they may know the one true God as revealed in His Word. Our method of study is designed toward that end.

But even the best methods are unable to accomplish anything apart from the indwelling Holy Spirit, for He was sent to teach us all things (John 14:26). We are sobered, too, by the warning that knowledge puffs up, but love builds up (1 Cor. 8:1). Our hope for those embarking on this journey to discover eternal treasures is this:

...that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. –Philippians 1:9-11 (ESV)

INTRODUCTION TO THRIVE

Welcome to *Thrive*! Please don’t skip over this section; it contains information about the *Thrive* Discovery Journal that you will need to know for a successful experience with this Bible study. We look forward to helping you learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

Our study begins with the opening verses of James’ epistle. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostle James greets the twelve tribes of Israel and sets the stage for a letter filled with instruction and encouragement. Scattered throughout the oppressive Roman empire, the Jewish believers are being tested in their faith. Yet rather than watch them wilt in the heat of fiery trials, James urges them to flourish as obedient followers of Christ. He tells them that, if they persevere, their testing will ultimately result in Christian maturity (James 1:3-4).

With this hope-filled reminder as the backdrop, James outlines how the believers can grow toward maturity. He warns them against the deception of sinful desires. He exhorts them to be hearers and doers of the Word. He calls them to love and

care for others, putting their faith into action. He encourages them to exhibit heavenly wisdom in their speech and conduct. He reminds them that rather than befriend the world, they must draw near to God in repentance. Finally, James circles back to his initial theme of perseverance and urges the believers to patiently and prayerfully endure as they look for Christ's return. Drawing from the examples of past faithful saints, James tells his suffering readers to wait for the outcome of the Lord—knowing that the Lord is compassionate and merciful!

James' Spirit-inspired instructions are remarkably simple. Yet these fundamental truths will help us put feet to our faith and walk in righteousness. Though much of this letter is practical in nature, it teaches us that we have been given spiritual birth through the Word of Truth (James 1:18). As we continue in the Word, our lives will bear fruit.

In the epistle of James, we learn that testing produces perseverance, resulting in maturity that proves the genuineness of our faith. When put to the test, true faith does not merely survive—authentic faith thrives!

Our prayer at the National Bible Bee is that you believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that you trust Him as the One who began and will complete your faith. Ultimately, our desire is for you to "know God's Word and make Him known." May the *Thrive* study draw you closer to the Lord Jesus Christ!

DISCOVERY JOURNAL OVERVIEW

This Discovery Journal is gospel-focused. Scripture clearly reveals both the sinful condition of man and God's triumphant plan for the redemption of mankind.

The *Thrive* study includes eight units. Units 1-7 include a title page and a *Launch* page followed by five lessons, each with *Navigate* and *Explore* sections. Unit 8 is a review of Units 1-7, complete with quizzes.

TITLE PAGE

The title page of each unit includes the Discovery Destination (a particular focus on how believers should live before God) and the Key Verses (the main point or message of the study passage).

LAUNCH PAGE

The following elements are unique to the *Thrive* study and are included in each unit. You will find an overview of each section on the *Launch* page to serve as an easy reference for you in your Bible study or review of each unit.

Prayer

Each unit begins with a focus on prayer. Using the acronym **PRAY**—Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield—you will spend time preparing your heart for the study of Scripture. You won't want to skip this crucial step in your Bible study.

Background Study

Each *Navigate* Lesson 2 provides background information such as history, geography, culture, or sociology, bringing to life the Bible study.

Teachings of Jesus in James

In each *Navigate* Lesson 3, we will learn how some of the teachings of Christ in the Gospels correlate with James' Spirit-inspired imperatives.

Discovery Destination

In each *Navigate* Lesson 4, we will focus on an aspect of Christian maturity revealed in that unit's study passage. As we dig deep into these qualities, we will also look to Jesus as our ultimate example of maturity.

People of Faith

The Bible is replete with inspiring examples of faithful saints who have gone before. Amid overwhelming challenges and trials, these men and women thrived in authentic faith. *Explore* Lesson 4 is devoted to studying some of their scriptural accounts so that we might be challenged to walk in the path of faith blazed for us.

PRAYER PAGE

God desires a relationship with His people, and prayer is His gracious provision. As we daily prepare our hearts through prayer to study God's Word, we will focus on a truth about the Lord revealed in the epistle of James. As our understanding of His character grows, so will our love for and adoration of Him. Our God is light; He is our father; the Lord is glorious; He is one God; and He is our creator, Lawgiver, and warrior.

NAVIGATE

The *Navigate* section begins each lesson. You can complete this part in as little as twenty minutes. It includes a Navigate memory passage as well as various study methods to unlock the truth and discover the treasures of God's Word.

EXPLORE

The *Explore* section takes the study to a deeper level and provides you with an additional memory passage. You can complete *Explore* on the same day as *Navigate* or on another day.

STUDY & MEMORY PASSAGES

The study passages, which are the Bible text for each unit, are located in the lesson headings. The memory passages are also included in the heading of each lesson—one memory passage for the *Navigate* lesson and one for *Explore*. You should read and study your memory passages daily. All *Navigate* memory passages are taken from the study passage. *Explore* memory passages are taken from Lesson 4 of each unit, "People of Faith."

ESSENTIAL HELPS


STUDY METHODS

The *Navigate* and *Explore* sections in each unit include five lessons in which you will use these methods to dive into Bible study: *Read & Observe* (Lessons 1 & 2), *Interpret* (Lesson 3), *Apply* (Lesson 4), and *Review* (Lesson 5). We may use a combination of methods in each lesson.

READ & OBSERVE Lessons 1 & 2

When we read the Scriptures, various tools help us "observe," or understand, what we're reading. We use these tools in the Discovery Journal:

- Keywords
- Word studies
- Definitions
- Observation questions—the 5 Ws and an H questions
- Compare/contrast information

 **Note:** Some passages are long, and you may choose to listen to the passages instead of reading them.

Observation Questions

The 5 Ws and an H questions ask *Who? What? When? Where? Why?* and *How?* They help you observe and comprehend the passages.

Keywords

Keywords are important words that you will mark with a specific color. You'll use four colors—yellow, red, blue, and green—to help you answer questions and see important truths more readily. Each color focuses on a different area.

Keyword Marking Key

- = References to God (*yellow*)
- = References to mankind (*red*)
- = References to God's actions (*blue*)
- = References to places (*green*)

Here is an example of a keyword exercise:

Read John 1:43-51 and mark the keywords **Jesus and **believe** using the color indicated. Then check the circles.**



○ Jesus (*yellow*)

○ believe (*red*)

When you are asked to mark keywords, you should mark all forms of the keywords in your Bible. For example, if the instructions say, "Read Mark 14:32-40 and mark the keyword **pray**," then you would mark any form of the word "pray," such as "prayed," "praying," "prayers," etc.

Word Studies

A word study helps us examine the meaning of a keyword in the language in which it was written in order to better understand the Scriptures. The original language of the Old Testament is Hebrew; the original language of the New Testament is Greek. Word study information for the Discovery Journal is from a Bible study tool, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* (referred to as *Strong's*), which includes the keyword, the *Strong's* number, and the word in its original language. The source of the definition will also be listed. Here is an example of a word study:

Complete the tasks to study the word **Jesus**.

Underline the *Strong's* definition.

Circle the Greek word.



Jesus (John 1:43)

Strong's #: G2424

Greek word: iēsous

Strong's Definition: the name of our Lord

INTERPRET Lessons 3

Using the Bible to interpret Scripture, we'll use these study tools:

- Context
- Cross-references (other Bible verses)
- Literary techniques
- Parallel passages (to compare and contrast biblical ideas)

APPLY Lessons 4

The *Apply* lesson focuses on the application of a right understanding of God's Word. We'll study how those who have believed in Jesus Christ live out their faith as children of God.

REVIEW Lessons 5

The final lesson is a review that includes a coloring page and a variety of these activities: word scramble, crossword puzzle, matching, fill-in-the-blank, true or false, and word search.

STUDY RESOURCES

To complete the study, you'll need the following:

- A Bible that can be highlighted (NASB, ESV, KJV, NKJV, or NIV)
- Bible highlighters
- Pencils or pens

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Studying God's Word is foundational to our Christian walk. The Bible is composed of sixty-six individual books, written by about forty God-inspired authors over a span of 1,500 to 2,000 years. Read what Paul had to say about the Author of and the purposes for Scripture:

All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness.
- 2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB)

But before you study, you must ask yourself this most important question... *Do I Believe?*

Exploration and study of the Bible begins with your relationship with Jesus Christ—which is the greatest discovery you can make. That journey starts by recognizing that God is Creator and that you are created in His image (Gen. 1:27). Sin entered the world through the disobedience of man, which eternally separates us from a holy God.

Yet, from the beginning of time, God had a plan for redemption—Jesus Christ (Gal. 4:4-5). Only the sinless Son of God could provide the payment for our sins by His death on the cross. It is God's grace, not our good works, that offers the gift of eternal life for those who trust in Christ (Eph. 2:8-9). When you call on the name of the Lord, you will discover new life in Christ with the promise to live eternally with Him (Rom. 10:8-10).

We pray that you have responded to God's call by believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Welcome now to the *Thrive* study.

UNIT 1

Thrive in Tests

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Maturity: Grow in Perseverance

KEY VERSES

Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

-James 1:2-4 (NASB)

LAUNCH • UNIT 1

OVERVIEW

The apostle James writes his letter to the scattered Jewish believers. He reminds them that even though their faith is tested, they will grow and mature spiritually as they persevere. James encourages these believers to thrive in their trials and temptations.

- **PRAYER**

God Is Light—James 1:17;
Psalm 104:1-2; Psalm 90:8;
Micah 7:7-8; Ephesians 5:8-10

- **BACKGROUND STUDY**

Geography: The Dispersion of the Jews

- **TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES**

- **DISCOVERY DESTINATION**

Maturity: Grow in Perseverance

- **PEOPLE OF FAITH**

Hall of Faith—Hebrews 11:1-22

Thrive Discovery Destination

Christian Maturity

Thrive Key Verses

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. —James 1:2-4 (NIV)

STUDY PASSAGE

James 1:1-18



NAVIGATE MEMORY PASSAGE

James 1:2-3



EXPLORE MEMORY PASSAGE

Hebrews 11:16

KEY VERSES

James 1:2-4



Key Verses



Keywords



Word Studies



Definitions



Geography



Before you begin your Discovery Journal lesson each day, pray using the verses provided and the acronym **PRAY**—Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

In each **PRAY** section, we will focus on a truth about God. Each section of James reveals our Lord’s character and deepens our understanding of Him. God desires a relationship with His people, and prayer is the perfect way to communicate with God.

God Is Light James 1:17

Prepare your heart for the study of Scripture by focusing on the Father of lights, who never changes.

Use the model below to pray each day as you answer the questions, either by writing or drawing. See examples below.

<p>Praise—Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Psalm 104:1-2. Our God is covered in light. What can you praise Him for? <i>Thank You that You are Light, and in you there is no darkness.</i></p>	<p>Repent—Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Psalm 90:8. What secret sins do you need to repent of? <i>Lord, forgive me for not spending time with You in Your presence.</i></p>
<p>Ask—Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Micah 7:7-8. God knows your needs. Watch as He answers. What are your requests to God? <i>Dear God, show my friend, Joe, that You are his salvation and light.</i></p>	<p>Yield—Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Ephesians 5:8-10. How can you yield—say yes—to our God of light? <i>Lord, I choose to walk in Your light and do what is pleasing to You.</i></p>
<p>Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Write a prayer using the PRAY model. Use Days 1-4 to help you write the prayer. (Below is a sample prayer.) <i>Dear God, I praise you because You are very great. There is no darkness in You. Forgive me for having a bad attitude when my mom reminded me to do my chores. Please help me be attentive to Your Word as I study and to walk in the light of Your Word. Amen.</i></p>	




NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 1:2-3

The epistle of James was a letter written to the Jewish believers scattered among the nations. Sometimes the book of James is called the "Proverbs of the New Testament" because it is full of wisdom. James gives many commands to help believers grow toward spiritual maturity.

The *Thrive* Discovery Journal will guide us through a study of James' epistle, a letter full of truth. We will learn practical ways to confidently live out our faith in difficult times! In Unit 1, Lessons 1 and 2, we will read and observe James 1:1-18.

READ • James 1:1-18

 Read the study passage, James 1:1-18, and mark the key verses, James 1:2-4, in your Bible.

OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

Our objectives in the *Read & Observe* lessons are to mark keywords, complete word studies, and answer observation questions.

In James 1:1-18 mark the keywords **God**, **trials/temptations**, and **tempted** using the color indicated, and check the circles.

 God (*yellow*) trials/temptations (*red*) tempted (*red*)

Unscramble the letters to discover the titles for each section of James 1:1-18.

These titles reflect the two types of tests discussed in the study passage.

James 1:1-12 Thrive in **srliTa** Trials

James 1:13-18 Thrive in **tpnesmitaTo** Temptations

"Trials" are an outward struggle with adversity, and "temptations" refer to an inner battle with sin.

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.

word bank: crown of life author joy wisdom

- The **author** of this letter is James.
- The response to trials should be **joy**.
- In trials, we should ask for **wisdom**.
- Those who endure trials will receive the **crown of life**.

MEMORY PASSAGE • James 1:2-3

In your Bible, highlight or underline the *Navigate* memory passages. Turn to page 114 to see fun ideas for memorizing verses. Practice daily.



EXPLORE • UNIT 1, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:16

The *Explore* section of our study takes a deeper look at the study passage.

READ • James 1:1-18

Let's reread the study passage. This time, notice why believers have trials.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords **endurance/steadfastness/patience/perseverance** and **perfect/mature** and check the circles.



- endurance/steadfastness/patience/perseverance (red)
- perfect/mature (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

- Underline the *Strong's* definition.
- Circle the Greek word.



perfect/mature (James 1:4b) Strong's #: G5046 Greek word: teleios

Strong's Definition: complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.);...completeness

Mark out the first letter and every other letter of each alphabet jumble and fill in the blanks. Trace the answer to the equation. These answers reveal the purpose of our trials and the theme of James' letter found in James 1:3-4.

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God gives wisdom as we encounter the testing of our faith. The letter of 1 Peter offers a treasure chest of wisdom to help us endure these trials. **Read the cross-references and match the reference to the way we can respond to tests. Write the references on the correct lines below the treasure chests.**

1 Peter 2:20-21

1 Peter 3:16

1 Peter 4:16



1 Peter 3:16

1 Peter 4:16

1 Peter 2:20-21



NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 1:2-3

READ • James 1:1-18

Read the study passage, paying attention to whom the letter is addressed.

BACKGROUND STUDY • History: The Dispersion of the Jews

While reading the study passage, mark the keywords **tribes** and **dispersed/Dispersion/scattered** and check the circles.



tribes (red)

dispersed/Dispersion/scattered (red)



Dispersion

(Gr. "a scattering") Term for Jews living outside Palestine after the Babylonian exile (586 B.C.) and at other times.

The letter of James is addressed to the scattered Jewish believers who had been persecuted. This was a really difficult time for these people. They were waiting for God to return them to their homeland, and the Christians were waiting for Christ to gather them into heaven. During this time of dispersion, James encouraged the believers to continue through their suffering and grow in Christ.



Read the references and color the locations of both the Old and New Testament dispersions in the colors of the references.

- 2 Kings 17:6-7
- Psalm 137:1-4
- Acts 11:19
- 1 Peter 1:1-2





EXPLORE • UNIT 1, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:16

Sometimes we are tested by the hardships that happen to us, but other times we are tested by the temptation to sin that comes from within us. In this lesson, we will learn how to thrive in spite of temptation.

READ • James 1:13-18

Read part of the study passage, James 1:13-18.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Observation Questions, and Definitions

While reading James 1:13-18, mark the keywords **carried/lured/drawn/dragged away** and **lust/desire** and check the circles.

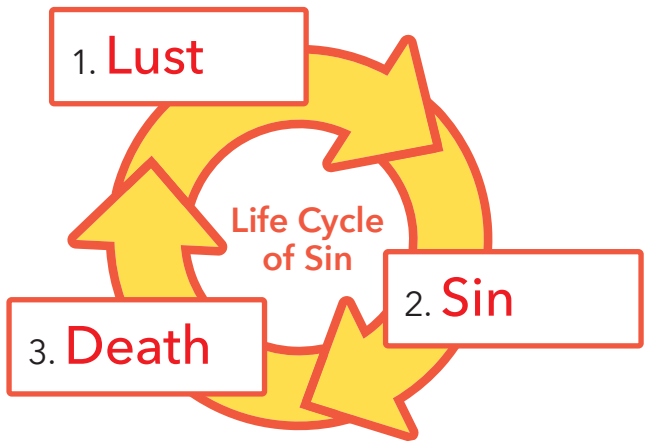


carried/lured/drawn/dragged away (red)

lust/desire (red)

Read James 1:15 (NASB) again. Then fill in the stages of the life cycle of sin using the nouns from the verse. The word bank will help you.

death lust sin



In contrast to sin that results in death, James 1:17-18 gives us hope. Read the summary below using the images.

= lights
 = firstfruits
 = gift
 = Word

Every good and perfect comes from above. These gifts are from the Father of . God chose to give us birth by the of truth. Believers then become the of all He created.



firstfruits

The first and best of a person's crop or livestock. In Bible times, people gave their best to God.


When we are reborn in Christ, God gives us a new heart, a new spirit, and new desires (Ezek. 36:26-27). He gives us power to resist temptation and walk in our identity in Jesus!



NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 1:2-3

In each *Navigate* Lesson 3, we will interpret Scripture by studying cross-references in the Bible to deepen our understanding of James and to comprehend God's Word better.

 **Read the key verses, James 1:2-4. In the verse below, underline the keyword *mature*, *teleios*, in Greek.** See what the Bible says about maturity.

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. –James 1:4 (NIV)

Read the references and match them to the correct statements to learn more about the Greek word *teleios*.

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| <p><u> c </u> 1. Maturity involves pressing toward the goal.</p> <p><u> a </u> 2. Maturity involves sacrifice.</p> <p><u> d </u> 3. Perfect love does not contain fear.</p> <p><u> b </u> 4. Wisdom is for those who are mature.</p> | <p>a. Matthew 19:21</p> <p>b. 1 Corinthians 2:6</p> <p>c. Philippians 3:12-15</p> <p>d. 1 John 4:18</p> |
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TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

The short letter James wrote is full of wisdom for believers in Christ. In fact, his epistle mirrors many teachings we find in the gospels. In each unit, we will compare a verse from James that reminds us of a truth Jesus taught.



Compare James 1:2 and Matthew 5:11-12. Use a mirror to find the same truth reflected below.

James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings. Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. Now the brother or sister of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; but the rich person is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so also the rich person, in the midst of his pursuits, will die out. Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. No one is to say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it has run its course, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. In the exercise of His will He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures. You know this, my beloved brothers and sisters. Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; for a man's anger does not bring about the righteousness of God. Therefore, ridding yourselves of all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the law of freedom, and has continued in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an active doer, this person will be blessed in what he does. If anyone thinks himself to be religious, yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this person's religion is worthless. Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. –James 1



EXPLORE • UNIT 1, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:16

So far, we have learned that God never tempts His people. However, He does test them. The goal of this testing is for us to grow and mature spiritually.

Follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks to find out what God’s testing of His people accomplishes. Then draw lines to match the correct cross-references.

Why the Test?

To know whether they love God with all their heart and

l o s u
s o u l

Exodus 16:4 (NIV)

To see if they will walk in God’s

t n u c t r i n o i s
i n s t r u c t i o n

Deuteronomy 8:16

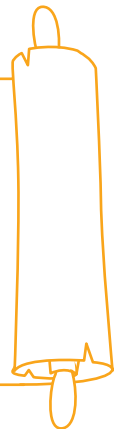
To do them good in the

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Deuteronomy 13:3

Read the verses and then follow the instructions below.

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. -1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NIV)



1. Underline the person who must be careful not to fall.
2. Circle the type of temptation that may overtake you.
3. Box the attribute of God.
4. Draw a wavy line under what God provides when you are tempted.

Hebrews 4:15-16 tells us that Jesus was tempted like we are. Because of that, when we approach the throne of grace, we will receive mercy. Our Savior provides all that we need to deliver us from temptation.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 1:2-3

DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow in Perseverance

In each Discovery Destination lesson, we will look at an important topic from the study passage that is essential to Christian maturity. Today we will look at what it means to persevere during the testing of our faith. What is perseverance?



perseverance

to keep at something in spite of difficulties, opposition, or discouragement

Read Hebrews 12:1-3, mark the keyword **endured**, and check the circle. Then use the Growth cipher to fill in the blanks to learn more about endurance.



endured (*blue*)



1. We look to J e s u s as we endure our race.
2. Jesus endured the c r o s s.
3. Jesus endured because of the j o y set before Him.
4. We can remember Jesus and not grow w e a r y or discouraged.

We can persevere during tests and grow toward spiritual maturity when we look to the One who is perfect and complete—Jesus! He left an example of endurance for us to follow and because of Him, we can persevere.





EXPLORE • UNIT 1, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:16

PEOPLE OF FAITH • Hall of Faith—Hebrews 11:1-22

James knew the importance of learning from our forefathers, whose faith thrived. He mentioned five Old Testament people by name in his letter. Each *Explore* Lesson 4 will highlight individuals who demonstrated faith.

Today we will learn about men and women found in Hebrews 11, which is commonly known as the “Hall of Faith” chapter of the Bible.

Read Hebrews 11:1-22, mark the keyword **faith**, and check the circle.



○ faith (red)

In the activity, draw a line from the description of the person of faith to the correct portrait.

HALL OF FAITH

He became an heir of righteousness that comes by faith (v. 7).

He worshiped as he was dying (v. 21).

He mentioned the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt (v. 22).



Abraham



Joseph



Jacob



Sarah



Noah



Isaac

She considered Him faithful who had promised (v. 11).

He blessed his sons regarding the future (v. 20).

He looked forward to a city whose builder is God (v. 8-10).

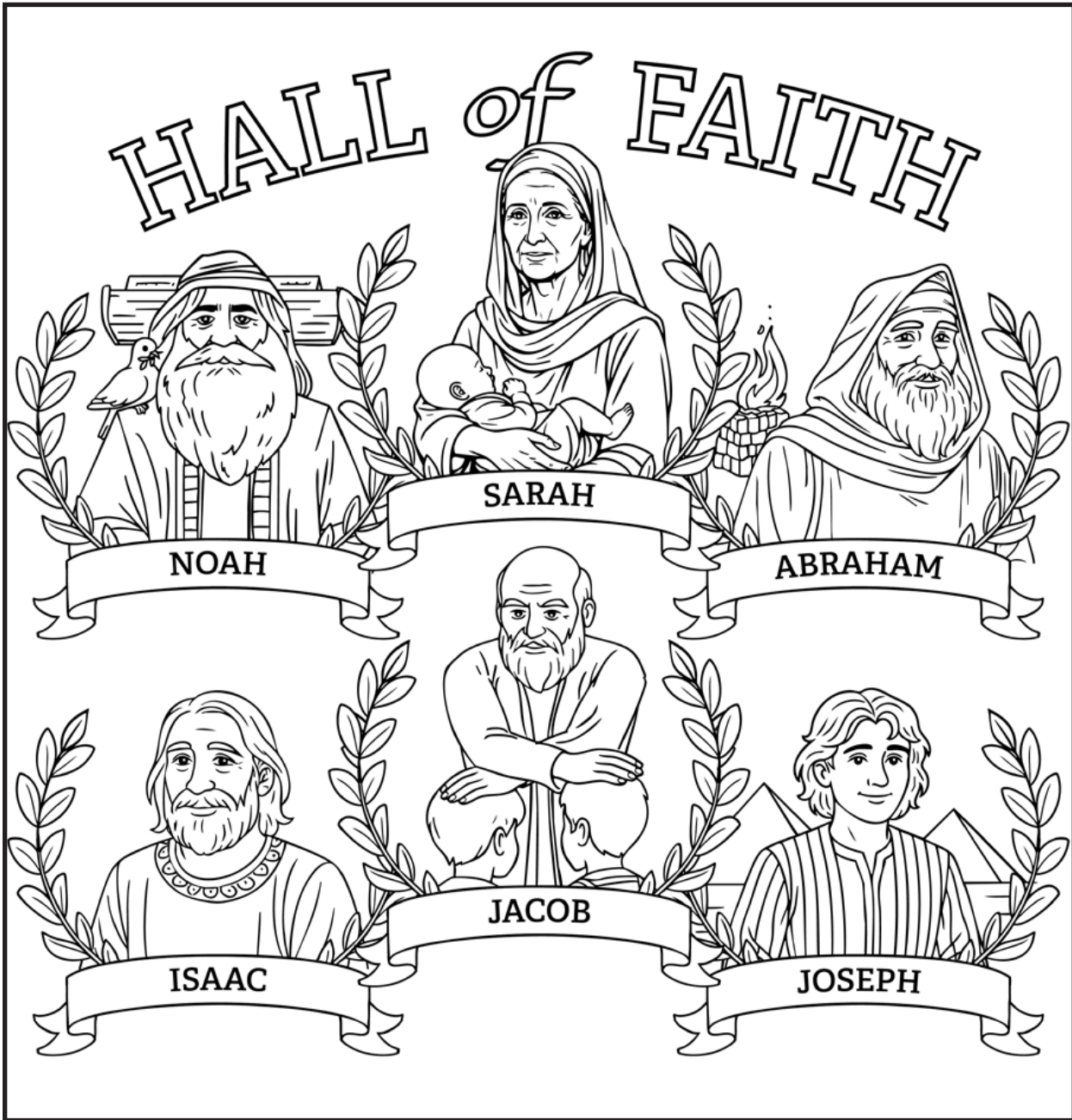
Although the Hall of Faith heroes did not experience the promises, they died still living by faith. Many were a part of Christ's lineage, and their lives were part of the roadmap to Christ—the Savior of the world!



NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 1:2-3

Color the picture that reminds us of the Hall of Faith heroes.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passage, James 1:2-3, and trace the word.

Grow in *perseverance*.



UNIT 2

Thrive in the Word

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Maturity: Grow as Hearers and Doers

KEY VERSES

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

-James 1:21-22 (NKJV)

LAUNCH • UNIT 2

OVERVIEW

In order to grow spiritually, a believer must thrive in God’s Word. James calls believers to lay aside evil, and humbly receive the Word that has been given to them. He calls them to not only hear the Word, but also to obey it.

- **PRAYER**

God Is Our Father—James 1:27
1 John 3:1; Hebrews 12:6;
Matthew 7:11; Romans 8:13-14

- **BACKGROUND STUDY**

History: James, the Author

- **TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES**

- **DISCOVERY DESTINATION**

Maturity: Grow as Hearers and Doers

- **PEOPLE OF FAITH**

Moses—Hebrews 11:23-29

STUDY PASSAGE

James 1:19-27



NAVIGATE MEMORY PASSAGE

James 1:21-22



EXPLORE MEMORY PASSAGE

Hebrews 11:24-26

KEY VERSES

James 1:21-22



Key Verses



Keywords



Word Studies



Definitions



Geography



Before you begin your Discovery Journal lesson each day, pray using the verses provided and the acronym **PRAY**—Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

God Is Our Father James 1:27

Prepare your heart for the study of Scripture by reading verses that focus on God our Father. By Jesus' sacrifice, we are children of God when we believe in Him.

Use the model below to pray each day as you answer the questions, either by writing or drawing.

<p>Praise—Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Read 1 John 3:1. Because of His love, we can be His! Praise Him today.</p>	<p>Repent—Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Hebrews 12:6. What sins do you need to repent of?</p>
<p>Ask—Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Matthew 7:11. What are your requests to God?</p>	<p>Yield—Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Romans 8:13-14. How can you yield—say yes—to God our Father?</p>
<p>Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Write a prayer using the PRAY model. Use Days 1-4 to help you write the prayer.</p>	



NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: James 1:21-22

In Unit 2, we will observe God’s call to grow in the Word. Not many people could read when James wrote his letter to the churches. Instead, Scripture was read to them in their synagogues and church services. This is why James emphasizes hearing the Word.

READ • James 1:19-22

Read part of the study passage, James 1:19-22, and mark the key verses, James 1:21-22, in your Bible.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Definitions, and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords **anger/wrath** and **receive/accept** and check the circles.

anger/wrath (red) receive/accept (red)

anger *Vine’s Expository Dictionary* defines “anger/wrath” as “the strongest of all passions...frequently with a view to taking revenge.”

- In verse 19, which two physical actions are discussed?
 - Seeing and smelling Hearing and speaking
 - Touching and tasting
- How should a person hear and speak?
 - Quickly and slowly Slowly Quickly
- Who must be slow to anger?
 - Believers Sinners Everyone
- What does the anger of man not produce?
 - Righteousness of God Slow speaking Quick listening
- According to verse 21, what should be received?
 - Meekness The Word Wickedness

“The implanted/engrafted word” is the seed of God’s Word that is able to save our souls if we receive it and do not reject it. We are to be not only hearers of the Word, but also doers of the Word.

James tells his Christian audience to receive the Word that can “save your souls.” We are saved from sin’s penalty (John 3:16), its power (Rom. 6:6,11), and its presence (Rev. 21:10, 27). Because of our salvation, we are given the power to put away wickedness and receive the Word, which saves us from the power of sin.



EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:24-26

READ • James 1:19-27

Read the study passage and notice how we should interact with the Word.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

While reading the study passage, mark the keywords **humility/meekness/humbly** and **implanted/engrafted/planted** and check the circles.



humility/meekness/humbly (red)

implanted/engrafted/planted (blue)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

Underline the *Strong's* number.

Circle the Greek word.



**implanted/engrafted/
planted (James 1:21)**

Strong's #: G1721

Greek word: emphytos

Vine's Expository Dictionary Definition: ...of the Word of God, as the "rooted word," i.e., a word whose property it is to root itself like a seed in the heart.

Meekness is important to help us grow spiritually. It is a fertilizer for the soil of the hearts of believers so that the Word of God will take deep root and grow as we submit to the Lord's teachings.

Answer the questions by filling in the blanks, using the words in the word bank.

With humility/meekness

Hearts of Believers

The Word

How are we to receive the Word?

With humility/
meekness



What must be received?

The Word

Where is the Word of God planted?

Hearts of believers

How we receive the Word determines whether we will neglect or continue in it. Are you receiving the Word with meekness and thriving in it?

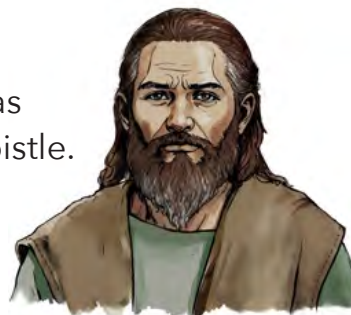


NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: James 1:21-22

BACKGROUND STUDY • History: James, the Author *Thrive* is based on the letter written by James. But who was James? Let's learn more about the man who wrote this epistle.

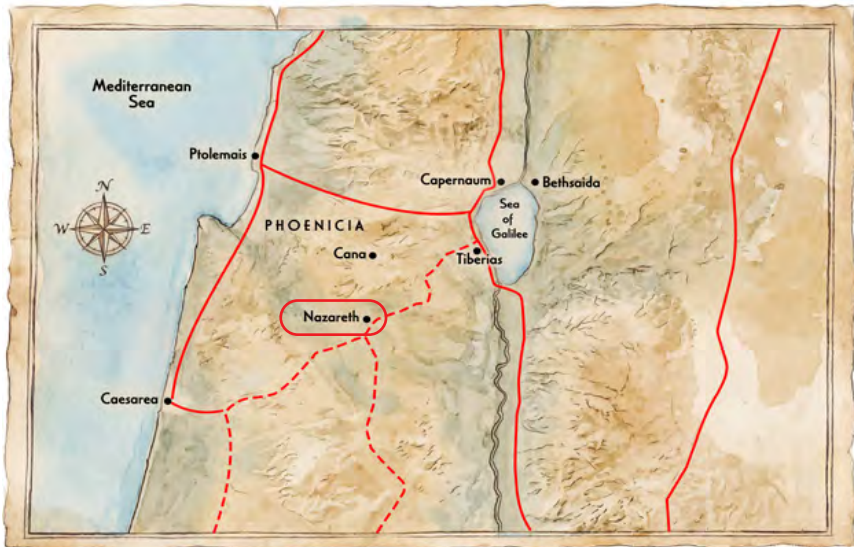
Who Was James?



Use the cross-references to fill in the blanks.

The author, James, was one of Jesus' brothers/ brethren (Matt. 13:55). Jesus' brothers, James included, did not always believe Jesus as the Messiah (John 7:5). However, we know that Jesus appeared to James and several others after His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:7). James became a leader in the church of Jerusalem. He was considered a pillar of the church (Gal. 2:9). James described himself as a bondservant/servant of the Lord Jesus Christ (James 1:1).

- James was from Nazareth, a village in Galilee, located near the intersection of busy trade routes. As he talked with the traveling merchants, he was able to learn excellent Greek. **On the map, circle Nazareth and trace the two routes that meet near Nazareth.**



We can see that James had the heart of a pastor toward the persecuted believers. He called them "brothers" or "dear brothers and sisters." His letter reflects many of Jesus' teachings, including about riches, against judging, and about humility.

James died around AD 62 when many Jewish leaders opposed his teachings. James responded with the message that Jesus was alive, in heaven at the right hand of the Father, and would come again on the clouds. The upset leaders killed James, and yet as he died, he prayed for their forgiveness. What devotion he had for Jesus!¹



EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:24-26

READ • James 1:19-27

Read the study passage. Notice what James commands us to do with the Word.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Definitions, and Observation Questions

In the verse below, circle the keywords **looks**, **doing**, and **blessed**. Check the circles.



looks (red)

doing (red)

blessed (red)

But whoever **looks** intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but **doing** it—they will be **blessed** in what they do. –James 1:25 (NIV)



doer

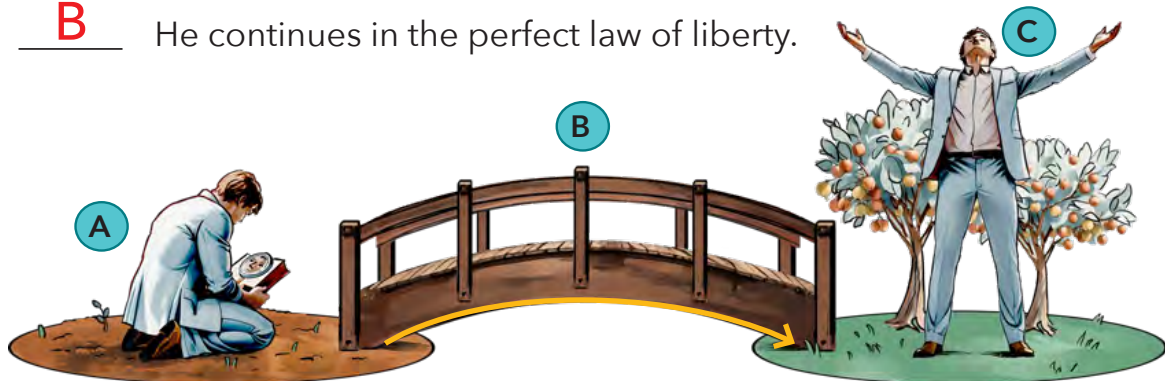
one that takes an active part

Reread James 1:21, 25. Next to each statement, write the corresponding letter from the illustration.

 C This person will be blessed in what he does.

 A This man humbly receives the implanted Word.

 B He continues in the perfect law of liberty.



When we truly look at ourselves through the lens of the Word of God, it causes us to view our words and actions as if we are looking with a magnifying glass, exposing the sin in our lives. Spending time in God's Word like this will allow us to grow as hearers and doers.

Hearing and doing are actions. Applying Scripture involves work, but it is more than achievable through Christ.





NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: James 1:21-22

Just as James compares the Word to a mirror, the Bible uses several other comparisons for the Word of God. **Read the cross-references, then draw a line to the picture and write the word on the line.**

Psalm 119:105

God's Word is a



seed

Jeremiah 23:29

God's Word is like fire and a



lamp/light

Luke 8:11

God's Word is a



milk

Ephesians 6:17

God's Word is a



hammer

1 Peter 2:2

God's Word is



sword

TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

James gives us practical instruction on subjects of anger, our words, and how we respond to God's Word. **Compare James 1:22 and Matthew 7:24 to learn what both Jesus and James taught us. Use a mirror to find the same truth from both passages.**



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EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:24-26

Read the study passage, mark the keyword **has continued/perseveres/continueth/continues**, and check the circle.



has continued/perseveres/continueth/continues (red)

To be a doer of the Word is to remain in the Word. We must fix our hearts on the teachings of Scripture and follow its commands. **To learn why we continue in the Word, follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks. Then draw lines to match the correct cross-references.**

Why Continue in the Word?

So you will remain in the
Son and the

h t F r a e

F a t h e r

So the truth will
set you

e e f r

f r e e

Because the Word
endures

e o r f e r v

f o r e v e r

John 8:31-32

1 Peter 1:24-25

1 John 2:24

Read the verse and then follow the instructions below.

But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and virtuous heart, and hold it firmly, and produce fruit with perseverance. -Luke 8:15 (NASB)



1. Circle the kind of soil the seed is in.
2. Underline the type of heart of those who heard the word.
3. Box how they produce fruit.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: James 1:21-22

DISCOVERY DESTINATION • **Maturity:** Grow as Hearers and Doers
Read Psalm 1:1-3, mark the keywords **fruit** and **prosper/shall prosper**, and check the circles.



fruit (red)

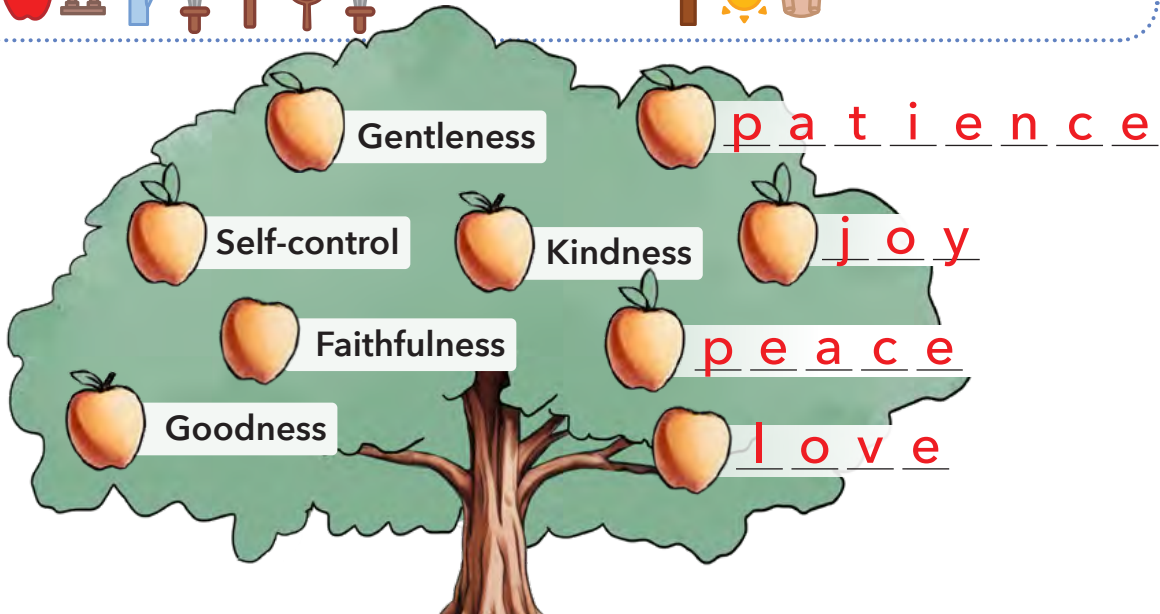
prospers/shall prosper (red)

This passage compares hearing and doing God’s Word to a thriving tree. When we hear God’s Word and then do what it says, we develop a healthy and fruitful spiritual life. The more we respond to God’s Word, the more spiritual fruit we will produce.

Read Galatians 5:22-23 to discover examples of spiritual fruit. Some are shown on the tree. Use the Thrive cipher to learn the names of the remaining fruit and write them on the tree.

kindness l o v e p e a c e goodness self-control

p a t i e n c e faithfulness j o y gentleness



hearers and doers

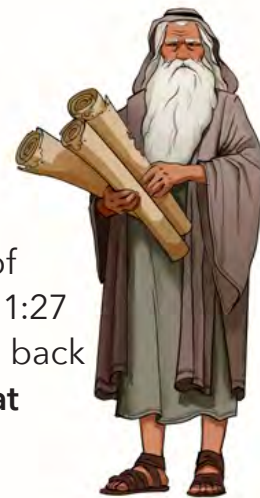


EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:24-26

PEOPLE OF FAITH • Moses—Hebrews 11:23-29

Read Hebrews 11:23-29 to learn about a hero of faith. While reading, mark the keyword **faith** and check the circle.



faith (red)

Moses was God’s chosen leader who faithfully led the people of Israel from Egypt to the promised land. Moses lived out James 1:27 by keeping himself unspotted by the world when he turned his back on the pleasures of sin in Egypt. **Review the timeline below that illustrates Moses' life.**

Moses' Journey of Faith



1. According to verse 25, what is described as fleeting? _____
The pleasures of sin
2. According to verse 27, who did Moses see by faith? **Him who is unseen/invisible**
3. According to verses 23 and 27, who was not afraid? _____
Moses' parents, Moses

Read Exodus 4:1-7 and notice the commands of God and the obedience of Moses. Number God’s commands in the order that they happened.

2	Put your hand inside your robe. (Moses' hand turned leprous.)
1	Throw your staff on the ground and catch the serpent by the tail.
3	Put your hand inside your robe again. (Moses' hand was restored.)

Moses heard God’s commands and, in faith, he did what God asked him to do—a hearer and doer.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: James 1:21-22

Color the picture that reminds us of Moses' faith.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passage, James 1:21-22, and trace the word.

Grows as *hearers* and *doers*.



EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 1:19-27 | Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:24-26

Review the study passage, memory passages, lessons, word studies, and definitions before answering these questions.

True or False

- F 1. A person must be quick to speak and slow to hear.
- T 2. James wrote the book of James.
- T 3. Believers should receive the Word with humility.
- T 4. God's Word is like fire and a hammer.
- T 5. Moses was a hearer and doer of God's commands.

Read the words in the word bank. Then find and circle the words in the puzzle.

hearer doer fruit
 persevere humility observe
 grow Word

P	A	Q	I	V	N	E	E	U	H	K	M
F	E	D	X	D	W	V	X	U	U	D	G
R	P	R	Z	J	R	U	Z	X	M	U	G
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N	J	K	T	G	M	R	C	X	I	L	R

KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Read James 1:20. True righteousness only comes from the Lord. Once we're redeemed, we are given His righteousness, and as His children, we are called to walk in this characteristic of God.

As God's image bearer, can you think of a time you have reflected God's righteousness?

Recite your memory passage, Hebrews 11:24-26.

UNIT 3

Thrive in Relationships

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Maturity: Grow in Love

KEY VERSES

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressor. -James 2:8-9 (NKJV)

LAUNCH • UNIT 3

OVERVIEW

James challenges believers to not choose favorites among brothers and sisters in Christ. Instead, he uses the Old Testament to remind them to love their neighbor, which is a true measure of spiritual maturity.

- **PRAYER**

The Lord Is Glorious—James 2:1
John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 3:18; John 17:24;
Revelation 4:11

- **BACKGROUND STUDY**

Culture: Early Church Service

- **TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES**

- **DISCOVERY DESTINATION**

Maturity: Grow in Love

- **PEOPLE OF FAITH**

Gideon—Judges 6:11-35

STUDY PASSAGE

James 2:1-13



NAVIGATE MEMORY PASSAGE

James 2:8-9



EXPLORE MEMORY PASSAGE

Judges 6:12-14

KEY VERSES

James 2:8-9



Key Verses



Keywords



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The Lord Is Glorious James 2:1

Prepare your heart for the study of Scripture by focusing on the glory of Jesus Christ. The things of this world fade away when we turn our eyes to the Lord of glory!

Use the model below to pray each day as you answer the questions, either by writing or drawing.

<p>Praise—Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Read John 1:14. Jesus came to earth so we could see Him in human form! Praise Him today.</p>	<p>Repent—Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. We are being conformed to His image. What sins do you need to repent of?</p>
<p>Ask—Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Read John 17:24. Ask God to reveal His glory to you.</p>	<p>Yield—Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Revelation 4:11. How can you yield—say yes—to our glorious creator, God?</p>
<p>Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Write a prayer using the PRAY model. Use Days 1-4 to help you write the prayer.</p>	




NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: James 2:8-9

We have learned to be doers of the Word. Now we will learn one of the characteristics of being a doer of the Word—loving others. James confronts the believers who are not loving others with a challenge to love and thrive in their relationships.

READ • James 2:1-13

 Read the study passage, James 2:1-13, and mark the key verses, James 2:8-9, in your Bible.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keyword **personal favoritism/partiality/respect of/to persons/favoritism** and check the circle.

 personal favoritism/partiality/respect of persons/favoritism (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

Underline the definition.

Circle the Greek word.

 **personal favoritism/partiality/respect of persons/favoritism (James 2:1)** Strong's #: G4382
Greek word: prosōpolēmpsia

Outline of Biblical Usage Definition II.1: the fault of one who...has respect of the outward circumstances of man and not to their intrinsic merits, and so prefers, as the more worthy, one who is rich, high born, or powerful, to another who does not have these qualities

1. According to verse 2, what outward feature of the two men in a church service is being judged? AWV. (Answers will vary.) Men's clothing
2. According to verse 6, what did James specifically say his readers had done? Dishonored/despised the poor man/poor
3. According to verse 8, what is the royal law? You/thou shall/shalt love your/thy neighbor as yourself/thyself.
4. How are we doing if we obey the royal law? Well/right

Read James 2:8-9. According to these verses, what is the cure to partiality and favoritism? Mark out the first letter and every other letter of the alphabet jumble and fill in the blanks.

The cure for partiality is **mlyomweb** l o v e.



EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: Judges 6:12-14

READ • James 2:1-9

Reread James 2:1-9 and notice the difference between partiality and love.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords **pay/show special attention/pay attention/have respect** and **love**.



○ pay/show special attention/attention/have respect (red)

○ love (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

Underline the definition.

Circle the Greek word.



love (James 2:8)

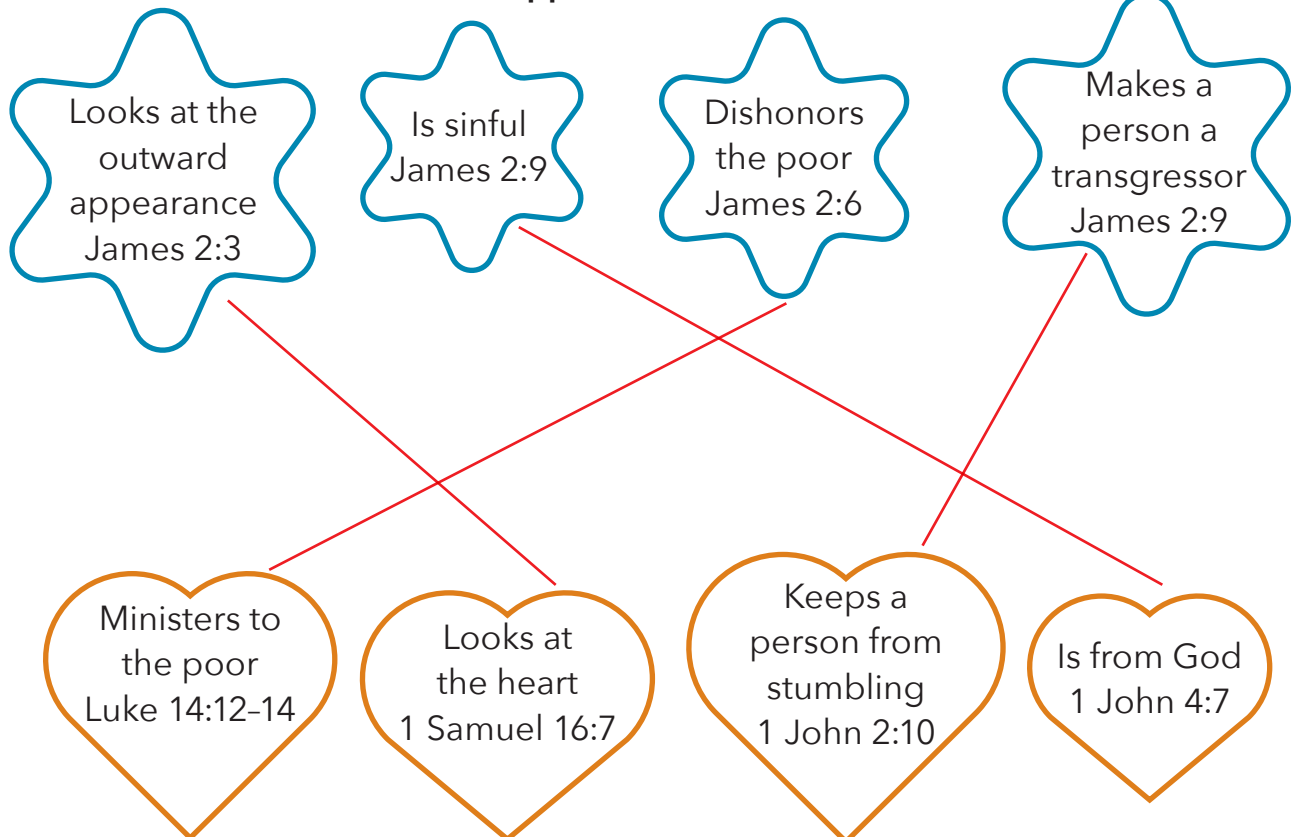
Strong's #: G25

Greek word: agapaō

Outline of Biblical Usage Definition 1.1: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly

The type of love you studied means a decision and a commitment to love even when the person seems unlovable. Genuine love is the cure for partiality.

In the activity below, you will see the difference between partiality and love. **Read the references and match the opposite ideas.**





NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: James 2:8-9

BACKGROUND STUDY • Culture: Early Church Service

Have you ever wondered what a church service looked like for the new Christians? We can learn about these gatherings from Scripture and history.



The first Jewish believers continued to meet in synagogues and the temple on the Sabbath.

They followed the order of service as they had traditionally done, but added new elements.

When non-Jews, also known as Gentiles, became believers, they were not permitted into Jewish places of worship. Therefore, in honor of Jesus' resurrection, the new Christians chose the first day of the week, the Lord's day, to meet in houses to worship Jesus, the Son of God.¹

These services had two parts. Unbelievers were allowed to attend only the first part. When they left, the believers prepared to take the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:26). Sometimes there were baptisms for new believers. Afterwards, the leader gave a blessing and the believers were dismissed.²

Read 1 Corinthians 14:26 to learn more about these meetings.

1. List the contributions that one may bring to the services. Psalm/hymn, teaching/lesson/doctrine/word of instruction, revelation, tongue, or interpretation
2. Why were these contributions important to the brethren? AWV. So that the church would be edified/built up

Mark the correct answer.

3. Who were the first Christians?
 Philistines Gentiles Jews
4. During the second part of the service, what did believers participate in?
 The Lord's supper Foot washing Prayer for the sick
5. Who were sometimes baptized during the second part of the service?
 Gentiles New believers Jews



EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: Judges 6:12-14

The study passage opens with James discussing people who are partial and act as judges with evil thoughts. His focus then shifts to the royal law which judges people perfectly.

READ • James 2:9-13

Read James 2:9-13, paying attention to whom the law judges.

OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords **law** and **guilty** and check the circles.



law (red)

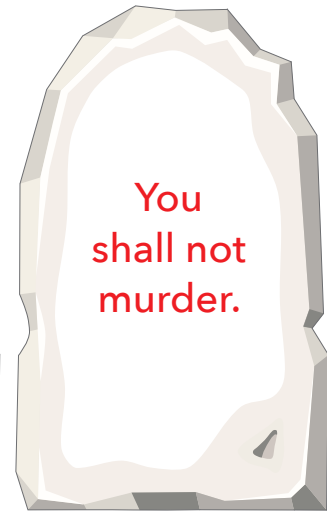
guilty (red)

The law James is referring to is God's law. Read Exodus 20:1-2 to remind yourself of the law that God gave Moses for His people.

On the stone tablets, write the two laws that James mentions in Chapter 2. They are taken from Exodus 20:13-14. Then, using your study passage and the word bank, fill in the blanks to complete the statement.

act one law

1. The law convicts lawbreakers (James 2:9).
2. Failing in one point of the law makes one guilty of all (James 2:10).
3. Speak and act as those who will be judged by the law of liberty (James 2:12).



God's perfect law motivates us to not show favoritism in our relationships. Instead, the law points us to grace which ultimately brings us to Christ Jesus.

Read the scripture below and underline the purpose of the law.

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. -Galatians 3:24 (KJV)

Jesus perfectly satisfied the law. He received God's judgment without mercy so that we could receive God's mercy without judgment. Praise the Lord!



NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: James 2:8-9

In our study passage, we see that God shows no partiality. He does not judge the outward circumstances, but does He ever overlook sin? **Read Romans 2:4-11 and fill in the table and complete the sentences.**

Person's Behavior		God's Response	
Verse 7	Seeks for <u>glory</u> , honor, and immortality	➔	Will give <u>eternal</u> life
Verse 8	(Rejects the truth) Doesn't <u>obey</u>	➔	Will give <u>wrath</u> , indignation, and anger
Verse 9	Does <u>evil</u>	➔	Will give tribulation/trouble and <u>distress/anguish</u>
Verse 10	Does <u>good</u>	➔	Will give glory, honor, and <u>peace</u>

We are blessed to worship an impartial God who not only judges sin, but also gives mercy to those who repent!

TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

In our study passage, we learned about God's impartiality toward us. We will look at how we can be impartial toward others from the teachings of Jesus. **Compare James 2:8 with Mark 12:31. Use a mirror to find the same truth in both passages.**



My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good [is] that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. —James 2



EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: Judges 6:12-14

Read the study passage and mark the keywords **mercy** and **judgment** and check the circles.



mercy (red)

judgment (red)

In Scripture, we read of people who received judgment because they showed no mercy. **Follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks to find out who Jesus reached out to in mercy when others judged them. Then draw lines to match the correct cross-references.**

The disciples turned them away, but Jesus wanted the little

r c n d i l e h

c h i l d r e n

to come to Him.

Some rebuked him, but Jesus healed the

n l b d i

b l i n d

man.

An outcast to others, Jesus talked to the

a m o n w

w o m a n

from Samaria.

Luke 18:35-42

John 4:21-24

Matthew 19:13-14

Jesus' kindness shines brightly in a dark world. His mercy triumphs over judgment! May we follow Jesus' example and thrive in our relationships. **Read the scripture below and follow the instructions.**

Blessed are the **merciful**: for they shall obtain **mercy**.
-Matthew 5:7 (KJV)



1. Circle who are blessed.
2. Box what the merciful shall obtain.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: James 2:8-9

DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow in Love

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, mark the keyword **love/charity** and check the circle.




love/charity (red)

We have learned that love for others shows spiritual maturity and is a sign of a true believer.


1 Corinthians 13 is known as the love chapter. Use the Maritime Signal Flags cipher to fill in the blanks to learn more about growing in love.



1. Love is patient and **k i n d**.


2. Love is not **e n v i o u s** or boastful.


3. Love does not rejoice in **w r o n g d o i n g**.


4. Love rejoices in **t r u t h**.


We are called to love one another and Scripture teaches us many ways to do that. Matthew 22:35-40 reminds us that the law depends on loving God and loving our neighbor.





EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: Judges 6:12-14

PEOPLE OF FAITH • Gideon—Judges 6:11-35

Read Judges 6:11-35 and mark the keywords **valiant/mighty warrior/mighty man of valor** and check the circle.



valiant/mighty warrior/mighty man of valor (*red*)

Below is a conversation between the angel of the Lord and Gideon. Let's summarize this conversation.

In the activity, use Judges 6:11-35 to fill in the blanks. Under each picture, write the name of who said these things.

<p><u>Peace</u> to you. Do not fear; you shall not die (v. 23).</p>	<p>Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the angel of the Lord <u>face</u> to face (v. 22)!</p>
<p>The <u>Lord</u> is with you, mighty man of valor (v. 12).</p>	<p>If the Lord is with us, <u>why</u> has all this happened (v. 13)?</p>
<p>Surely I will be with you, and you will strike down <u>Midian/the Midianites</u> as one man (v. 16).</p>	<p>If now I have found favor in Your eyes, show me a <u>sign</u> that you are talking with me (v. 17).</p>
<p>Go in the strength you have and save <u>Israel</u> out of Midian's hand (v. 14).</p>	<p>My family clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the <u>least</u> in my father's house (v. 15).</p>
 <p><u>The angel of the Lord</u></p>	 <p><u>Gideon</u></p>

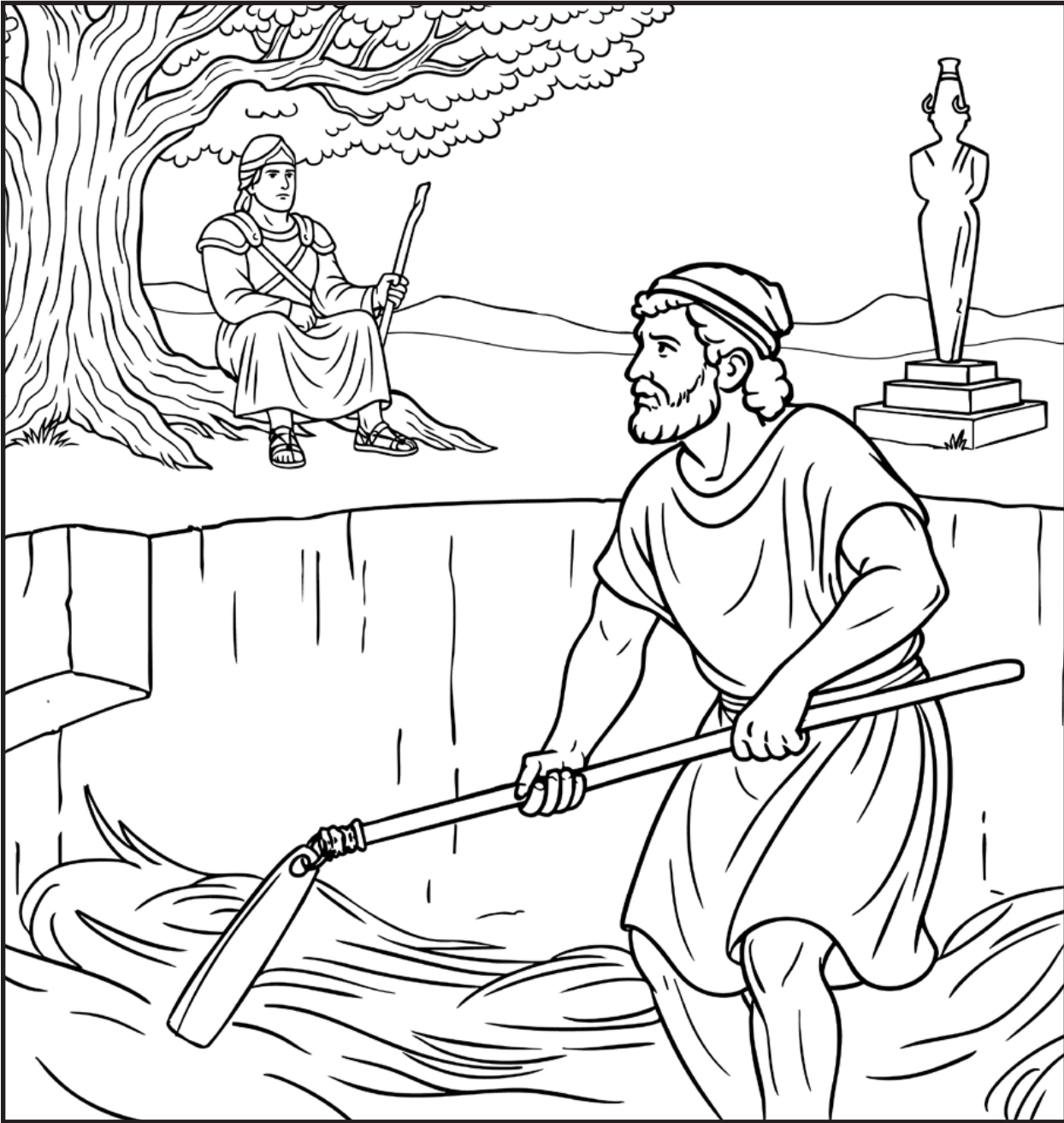
Gideon may have been an unlikely person to save Israel in that he was the least in his family, but God chose him as a valiant warrior.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: James 2:8-9

Color the picture that reminds us of Gideon's faith.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passage, James 2:8-9, and trace the word.

Grow in *love.*



EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 2:1-13 | Memory Passage: Judges 6:12-14

Review Unit 3 by completing the crossword puzzle. Go back over the lessons to help you find the answers.

ACROSS

- Jesus wanted the little children to come to Him.
- The angel of the Lord called Gideon a mighty man of valor.
- Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor.
- According to James 2:9, partiality is sinful.
- Gideon saw the angel of the Lord face to face.

DOWN

- During the second part of the church service, believers participated in the Lord's supper.
- One of the Ten Commandments mentioned in James is, "You shall not commit adultery."
- Love rejoices in truth.
- The law brings us to Christ.
- The cure for partiality is love.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Read James 2:5. God's mercy is impartial, and He turns no one away. As God's image bearer, are you showing others that you are impartial like He is?

Recite your memory passage, Judges 6:12-14.

UNIT 4

Thrive in Our Works

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Maturity: Grow in Obedience

KEY VERSES

*In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.
But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."
Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.
-James 2:17-18 (NIV)*

LAUNCH • UNIT 4

OVERVIEW

Drawing from a true-to-life illustration and actual examples, James presents a brilliant argument to show the believers that faith and works cannot be separated. He teaches that a dead faith is useless, but real faith is proven by action.

- **PRAYER**

God Is One God—James 2:19
1 Corinthians 8:6; Malachi 2:10;
John 17:20-21; Mark 12:30-33

- **BACKGROUND STUDY**

Sociology: Jewish Life in the Roman Empire

- **TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES**

- **DISCOVERY DESTINATION**

Maturity: Grow in Obedience

- **PEOPLE OF FAITH**

Rahab—Joshua 2:1-21

STUDY PASSAGE

James 2:14-26



NAVIGATE MEMORY PASSAGE

James 2:17-18



EXPLORE MEMORY PASSAGE

Joshua 2:10-11

KEY VERSES

James 2:17-18



Key Verses



Keywords



Word Studies



Definitions



Geography



Before you begin your Discovery Journal lesson each day, pray using the verses provided and the acronym **PRAY**—Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

	God Is One God James 2:19	
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Prepare your heart for the study of Scripture by celebrating the truth that, in contrast to the false gods of other religions, our God is one!

Use the model below to pray each day as you answer the questions, either by writing or drawing.

<p>Praise—Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Read 1 Corinthians 8:6. Praise God from whom all things come!</p>	<p>Repent—Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Malachi 2:10. Have you acted unloving or faithless? What sins do you need to repent of?</p>
<p>Ask—Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Read John 17:20-21 where Jesus prayed that believers would be one. What are your requests to God?</p>	<p>Yield—Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Mark 12:30-33. Where does your love need strengthening? How can you yield—say yes—to God?</p>
<p>Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Write a prayer using the PRAY model. Use Days 1-4 to help you write the prayer.</p>	



NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: James 2:17-18

In this unit’s study passage, James returns to the topic of works that he wrote about in James 1:25. The theme is being a “doer” because true faith is not passive; it’s active—faith works!

READ • James 2:14-26

Read the study passage, James 2:14-26, and mark the key verses, James 2:17-18, in your Bible.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

Mark the keywords **faith** and **works/deeds/action/he/they/she did/do** and check the circles.

faith (red) works/deeds/action/he/they/she did/do (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

- Underline the definition. Circle the Greek word.

faith (James 2:14) Strong’s #: G4102 Greek word: pistis

Strong’s Definition: persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation;

The powerful Greek word, *pistis*, usually translated “faith,” is used sixteen times in James’ epistle, and eleven of those uses are found in James 2:14-26!

Choose the best answer to fill in the blanks based on the study passage.

- James asked, “What good is it to say you have _____ but have no works?”
 Faith Love Mercy
- James used Abraham and _____ as positive examples of people who had faith and works.
 Hannah Sarah Rahab
- Faith without _____ is considered dead and useless.
 Friendship Works Love

Workless faith is worthless, but active faith is authentic! This means that active faith is true and genuine.

Mark out the first letter and every other letter of the alphabet jumble and fill in the blanks to find one way we can show active faith.

Faith works when we **lsnuwrurtegnvdxeqrb s u r r e n d e r**.



EXPLORE • UNIT 4, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: Joshua 2:10-11

READ • James 2:14-26

Reread the study passage noticing the questions that James asks his readers.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Observation Questions, and Definitions

While reading, mark the keyword **justified/considered righteous** and check the circle.



justified/considered righteous (red)

James used questions to encourage thought and action, not to get answers. He wanted his readers to understand the importance of faith that also comes with actions. **Fill in the letters to complete two of James' questions and think about the truth that faith and deeds work together.**



- What use is it if someone says he has f a i t h but does not have w o r k s?
- Can that f a i t h save him?

James used four examples in our study passage to emphasize that faith and works cannot be separated. You will refer to these four examples as you study through this unit. **Using the references and word bank, write the correct example on the lines next to the truth that faith and works cannot be separated.** The first answer is given to you.

Rahab Abraham Demons

- Negligent person 1. Faith without works is dead (vv. 15-17).
- Demons 2. Faith without works is useless (vv. 19-20).
- Abraham 3. A person is justified by works and not by faith alone (vv. 21-24).
- Rahab 4. Faith without works is dead (vv. 25-26).



justification being made right with God

Man is not justified by the works of the law or good works. He is justified by Jesus' righteousness when he puts his faith in Christ, and his works demonstrate that he is made righteous in Christ. As believers, we do not follow a works-based faith, but we do good works because we have faith.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: James 2:17-18

BACKGROUND STUDY • Sociology: Jewish Life in the Roman Empire

The Roman Empire was massive, with its land reaching from Ireland to Egypt. Life was complicated for Jews and Christians under Roman rule; so how did they live out their faith? Jesus taught His followers to love and serve as He would, and James showed believers how to live out their faith with actions.

Rome was prospering and living in peace, but Roman rule caused problems for Jews and Christians. The Romans, who worshiped many gods, saw the Jews and Christians as stubborn people because they believed in one God. Although conflict existed, Christians were allowed to worship the one, true God, but only for a short time.

Society was separated by financial status, education, and religious standings, causing conflicts among believers. But James reminded believers to be impartial (James 3:17). Jesus, also, had taught His followers how to live under Roman law even if they were treated unfairly.

However, God used these conflicts for good. Because the Romans built roads across the entire empire, the gospel easily spread. Even though the early believers faced persecution, they held onto the Word and the early church prospered. Believers continued to remain faithful to God, even to the point of death for many of them.

Choose the best answer to complete each statement.



1. The Roman Road made spreading the gospel (easy, difficult).
2. Jesus taught believers to live by His example, even if they were treated (unfairly, kindly).
3. Because of their belief in one God, Jews and Christians were seen as (stubborn, peaceful).
4. The early church (prospered, suffered) because of their faithfulness to the gospel.



EXPLORE • UNIT 4, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: Joshua 2:10-11

James told his readers in James 2:8 that loving your neighbor shows that you are spiritually doing well. He now uses the first of four examples, a negligent person, to teach us that where there is no love and compassion, then faith is dead.

READ • James 2:14-26

Read the study passage, paying close attention to verses 14-17.

OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keyword **says/say/saith/claims** and check the circle.




○ says/say/saith/claims (red)

Example #1: A Negligent Person


In the activity below, the word bank will help you to fill in the blanks to learn about the negligent person who says he has faith, but has no works.


deeds warm faith nothing



I have faith,


but he has no deeds (v. 14).





Go in peace, keep warm and well fed,

but she does nothing about their physical needs (v. 16).



One of James' rhetorical questions is, "Can faith without deeds save someone?" **To answer the question, use the James 2:17 to fill in the blanks.**

Faith by itself, without **kwros** works, is **dade** dead.

Earlier in James 2, we learned that the readers of James' letter had dishonored the poor (James 2:6). They showed favoritism based on peoples' appearance. James teaches that how we treat others proves how real our faith is. **Read the two cross-references and then match them to the statements about genuine faith.**

- a. 1 John 3:17-20 b. Matthew 25:31-46

b Those who meet the needs of others are described as righteous.

a The love of God cannot dwell in the heart of someone who closes his heart to a brother in need.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: James 2:17-18

Read the study passage, paying attention to what James says about good works.

Obedience to God’s Word allows us to thrive in the works we do. The Bible uses the word “good” to describe our works which are a result of our authentic faith.

How does God describe our works in Ephesians 2:10? Good

Read the references. Then mark out the numbers to reveal the word that completes each statement about our challenge to do good works.

Reference	Characteristic
1 Timothy 6:18	7R62i94c35h81 <u>R i c h</u> in good works.
2 Timothy 3:17	Thoroughly 6e3q94u7i5p8p1e9d3 <u>e q u i p p e d</u> for good works.
Titus 3:8	Engaged in and 2d7e54v3o6t8e1d3 <u>d e v o t e d</u> to good works.

TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

We learned that we must have works with our faith, not only faith. Let’s look at two verses that show how our faith must be proven by works. **Compare James 2:15-16 and Matthew 25:35-40. Use a mirror to see the same truth in both passages.**



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EXPLORE • UNIT 4, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: Joshua 2:10-11

In this lesson, we will study the next two examples, demons and Abraham, to learn more about faith and works. **Reread James 2:18-20. Notice what is said about demons.**

Example #2: Demons

Read Mark 1:23-27. Match the paraphrased statements with those who made them.

- a. Jesus
- b. The people
- c. The unclean spirit (demon)

- c 1. "Let us alone! What do you have to do with us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God!"
- a 2. "Be quiet, and come out of him!"
- b 3. "He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

The demons know who Jesus is and obey Him, but they do not recognize Him as Lord. Their belief in Jesus is enough to make them tremble, yet they do not worship Him in love.

Example #3: Abraham

Reread James 2:21-24, and review what the word "justification" means from Explore Lesson 1. Circle the correct answers below.



- 4. Abraham was justified by works when he offered (the ram, Isaac) on the altar.
- 5. By Abraham's works, (faith grace) was perfected.
- 6. Abraham (prayed, believed), and it was counted to him as righteousness.

Follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks to find out how Abraham's relationship with God was described.

a b m h A a r
f n d r e i
d G o

A b r a h a m
f r i e n d
of
G o d

The demons' knowledge of Jesus caused them to shudder in fear, while Abraham's faith led him to worship God and to be willing to sacrifice his most valuable treasure. Because of his faith, Abraham was called a friend of God.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: James 2:17-18

DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow in Obedience

When James says Abraham’s faith was completed by his works, he uses the verb form of *teleios*, the Greek word for “perfect/mature”. When we walk obediently, our faith will mature. Paul’s letter to the Philippians gives us the secret to growing in obedience.

Read **Philippians 2:12-13** and mark the keywords **obeyed** and **work/do/act** and check the circles.



obeyed (red)

work/do/act (red)

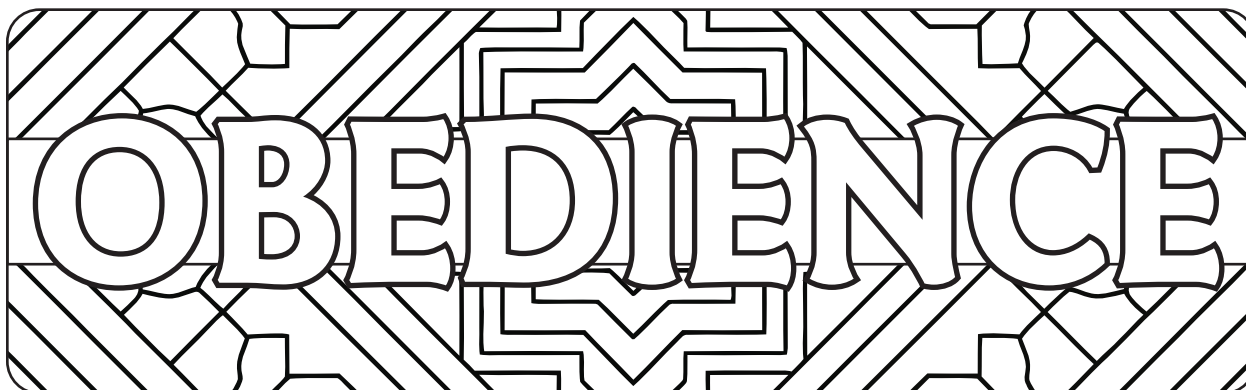
In this passage, two Greek words are translated as “work.” The first, in verse twelve, refers to man’s work and the action of working. The second focuses on God’s power involved in work. This is the same Greek word used to describe God’s act of raising Christ from the dead (Eph. 1:20).

Use **Philippians 2:12-13** and the **Emoji cipher** to fill in the blanks and learn more about obedience.

- Paul describes the believers as a l w a y s obeying, both in his presence and in his absence. 😊 😍 🐳 😊 🖐️ 🐘
- Believers must work out their salvation with fear and t r e m b l i n g. 🌿 ❄️ 😎 🖐️ 🌧️ 😍 😬 🕒 ❤️
- God is at w o r k in believers. 🐳 😬 ❄️ 🌸
- God’s work in believers is for His good p l e a s u r e. 🌂 😍 😎 😊 🐘 😊 ❄️ 😎



This passage teaches us that before we can work out the evidence of salvation, God must work in us both the will and the way to obey Him.





EXPLORE • UNIT 4, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: Joshua 2:10-11

PEOPLE OF FAITH • Rahab—Joshua 2:1-21

As we continue with the people of faith, we find that these heroes were people of action, too. They walked in fearless obedience. This is true for Rahab, the last of James' four examples in the study passage.



Example #4: Rahab

Read James 2:25-26 and Joshua 2:1-21.

The king of Jericho commanded Rahab to bring out the spies, but Rahab hid them because she knew the Lord had given the children of Israel the land of promise.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to discover Rahab's declaration about God and her confession of faith in God.

Verse 9: Rahab declared, "The Lord has given you the ndal land."

Verse 11: Rahab confessed, "The dorL Lord your God, He is oGd God in heaven, above and on the earth below."

Find and circle the eight differences in the two pictures.



Rahab demonstrated her faith when she declared that the Lord is God of heaven and earth. She was justified by works when she received the spies and sent them out another direction. Rahab was blessed because of her obedience and her fearlessness to stand firm in her knowledge that the Lord is God.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: James 2:17-18

Color the picture that reminds us of Rahab's faith.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passage, James 2:17-18, and trace the word.

Grow in *obedience.*



EXPLORE • UNIT 4, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 2:14-26 | Memory Passage: Joshua 2:10-11

Review the study passage, memory passages, lessons, word studies, and definitions before answering these questions.

True or False

- F 1. James used Rahab and Samuel as positive examples of someone who had faith and works.
- T 2. A person is justified by works, not by faith alone.
- T 3. Faith without works is dead.
- F 4. We are both rich and poor in good works.
- T 5. Rahab confessed, "The Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below."

Read the words in the word bank. Then find and circle the words in the puzzle.

obedience Rahab faith
works Abraham surrender
justified salvation

A	H	F	J	U	S	T	I	F	I	E	D
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KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Read James 2:23. God created us to know Him. He is relational. When we believe in Jesus as our Savior from sin, we receive the righteousness of God, and He calls us friend.

As God's image bearer, can you think of a time you have been a friend to others?

Recite your memory passage, Joshua 2:10-11.

UNIT 5

Thrive in Our Words

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Maturity: Grow in Wisdom

KEY VERSES

From the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way. Does a spring send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, bear olives, or a vine bear figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh. Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

-James 3:10-13 (NASB)

LAUNCH • UNIT 5

OVERVIEW

In James 3, we learn that what we say and how we live show what kind of wisdom—earthly or heavenly—we have. Godly wisdom is proof of being mature as a Christian.

- **PRAYER**

God Is Our Creator—James 3:9
Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 45:11–12;
Jeremiah 32:17; Psalm 100:3

- **BACKGROUND STUDY**

Culture: Education in Ancient Israel

- **TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES**

- **DISCOVERY DESTINATION**

Maturity: Grow in Wisdom

- **PEOPLE OF FAITH**

Abigail—1 Samuel 25:14–35

STUDY PASSAGE

James 3:1–18

NAVIGATE MEMORY PASSAGE

James 3:10–13



EXPLORE MEMORY PASSAGE

1 Samuel 25:32–33

KEY VERSES

James 3:10–13



Key Verses



Keywords



Word Studies



Definitions



Geography



Before you begin your Discovery Journal lesson each day, pray using the verses provided and the acronym **PRAY**—Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

God Is Our Creator James 3:9

Prepare your heart for the study of Scripture by worshiping God our Creator. From Him come all things!

Use the model below to pray each day as you answer the questions, either by writing or drawing.

<p>Praise—Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Nehemiah 9:6. Worship the One who created heaven, earth, and the sea!</p>	<p>Repent—Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Isaiah 45:11-12. Ask God who made you to search your heart. What sins do you need to repent of?</p>
<p>Ask—Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Jeremiah 32:17. Nothing is too hard for the One who created all things. What are your requests to God?</p>	<p>Yield—Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Psalms 100:3. We belong to the One who created everything. How can you yield—say yes—to God?</p>
<p>Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Write a prayer using the PRAY model. Use Days 1-4 to help you write the prayer.</p>	



NAVIGATE • UNIT 5, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 3:10-13

In the last unit's study passage, James encouraged his readers to thrive in their works; now he encourages them to thrive in their words. James is addressing those who want to be teachers, but his teachings are important for all believers.

READ • James 3:1-18

Read the study passage, James 3:1-18, and mark the key verses, James 3:10-13, in your Bible.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions
Mark the keywords **teachers/masters** and **tongue** and check the circles.

teachers/masters (red) tongue (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

- Underline the definition. Circle the Greek word.

tongue (James 3:5) Strong's #: G1100 Greek word: glōssa

Outline of Biblical Usage Definition 1: the tongue, a member of the body, an organ of speech

- In verse two, the perfect man does not stumble in his _____.
 Actions Words Writings
- In verse six, the tongue is able to defile the whole _____.
 Mind Soul Body
- In verse eight, no one is able to tame the _____.
 Tongue Church Family

One way that James teaches the brothers is by the use of commands.

- What command did James give in verse one? **AWV. Not many should become teachers.**
- Why did James give that command? **AWV. Those who are teachers will receive a stricter judgment.**

While many people may desire to teach the Word, only a few are ready to be tested to see if they speak and act wisely.

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will all the more. -Luke 12:48b (NASB)



EXPLORE • UNIT 5, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: 1 Samuel 25:32-33

Throughout his letter, James uses figurative language to help us understand the power of the tongue. Notice the symbols of a fire, a bit in a horse’s mouth, and a rudder on a ship to teach us that our words are important.

READ • James 3:1-18

Reread the study passage and notice the comparisons James makes with the tongue.

OBSERVE • Observation Questions

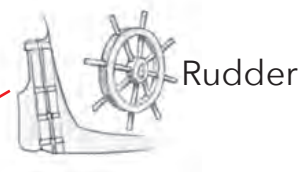
1. What adjectives in the study passage describe the tongue?
 - Verse 5 **Small/little**
 - Verse 8 **Restless/unruly**
2. What actions in the study passage does the tongue perform?
 - Verse 5 **Boasts great things**
 - Verse 6 **AWV. Defiles the whole body and sets the entire course of nature on fire**
 - Verse 9 **AWV. Blesses God and curses men**

Let’s look at the analogies, which are comparisons between two things. Draw a line from the phrases used in James 3 to the correct word. Then fill in the blanks.

A **bit** controls a horse in the hands of a jockey.

A **rudder** controls a ship in the hands of a captain.

A **fire** ignites a forest in the hands of an arsonist.



These real-life examples demonstrate how something small can produce a big impact.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 5, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 3:10-13

BACKGROUND STUDY • Culture: Education in Ancient Israel

In Jewish culture, education was very important. God’s people have always wanted to grow in knowledge and understanding. Most education took place within the family where both parents took part in training the children. Boys were usually educated in the trade of their fathers. Some families with money educated their sons in elementary schools where they received a Greek education. Girls were mostly trained in domestic skills like cooking, caring for children, and other aspects of running a household. Jewish society valued the education of their children.¹

Regardless of the level of education in families, all studied the Law of Moses, also known as the Torah. These first five books of the Bible were central to Jewish academics. Children learned from the Torah and families regularly attended the synagogue, where they listened to the reading of God’s Word. It was important for them to understand the Law.

The ancient Jews understood that the God of the universe communicated His message to them through His Word. Their love for the Torah encourages us to study God’s Word—the source of growing in wisdom.

The examples below show the variety of Jewish education. **Read the references about the type of education and write the name of the people who received that education.**

Music

1 Chronicles
25:1, 6-7



Sons of
Asaph,
Heman,
and
Jeduthun

Art of military

2 Chronicles
25:5



Men of
Judah

Metalwork

1 Kings
7:13-14



Hiram/
Hurman

The Law of Moses

Ezra 7:6



Ezra

The Law

Acts 21:40;
22:3



Paul



EXPLORE • UNIT 5, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: 1 Samuel 25:32-33

READ • James 3:1-18

Read the study passage and notice who James is addressing.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords **behavior/conduct/conversation/life** and **wisdom** and check the circles.



behavior/conduct/conversation/life (red)

wisdom (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

Underline the definition.

Circle the Greek word.



wisdom (James 3:13)

Strong's #: G4678

Greek word: sophia

Outline of Biblical Usage Definition 1.1.G: the knowledge and practice of the requisites for godly and upright living

James 3:15, 17 tells us that there are two types of wisdom, earthly and heavenly. Instructors of the Word must be careful with their words and the lifestyle they live, indicating that their wisdom is from above.

Read the words below. Draw a star next to the description of heavenly wisdom and an X next to the description of earthly wisdom.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gentle and considerate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonic	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full of mercy and good fruit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jealous	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Striving and selfish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willing to yield	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unspiritual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sincere	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impartial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peaceable

Answer the questions below by marking out the first letter and every other letter of each alphabet jumble and fill in the blanks.

According to verse 16, what is the result of earthly wisdom?

mDlvsuohradweqrb **Disorder** and every evil work is the result.

According to verse 18, what is the result of heavenly wisdom?

A harvest of **krmiqgrhctyefolupsonvexszst** **righteousness** is the result.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 5, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 3:10-13

Read James 3:8-12 and mark the keywords **bless/praise** and **curse** and check the circles.



bless/praise (red)

curse (red)

Why is praising God but cursing people such a serious sin? **Find the reason by reading the cross-references and answering the questions.**

1. **Read Genesis 5:1-2.** When God created male and female, in addition to naming them, what did He do?
 - Blessed them
 - Cursed them
 - Spoke to them
2. **Read 1 John 4:20.** What is someone who says they love God but hates a brother or sister?
 - A friend
 - A liar
 - A blessing

God hates hypocrisy and considers our treatment of others, including how we talk to them, an indicator of our relationship with Him. So what kind of speech should someone use who is spiritually mature? **To find out, read the cross-references and match each description with the correct reference.**

 c Proverbs 31:26

a. Speaking the truth in love

 a Ephesians 4:15

b. Speaking to build up with grace and to benefit those who listen

 b Ephesians 4:29

c. Speaking with wisdom and kindness

TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

In our study passage we learned about the power of the tongue and the importance of what words we speak. Jesus also taught about these same topics. What should not come from the same mouth? **Compare James 3:10 and Matthew 12:34. Use a mirror to see the same truth in both passages.**



offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. —James 3



EXPLORE • UNIT 5, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: 1 Samuel 25:32-33

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, James teaches that heavenly wisdom is full of good fruit (James 3:17). In contrast, earthly wisdom produces disorder and every evil work. We can know what kind of wisdom we have by looking at what we say and how we act.

Read Matthew 12:33-37 and mark the keywords **fruit and **mouth** and check the circles.** Jesus taught that good fruit is evidenced by good words.



fruit (red)

mouth (red)

Using Matthew 12:33-37, fill in the blanks.

1. A tree is known by its fruit.
2. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.
3. On the day of judgment, we will give account for every careless/idle/empty word we have spoken.

The words we speak are the fruit of either good or bad thoughts planted within. Thriving in wise words requires thinking the right thoughts.

Scripture teaches us about different people who set good and bad examples of wisdom. These examples should teach us what type of wisdom is on display in our lives. **Follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks to find out who displayed each type of wisdom. Then draw lines to match the correct references. Circle the two people who displayed heavenly wisdom.**

<p>s o M e s</p> <p>M o s e s</p> <p>was peaceable and settled matters among the people.</p>	<p>The rich</p> <p>n g o u y</p> <p>y o u n g</p> <p>man didn't want to give up his riches.</p>	<p>i a T a h t b</p> <p>T a b i t h a</p> <p>was always doing good and helping the poor.</p>
<p>Matthew 19:16-22</p>	<p>Act 9:36</p>	<p>Exodus 18:13-16</p>

Note: Red lines connect the boxes to the references below, with some crossing. The box for 'Moses' is connected to 'Exodus 18:13-16'. The box for 'young' is connected to 'Matthew 19:16-22'. The box for 'Tabitha' is connected to 'Act 9:36'.

Does your heart resemble the tree of good fruit? If not, do not give up. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you tame the tongue.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 5, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 3:10-13





DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow in Wisdom

Read James 3:13-18. Then read the verse below. This verse teaches that the fear of the Lord is wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding.



And to man He said, "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding."
-Job 28:28 (NKJV).

Wisdom from above is the key to understanding the Word of God. Much of the Bible's references to "wisdom" are found in the book of Proverbs. **Use the Growth cipher to fill in the blanks and learn more about wisdom from the Proverbs.**

1. The w a r n i n g from wisdom—those who refuse wisdom will  have distress and trouble (Prov. 1:20, 24-27).
2. The s o u r c e of wisdom is the Lord, and He gives it to the  righteous (Prov. 2:6-7).
3. The b e g i n n i n g of wisdom is to get wisdom and  understanding (Prov. 4:7).
4. The r e w a r d for wisdom is a long life 

According to Luke 2:52, Jesus grew in wisdom and favor with God and man. He is our perfect example of wisdom and maturity.





EXPLORE • UNIT 5, LESSON 4


Apply | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: 1 Samuel 25:32-33

PEOPLE OF FAITH • Abigail—1 Samuel 25:14-35

Read 1 Samuel 25:14-35. Notice where David meets Abigail, a woman of wisdom, and their conversation.

1. How did Nabal respond to the requests from David's men (v. 14)? In anger/railed/reviled/hurled insults
2. Did Abigail excuse Nabal's foolish behavior to David (v. 25)? No
3. According to Abigail, who kept David from bloodshed and revenge (v. 26)? The Lord
4. Whom did David praise and bless in his response (vv. 32-33)? The Lord God of Israel/the Lord, the God of Israel, Abigail

Let's look at Abigail's wise words when she was communicating with David. Read the references. Fill in the blanks in the speech bubbles. Then draw a line to match the statements to the verses.

Verse 24	Disregard Nabal and, instead, <u>give</u> this gift to the men who follow you.	
Verses 25, 27	Forgive the trespasses of your servant.	
Verse 28	Bowing before David, she asked permission to <u>speak</u> to him.	

Nabal reflected the selfish, earthly wisdom that could have caused harm, while Abigail reflected the heavenly wisdom that saved many lives.



Color the picture that reminds us of Abigail's wisdom.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passage, James 3:10-13, and trace the word.

Grow in *wisdom*.

UNIT 6

Thrive in Our Walk

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Maturity: Grow with Purpose

KEY VERSES

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up

-James 4:7-10 (KJV)

LAUNCH • UNIT 6

OVERVIEW

By the Holy Spirit, James urges believers toward maturity by focusing on several aspects of the Christian walk—unity among believers, repentance from sin, and a wise mindset regarding time. He encourages them to be fully committed to God and calls them to a life of purpose.

- **PRAYER**

God Is Our Lawgiver—James 4:12;
Psalm 19:7; Psalm 94:12; Isaiah 33:22;
Psalm 119:1

- **BACKGROUND STUDY**

Sociology: Vocations in Ancient Israel

- **TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES**

- **DISCOVERY DESTINATION**

Maturity: Grow with Purpose

- **PEOPLE OF FAITH**

Elijah—1 Kings 18:20–40

STUDY PASSAGE

James 4:1–17



NAVIGATE MEMORY PASSAGE

James 4:7–10



EXPLORE MEMORY PASSAGE

1 Kings 18:38–39

KEY VERSES

James 4:7–10



Key Verses



Keywords



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Definitions



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Before you begin your Discovery Journal lesson each day, pray using the verses provided and the acronym **PRAY**—Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

God Is Our Lawgiver James 4:12

<p>Praise—Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Psalm 19:7. Praise God for giving us His perfect law.</p>	<p>Repent—Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Psalm 94:12. Confess the ways you have turned away from God’s law.</p>
<p>Ask—Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Isaiah 33:22. It is comforting to know that God is our Lawgiver. What are your requests to God?</p>	<p>Yield—Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Psalm 119:1. What do you need to surrender to walk in God’s law? How can you yield—say yes—to God?</p>
<p>Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Write a prayer using the PRAY model. Use Days 1-4 to help you write the prayer.</p>	



NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:7-10

In the study passage, we recognize the undivided purpose of the heart that drives a mature believer's walk with God.

READ • James 4:1-17

Reread part of the study passage, James 4:1-5, noticing what happens when believers become friends of the world.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keyword **double-minded** and check the circle.

double-minded (*red*)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

Underline the definition.

Circle the Greek word.

double-minded (James 4:8) Strong's #: G1374 Greek word: dipsychos

Strong's Definition: two-spirited, i.e. vacillating (in opinion or purpose)

1. According to James 1:8, how is the double-minded man described?

Unstable

2. According to James 4:4, what two phrases describe the people seen in this verse? **AWV. Friend of the world, enemy of God**

3. Can someone serve two masters (Hint: Matt. 6:24)? **No**

4. What are the double-minded told to do? **Purify your hearts.**

5. According to verse 8, what cause and effect does James describe? Fill in the blanks below.



Believers must walk purposefully with an undivided heart and not stray from it. Rather, they should live right with God and with each other.

According to the study passage, what is one way believers are encouraged to walk? Mark out the first letter and every other letter of the alphabet jumble and fill in the blanks.

Walk in God's **kwriplgj** W i l l.



EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: 1 Kings 18:38-39

In the beginning of the study passage, James is still writing with a focus on peace versus disorder. He shows the readers their sin by bringing them face-to-face with the conflicts in their own relationships.

READ • James 4:1-5

Reread part of the study passage, James 4:1-5, noticing what happens when believers become friends of the world.

OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords pleasures/passions/lusts/desires, friend, and world.



pleasures/passions/lusts/desires (red)

friend (red)

world (red)

In the verses, underline why the people ask wrongly.

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. -James 4:2-3 (ESV)



Look at the verse above, then fill in the blanks.

1. You desire and do not have, so you murder.
2. You covet and cannot obtain.
3. So you fight and quarrel.
4. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly.

People's passion for pleasure not only impacts their relationships with others, but also with God. Read James 4:4 and fill in the blanks of the wise statement from that verse.



Friendship with the world is hostility/enmity with God.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:7-10

BACKGROUND STUDY • Sociology: Vocations in Ancient Israel

The Bible speaks of many different vocations, jobs that people do for work. God’s people worked in several different areas. The most common jobs were in agriculture; serving in the military was also an important field. There were also political and religious types of service like the Sanhedrin council.

A religious office, such as priests and Levites, was a category for men in the tribe of Levi. These men were paid by the tithes of the Israelites. The Levites would collect tithes from the people and then give a portion to the priests (Num. 18:20, 28). Additionally, priests and Levites were not given an inheritance of land as other Israelites, because their legacy was in serving the Lord.

Women were primarily keepers of their homes and families, while men usually provided with work outside their dwellings. The Bible does record some women who served in either secular and religious roles such as business dealers and prophetesses. Some of Christ’s female followers supported Him financially, but the Bible does not tell us how they received their finances (Luke 8:1-3).

Regardless of the occupations held by those in the Bible, God doesn’t look at a person’s wealth or status in society. Instead, He sees the heart (1 Sam. 16:7). In whatever work His followers are involved in, their main purpose is to have an undivided heart in Christ. We can glorify the Lord wherever He has placed us. While some individuals had secular jobs and some had religious jobs, all were capable of serving God.

Read each title and the references. Then write the name of the person who worked in each vocation.

Judge

Judges 3:9-10



Othniel

Priest

1 Samuel 1:9



Eli

Shepherd

Amos 1:1



Amos

Cupbearer

Nehemiah 1:1, 11



Nehemiah

Fisherman

Matthew 4:18



Simon
and
Andrew



EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: 1 Kings 18:38-39

READ • James 4:1-17

Read the study passage and observe what God gives His followers when they humble themselves before Him.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, Observation Questions, and Definitions

Read the study passage, mark the keywords **grace/favor** and **humble**, and check the circles.



grace/favor (blue)

humble (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

Underline the definition.

Circle the Greek word.



grace (James 4:6)

Strong's #: G5485

Greek word: charis

Outline of Biblical Usage Definition II. 1: of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ

After James rebukes the believers' sin in verse 6, there are two promises. **Circle the answer that makes each statement true.**

1. He (prepares, gives) more grace.
2. God (reacts to, resists) the proud but gives grace to the (humble, godly).

When we humble our hearts, God cleanses us of pride. Below are commands from God, who calls us to draw near to Him. **Using the verses, fill in the blanks to complete each command.**

3. Submit to Him, because God gives grace (v. 7).
4. Cleanse/wash your hands and purify your hearts (v. 8).
5. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord (v. 10).

Obedience to these commands allows you to draw near to God. They summarize repentance, an important part of Christian maturity.



repentance

turning away from sin and toward obedience to God

When we are repentant, we turn to God and we do the works that show our remorse. Additionally, our turning to God makes us less likely to judge others. According to James 4:11-12, we have no right to judge others' sin.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:7-10

Read the study passage, mark the keywords **the Lord wills** and **arrogance/boastings/arrogant schemes**, and check the circles.

- the Lord wills (*blue*)
- arrogance/boastings/arrogant schemes (*red*)

Even after James calls the believers to humility, they still followed their own desires. But James challenges them to do the will of the Lord. He reminds the believers to not boast about what they want to do, but instead to do the good they must do!

Mature Christians realize that life is short and it is important to be good stewards of their time. **In the activity, match the cross-references with the correct statement that teaches how to thrive in the use of your time.**

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| <p><u> b </u> 1. Act wisely toward outsiders, redeeming the time.</p> <p><u> c </u> 2. Since everything will be dissolved, we should be holy and live godly lives.</p> <p><u> a </u> 3. Walk wisely with your time and understand the Lord’s will.</p> | <p>a. Ephesians 5:15-17</p> <p>b. Colossians 4:5</p> <p>c. 2 Peter 3:11-12</p> |
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TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

One central theme of James in the study passage is the contrast between pride and humility. Jesus not only taught humility, He lived that way. **Compare James 4:10 and Luke 14:11. Use a mirror to see the same truth in both passages.**



What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, [a] don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us[b]? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister[d] or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor? Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. —James 4



EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: 1 Kings 18:38-39

God asks us to repent genuinely. How can we tell the difference between genuine and false repentance?

Read Proverbs 28:13-14. Then write the words "repentance" and "unrepentance" next to the correct descriptions.

Repentance: the action of someone who confesses and abandons their sins

Unrepentance: the action of someone who conceals his sin and hardens his heart

Look at the lives of Peter and Judas for examples of true and false repentance. Draw a line from each statement to the person it represents.



Judas



Peter

- After repenting, I spoke boldly in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:13).
- My life ended without Christ (Matt. 27:5b).
- I betrayed Jesus (Matt. 27:3a).
- I denied Jesus three times (Matt. 26:75a).
- I said, "I have sinned" (Matt. 27:3-4a).
- I wept bitterly (Matt. 26:75b).

In Joel 2:12-13, God lovingly calls His people to genuine repentance. Follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks to discover more.

God urges His people to return to Him with all their

a t r e h
h e a r t

God says to return to Him because He is

i g o r c u s a
g r a c i o u s

God says to return to Him because He is slow to

g r a e n
a n g e r



NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:7-10

DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow with Purpose

Read **Philippians 3:8-16**. From this passage, we learn what it means to grow with purpose and to be determined to live for Christ. **In the verses below, underline why Paul presses on and draw a circle around what two things he does.**

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 3:12-14 (ESV)



Read the cross-references about remaining focused on the heavenly goal. Use the Emoji cipher to fill in the blanks to learn more about our purpose to know Christ.

1. Those who win the p r i z e do not run aimlessly (1 Cor. 9:24-27).



2. Let's look at the e t e r n a l over the temporary (2 Cor. 4:17-18).



3. Let's keep our eyes straight a h e a d (Prov. 4:25-27).



Christ is our ultimate example for walking intentionally. **Read John 17:4 (NIV) to see how He accomplished the work His Father gave Him.**





EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: 1 Kings 18:38-39

PEOPLE OF FAITH • Elijah—1 Kings 18:20-40

Read 1 Kings 18:20-40, mark the keyword **choices/opinions**, and check the circle.



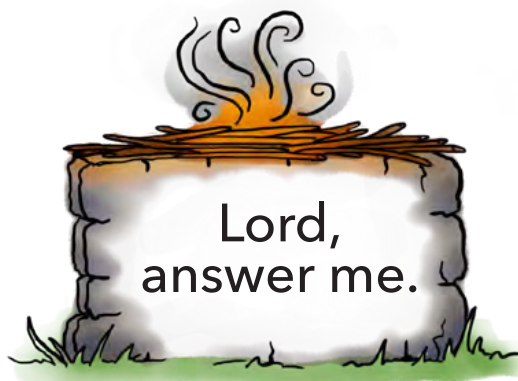
choices/opinions (*red*)

During the reign of the wicked King Ahab, Elijah was the Lord's prophet. The Israelites were worshipping Baal. In response to this sin, God appointed a terrible drought (1 Kings 17:1). This drought would end only if Elijah presented himself to King Ahab; Elijah obeyed (1 Kings 18:1). The people gathered at Mt. Caramel, where they witnessed Elijah challenge Ahab's false prophets.

Using 1 Kings 18:21, fill in the blanks below.

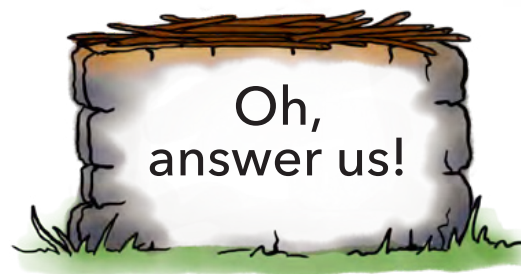
What was Elijah's question?	How long will you waver <u>with/between</u> two different choices?
What was Elijah's command?	If the Lord is God, <u>follow</u> Him; but if Baal, follow him.
How did the people answer?	The <u>people</u> didn't say a word.

The people had a divided mind, so Elijah called the idolatrous Israelites to repentance. **Read the prayers on the two altars. Then mark out the numbers to reveal the name of each altar.**



78G29o3d4'1s6

God's Altar



25B1a68a93l5'21s

Baal's Altar

Elijah knew the true God would answer his prayer by fire. After this, the people recognized their disobedience and acknowledged the Lord. Elijah is a great example of a loyal follower of God.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:7-10

Color the picture that reminds us of Elijah's obedience.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passage, James 4:7-10, and trace the word.

Grow with *purpose.*



EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: 1 Kings 18:38-39

Review the study passage, memory passages, lessons, word studies, and definitions before answering these questions.

True or False

- F 1. If I draw close to God, I then receive eternal life.
- T 2. No one can serve two masters.
- T 3. Friendship with the world is enmity with God.
- F 4. God forgets the proud.
- F 5. Those who win the prize must always be first in the race.

Read the words in the word bank. Then find and circle the words in the puzzle.

purpose walk Elijah
 humble grace wise
 repent prize

Q	Z	E	P	F	B	J	Z	D	N	Y	T
G	H	S	K	U	L	Q	M	A	W	O	S
G	R	X	A	U	R	I	C	X	A	I	Z
B	Y	A	D	V	E	P	N	K	L	H	U
T	W	P	C	S	G	T	O	F	K	M	B
J	I	M	U	E	N	C	P	S	J	Q	P
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KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Read James 4:12. No is like our God. None can compare to Him. He is unmatched in love, wisdom, and justice.

As God's image bearer, are you submitting to His supremacy in your attitude and actions?

Recite your memory passage, 1 Kings 18:38-39.



UNIT 7

Thrive in Worship

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Maturity: Grow in Patience and Prayer

KEY VERSES

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

-James 5:7-8 (ESV)

LAUNCH • UNIT 7

OVERVIEW

James begins his epistle to the scattered Jewish believers by encouraging them to persevere in their trials. Now, he finishes his epistle by reminding them not only to persevere, but also to be patient and pray earnestly. Genuine and true faith thrives in worship through prayer, praise, and patience.

- **PRAYER**

God Is Our Warrior—James 5:4
Exodus 15:2-3; Deuteronomy 1:29-32;
Psalm 18:3; Exodus 14:14

- **BACKGROUND STUDY**

History: Israel Becomes a Nation

- **TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES**

- **DISCOVERY DESTINATION**

Maturity: Grow in Patience and Prayer

- **PEOPLE OF FAITH**

Job—Job 42:1-17

STUDY PASSAGE

James 5:1-20



NAVIGATE MEMORY PASSAGE

James 5:7-8



EXPLORE MEMORY PASSAGE

Job 42:10

KEY VERSES

James 5:7-8



Key Verses



Keywords



Word Studies



Definitions



Geography



Before you begin your Discovery Journal lesson each day, pray using the verses provided and the acronym **PRAY**—Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

God Is Our Warrior James 5:4

Prepare your heart for the study of Scripture by celebrating the power of our warrior God. He is mighty to save His people!

Use the model below to pray each day as you answer the questions, either by writing or drawing.

<p>Praise—Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Exodus 15:2-3. Praise God who is our warrior and salvation.</p>	<p>Repent—Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Deuteronomy 1:29-32. The Lord will fight for you. Confess your unbelief and fears to God.</p>
<p>Ask—Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Psalm 18:3. Request help from the One who can save you from your enemies.</p>	<p>Yield—Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Read Exodus 14:14. What does God want you to give to Him? How can you yield-say yes-to God?</p>
<p>Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Write a prayer using the PRAY model. Use Days 1-4 to help you write the prayer.</p>	



NAVIGATE • UNIT 7, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: James 5:7-8

READ • James 5:1-20

Read the study passage, James 5:1-20, and mark the key verses, James 5:7-8, in your Bible.

OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords **rich/wealth** and **coming of the Lord/the Lord's coming** and check the circles.

rich/wealth (*red*) coming of the Lord/the Lord's coming (*blue*)

- In verse one, whom does James address?
 Rich people Poor people Brothers and sisters
- In verse seven, whom does James address?
 Poor people Brothers and sisters Rich people
- In verse 13, who should pray?
 Anyone with doubts Anyone cheerful Anyone suffering
- What kind of songs should the cheerful sing?
 Songs of requests Psalms of praise Songs of battle

In this final section of his epistle, James reminds his readers to persevere in trials with patience, prayer, and praise. **Mark out the first letter and every other letter of the alphabet jumble and fill in the blanks to discover the main points of James 5.**

The **l o k p t p u r z e p s c s j i g o r n h** o p p r e s s i o n of the rich

The **k p r a p t g i j e p n h c r e q** p a t i e n c e of the afflicted

The **n p i r v a l y j e f r d s r** p r a y e r s of the righteous

Misery came upon the rich men, but why? James answers these questions in James 5:2-4. **In the table below, write an S next to the sins and a C next to the consequence for the rich men's sins.**

<u>C</u> Your wealth has rotted and your garments are moth-eaten.	<u>S</u> You have heaped up treasure together for the last days.
<u>S</u> You have withheld the pay of your workers.	<u>C</u> Your gold and silver have corroded.



EXPLORE • UNIT 7, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: Job 42:10

As James finishes out his epistle, he reinforces his first encouragement—to endure trials well.

READ • James 5:1-20

Reread the study passage, and pay attention to James' encouragement for believers to have patience.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords **patient** and **endurance/steadfastness/patience/perseverance** and check the circles.



patient (red) endurance/steadfastness/patience/perseverance (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

Underline the definition.

Circle the Greek word.



patient (James 5:7)

Strong's #: G3114

Greek word: makrothymeō

Outline of Biblical Usage Definition 1: to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart
1: to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles

1. What strong encouragement does James give in verse 7? AWV. Be patient until the Lord's coming.

2. Why must the believers not complain against each other (v. 9)? So they will not be judged

Read the cross-references next to each statement, then write the persons who were an example of patience.

Verse 7	Farmer/ Husbandman	He patiently waits for the precious fruit of the earth (James 5:7).
Verse 10	The prophets	After Abraham patiently waited, he received the promise (Heb. 6:13-15).
Verse 11	Job	He held fast to his integrity when Satan incited God against him to destroy him without cause (Job 2:3).

When believers are suffering, it is hard to wait for relief to come. However, keeping our eyes on the Lord allows us to persevere.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 7, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: James 5:7-8

BACKGROUND STUDY • History: Israel Becomes a Nation

Our study in James opened with the twelve tribes of Israel dispersed throughout the Roman empire due to persecution. The Jewish believers longed for Christ's return and to gather in their own land again.

Over two thousand years ago, God spoke through the prophets that His people would gather together from all parts of the world. Then on May 14, 1948, Israel proclaimed its independence and their nation was born.



prophet

one who speaks on behalf of God to God's people, most prominently the Hebrew prophets whose writings are found in the Old Testament

On the flag of Israel above, color in the star of David to match the blue lines on the flag.

Israel will continue to experience oppression until Christ's return, but becoming a nation still marks a fulfillment in God's promise to them. The final fulfillment for Israel will come when Christ returns for the second time. As Christians, we should pray for Israel, that they would be protected and that they come to believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah.

As believers, we look back on God's faithfulness, seeing it as a source of hope in our own trials. Our trials are temporary, and God is always faithful to us.

Many scholars believe that the prophecies below are about Israel becoming a nation. **Read the two references below, then write the correct reference next to the prophecy.**

Jeremiah 16:14-15

Ezekiel 36:24

Ezekiel 36:24

God promised to gather His people from the nations and bring them to their own land.

Jeremiah 16:14-15

People would one day refer to the Lord as the One who had brought up the Israelites from the lands where He had driven them.



EXPLORE • UNIT 7, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: Job 42:10

READ • James 5:1-20

Read the study passage and notice what James teaches about prayer.

OBSERVE • Keywords, Word Studies, and Observation Questions

While reading, mark the keywords **pray** and **praises/praise/psalms/songs of praise** and check the circles. Mark all words associated with prayer.

pray (red) praises/praise/psalms/songs of praise (red)

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

- Underline the definition. Circle the Greek word.

pray (James 5:13) Strong's #: G4336 Greek word: proseuchomai
 Strong's Dictionary: to pray to God, i.e. supplicate, worship

In the last eight verses of James alone, this Greek word is used four times! Prayer is an act of worship—one that believers are encouraged to thrive in.


According to verse 15, what three things will result from the prayer of faith?

1. The sick will be restored
2. The Lord will raise him up
3. Any sin will be forgiven



How should we pray? To answer this question, read the verse below. Fill in the blanks, which describe the powerful prayer of a righteous man. Then trace and color the praying hands.

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. -James 5:16 (NKJV)





NAVIGATE • UNIT 7, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: James 5:7-8

Read James 5:1-20, mark the keyword **outcome/purpose/end/what the Lord finally brought about**, and check the circle.



outcome/purpose/end/what the Lord finally brought about (*blue*)

Knowing God has a purpose in our trials helps us thrive in our trust in God.

Match the statement to the cross-reference that teaches God has a purpose in suffering.

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| <u> a </u> | 1. We suffer with Christ to be glorified with Him. | a. Romans 8:18 |
| <u> d </u> | 2. Trials come so that our tested faith can result in praise, honor, and glory when Jesus is revealed. | b. Romans 8:28-29 |
| <u> b </u> | 3. God works all things for good for those called to be conformed to His Son's image. | c. Hebrews 12:10-11 |
| <u> c </u> | 4. God's chastening is for our good; it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness. | d. 1 Peter 1:6-7 |

TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

In the study passage, James talks about not grumbling and not swearing, but let's look at what he says about prayer. **Compare James 5:16 and Mark 11:24. Use a mirror to see the same truth in both passages.**



Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts [e]as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you. Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. —James 5



EXPLORE • UNIT 7, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: Job 42:10

Reread James 5:1-20, mark the keyword **the Lord of Armies/hosts/Sabaoth/Lord Almighty**, and check the circle.



○ the Lord of Armies/hosts/Sabaoth/Lord Almighty (*yellow*)

Through the darkness of the rich men’s sins shines a word of hope: the Lord of armies hears the cries of the poor and persecuted. “The Lord of armies” depicts God as a military commander of the spiritual forces.

Complete the tasks to study the keyword.

Underline the definition.

Circle the Greek word.



armies/hosts/Sabaoth/
Almighty (James 5:4)

Strong’s #: G4519

Greek word: sabaōth

Outline of Biblical Usage Definition 1.1: Lord of the armies of Israel, as those who are under the leadership and protection of Jehovah maintain his cause in war

Follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks to find out more about the Lord of armies and who He defends. Then draw lines to match the correct cross-references.

The Lord of armies
will come down to

t f h g i
f i g h t
for Mount Zion.

The Lord of armies

s s u c e r e
r e s c u e s
the poor and needy from
the hand of evildoers.

The Lord of armies

f s d n e e d
d e f e n d s
the prisoners of hope.

Jeremiah 20:13

Isaiah 31:4-5

Zechariah 9:12, 15

James’ audience of believers found hope in the second coming of Christ. May we wait patiently for the day our warrior comes to right every wrong and free every oppressed person.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 7, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: James 5:7-8

DISCOVERY DESTINATION • **Maturity:** Grow in Patience and Prayer
Read Romans 8:22-28, mark the keywords **waiting** and **perseverance/patience/patiently**, and check the circles.



waiting (red)

perseverance/patience/patiently (red)

Patience. Prayer. Purpose. This passage beautifully summarizes what we have learned in this unit. Remember, our perseverance produces maturity (James 1:4). When we patiently pray, we wait for the outcome of our trials and we demonstrate faith.

Read the Romans 8 references about persevering and patiently waiting. Use the Thrive cipher to fill in the blanks.

1. We eagerly wait for our a d o p t i o n and the redemption of our bodies (v. 23).



2. When we hope for what we do not see, we wait with p a t i e n c e (v. 25).



3. The Holy Spirit helps us when we don't know what to p r a y for as we should (v. 26).



4. Those who love God are called according to His p u r p o s e (v. 28).



As our example of maturity, Jesus demonstrated patience in prayer (Matt. 26:36-44).

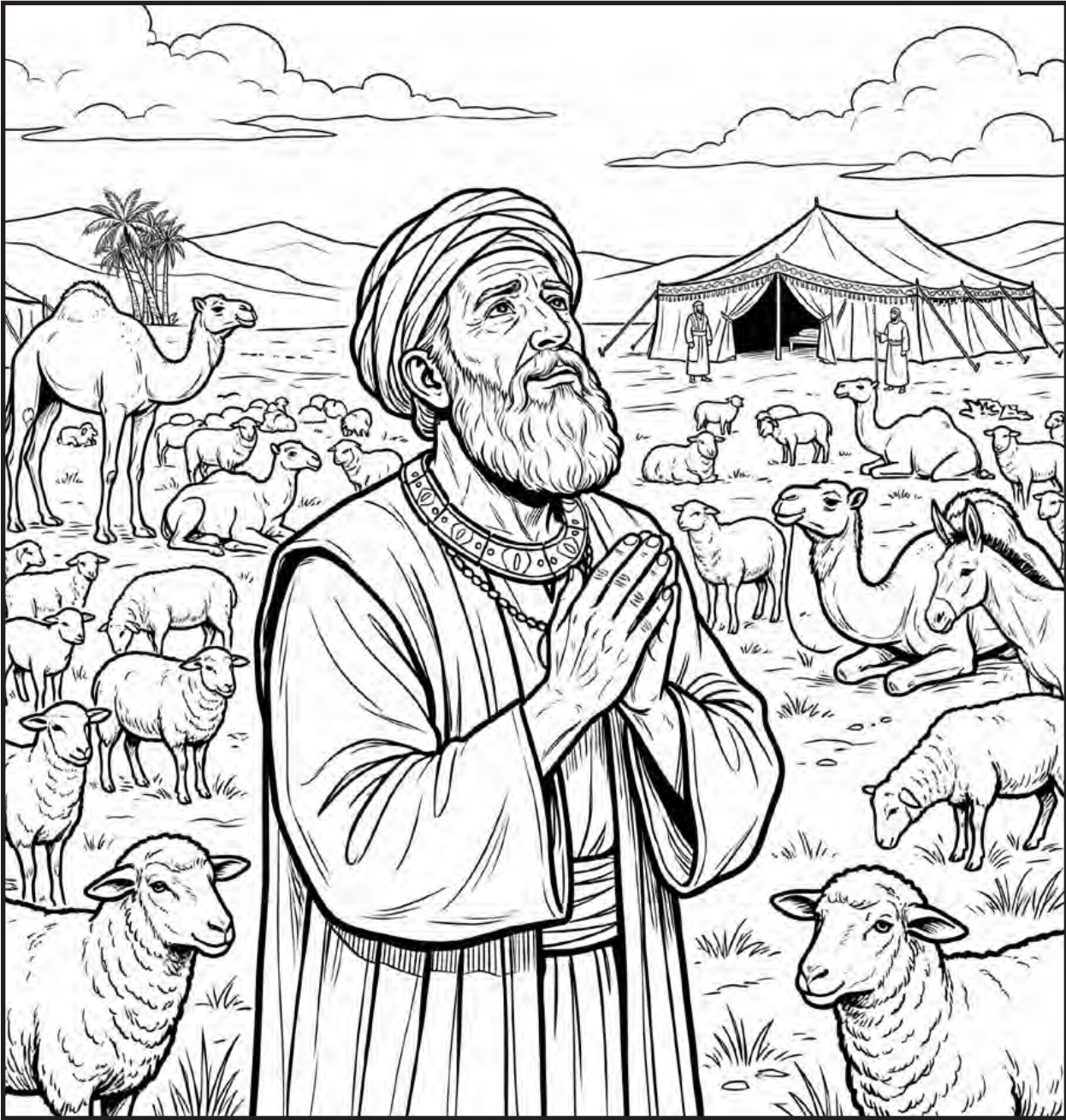




NAVIGATE • UNIT 7, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: James 5:7-8

Color the picture of Job's patience in prayer and how God restored him.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passage, James 5:7-8, and trace the word.

Grow in *patience* and *prayer*.



EXPLORE • UNIT 7, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 5:1-20 | Memory Passage: Job 42:10

Review Unit 7 by completing the crossword puzzle. Go back over the lessons to help you find the answers.

ACROSS

1. James encourages his readers to be patient until the Lord comes.

3. Prayer is an act of worship that we should thrive in.

6. Job was able to see God's compassion and mercy through his trials.

9. The Lord of Armies rescues the poor and needy from the hand of evildoers.

DOWN

1. Those who love God are called according to His purpose.

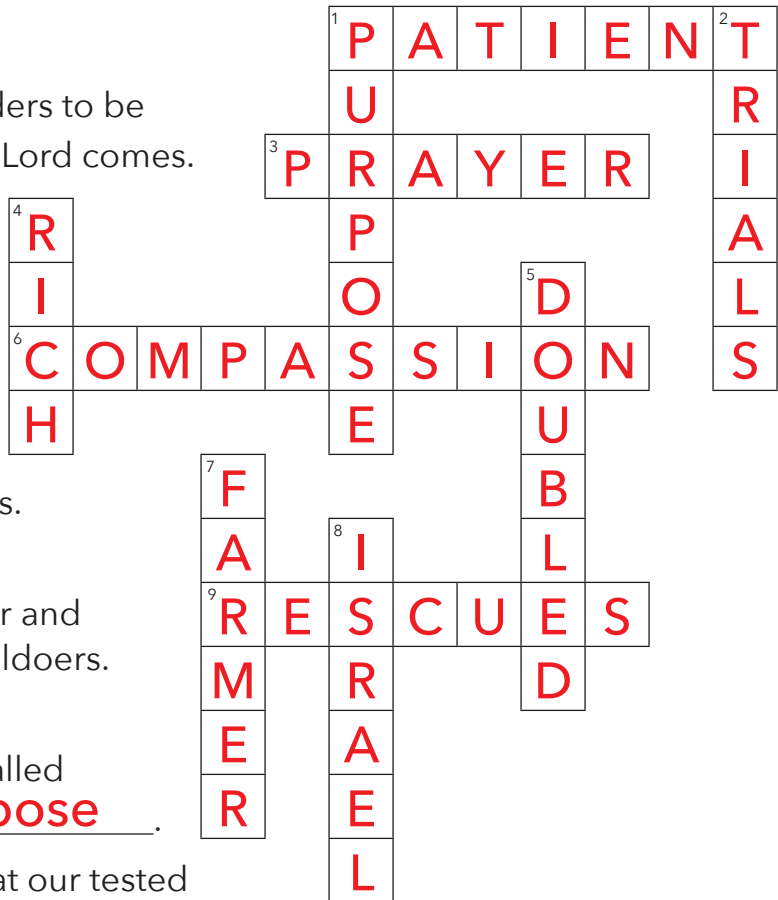
2. Trials come so that our tested faith can result in praise, honor, and glory.

4. James addresses the rich and poor in chapter 5.

5. The Lord doubled what Job had previously had.

7. The farmer patiently waits for the fruit of the earth.

8. Israel proclaimed its independence on May 14, 1948.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Read James 5:11. God is tenderhearted toward mankind.

As God's image bearer, are you showing others His compassionate nature in your attitude and actions?

Recite your memory passage, Job 42:10.

UNIT 8

Thrive Review

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Christian Maturity

KEY VERSES

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

-James 1:2-4 (NIV)

LAUNCH • UNIT 8

Throughout the *Thrive* study, we have learned what it means to grow in authentic faith—even when we’re in the midst of difficult trials and temptations. We learned to rejoice in those trials because they produce spiritual maturity. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, we can grow as He intends.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR?

Ask yourself, “Do I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died on the cross for me? Is He my Lord and Savior?” If you do not believe and have not submitted, the *Greatest Discovery* section at the front of this study can lead you through Scripture to reveal man’s condition before God and God’s plan of salvation for you.

If you are a believer in Christ, are you rehearsing the gospel of faith to yourself as a daily reminder of your faith in Jesus Christ? **If you believe, fill in the blanks of the “I believe” statements on the next page.** This confession of faith reveals what you believe about God when you witness to your neighbors, your country, and the world.



Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

*—James 1:2-4
(ESV)*



Key Verses



Keywords



Word Studies



Definitions



Geography

Confession of Faith

- I believe God is the Father of lights (James 1:17).
- I believe God is our father (James 1:27).
- I believe our Lord Jesus Christ is glorious (James 2:1).
- I believe there is one God (James 2:19).
- I believe we are made in God's likeness (James 3:9).
- I believe God is our Lawgiver (James 4:12).
- I believe our cries reach the ears of the Lord Almighty (James 5:4).



PRAYER • UNIT 8

In Units 1-7 our focus was on truths about God from the study passage. We learned that God is light; He is our father; the Lord is glorious; He is one God; and He is our creator, Lawgiver, and warrior. Each day of Bible study, we prayed Scripture that taught these truths that deepen our understanding of God's character.

What are your favorite verses used in the prayers of the *Thrive* study? Use these verses in your prayer time for this review unit. God is always available to hear us when we call out to Him. **Use the model below to pray each day as you answer the questions, either by writing or drawing.**

P raise–Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Choose your favorite verse from the “Praise” section in the <i>Thrive</i> study. What can you praise God for?	R epent–Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Choose your favorite verse from the “Repent” section in the <i>Thrive</i> study. What do you need to repent of?
A sk–Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Choose your favorite verse from the “Ask” section in the <i>Thrive</i> study. What are your requests to God?	Y ield–Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Choose your favorite verse from the “Yield” section in the <i>Thrive</i> study. How can you yield-say yes-to God?
Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Write a prayer using the PRAY model. Use Days 1-4 to help you write the prayer.	



NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 1

Navigate Review | Unit 1, Thrive in Tests

Throughout our study in the epistle of James, we are instructed and encouraged to grow toward maturity in Christ. He warns us to be aware of the lies of sinful desires and calls us to be hearers and doers of the Word. Instead of befriending the world, we must draw near to God in repentance. We're reminded of the heroes of the faith who patiently prayed and endured trials, and we're called to wait patiently for Christ's return. Our hope is to be spiritually mature and produce fruit as we continue in the Word.

Congratulations on persevering and fulfilling the vision of the National Bible Bee, "to know God's Word and make Him known," by completing this *Thrive* study! Our goal in *Thrive* was to study the epistle of James so that we might flourish in our faith and grow in Christian maturity. Have fun with the review and see what you can remember!

REVIEW WORD SEARCH

Read the clues below and fill in the blanks. Then find the answers in the word search. The answers to these clues are in *Navigate* Unit 1.

1. James wrote the epistle to the Jewish believers scattered among the nations.
2. Mature love does not contain fear.
3. Maturity involves sacrifice.
4. We can remember Jesus and not grow weary.
5. Jesus endured the cross because of the joy set before Him.

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Recite your *Navigate* memory passages from Unit 1, James 1:2-3.



EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 1

Explore Review | Unit 1, Thrive in Tests

UNIT 1 QUIZ

1. What does God give as we encounter the testing of our faith?
a. Fear **b. Wisdom** c. Joy d. Gifts
2. From where does every good and perfect gift come from?
a. The world b. Below **c. Above** d. Jerusalem
3. What does testing plus endurance equal?
a. Love b. Power c. Perfection **d. Maturity**
4. God's people are tested to know whether they love God with all of their what?
a. Heart b. Minds c. Bodies d. Lives
5. Who considered the Lord faithful who had promised?
a. Noah **b. Sarah** c. Isaac d. Joseph
6. Who worshiped as he was dying?
a. Jacob b. Noah c. Joseph d. Isaac

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- 5 = brown



Recite your *Explore* memory passage from Unit 1, Hebrews 11:16.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 2

Navigate Review | Units 2 & 3, Thrive in the Word and Thrive in Relationships

REVIEW CROSSWORD PUZZLE

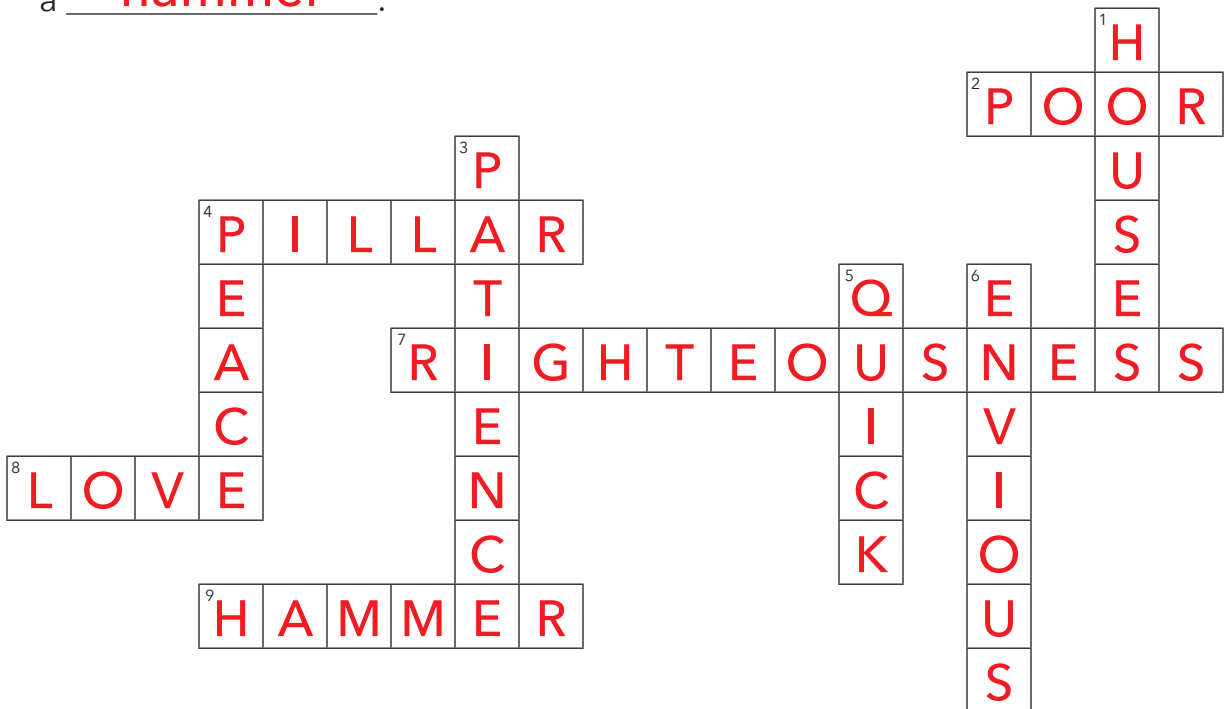
Read the clues below to find the answers for the crossword puzzle. The answers to these clues are in *Navigate* Units 2 and 3.

ACROSS

- In James 2:6, the author says that his readers had dishonored the poor.
- James was considered a pillar of the church.
- The anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
- The royal law is to love your neighbor as yourself.
- God's Word is like a fire and a hammer.

DOWN

- Gentile believers met in houses to worship Jesus.
- Patience and peace are two examples of spiritual fruit.
- To every person who does good, God will give glory, honor, and peace.
- A person should be quick to hear and slow to speak.
- Love is not envious or boastful.



Recite your *Navigate* memory passages from Units 2 & 3, James 1:21-22 and James 2:8-9.



EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 2

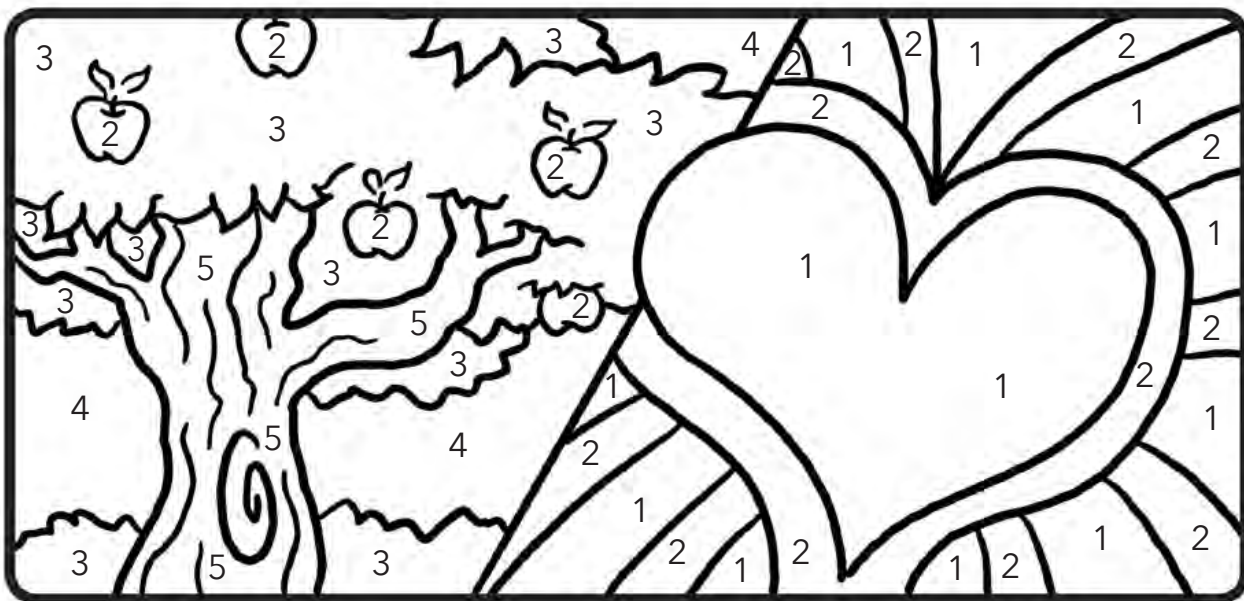
Explore Review | Units 2 & 3, Thrive in the Word and Thrive in Relationships

UNITS 2 & 3 QUIZ

1. What is a fertilizer for the soil of the hearts of believers?
a. Perfection b. Grace **c. Meekness** d. Love
2. What will the truth do if you continue in the Word?
a. Set you free c. Help you do good works
b. Let you live forever d. Give you peace
3. What is described as fleeting?
a. The forgiveness of God c. The comfort of the Holy Spirit
b. The pleasures of sin d. The pleasures of grace
4. What is the cure for partiality?
a. Meekness b. Friendliness c. Grace **d. Genuine love**
5. Failing how many points of the law makes one guilty of all?
a. Two b. Three **c. One** d. Four
6. Who was called a mighty man of valor?
a. Gideon b. Isaac c. Noah d. Moses

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Recite your *Explore* memory passages from Units 2 & 3, Hebrews 11:24-26 and Judges 6:12-14.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 3

Navigate Review | Units 4 & 5, Thrive in Our Works and Thrive in Our Words

REVIEW WORD SEARCH

Read the clues below and fill in the blanks. Then find the answers in the word search. The answers to these clues are in *Navigate* Units 4 and 5.

1. James asked what good it is to say you have faith but no works.
2. The Roman roads made spreading the gospel less challenging.
3. As believers, we should be known for good works.
4. Believers should work out their salvation with fear and trembling.
5. God is at work in believers for His good pleasure.
6. No one can tame the tongue.
7. Hiram was a metal-worker in 1 Kings 7:13-14.
8. Ezra received an education in the Law of Moses.
9. Ephesians 4:15 talks about speaking the truth in love.
10. The Lord is the source of wisdom and gives it to the righteous.

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Recite your *Navigate* memory passages from Units 4 & 5, James 2:17-18 and James 3:10-13.



EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 3

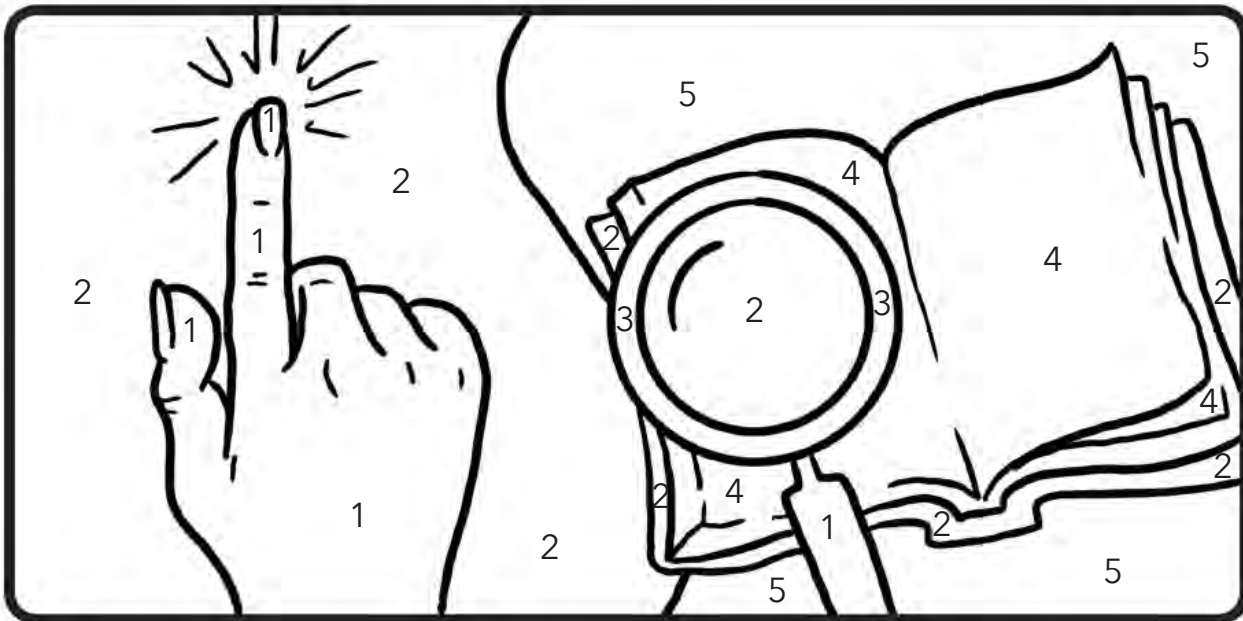
Explore Review | Units 4 & 5, Thrive in Our Works and Thrive in Our Words

UNITS 4 & 5 QUIZ

1. Who was an example of a person who was justified by works and not by faith alone?
a. Abigail **b. Abraham** c. James d. Demons
2. What are those who meet the needs of others described as?
a. Righteous b. Selfish c. Ambitious d. Negligent
3. Who was a friend of God?
a. James **b. Abraham** c. Rahab d. The demons
4. What is able to corrupt the whole body?
a. The hands b. The arms c. The mind **d. The tongue**
5. What is the result of earthly wisdom?
a. Righteousness **b. Disorder** c. Mercy d. Peace
6. Who asked David to forgive the trespasses of his servant?
a. Nabal b. Themselves **c. Abigail** d. James

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Recite your *Explore* memory passages from Units 4 & 5, Joshua 2:10-11 and 1 Samuel 25:32-33.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 4

Navigate Review | Units 6 & 7, Thrive in Our Walk and Thrive in Worship

REVIEW CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Read the clues below to find the answers for the crossword puzzle. The answers to these clues are in *Navigate* Units 6 and 7.

ACROSS

2. Those who love God are called according to His purpose.
5. A double-minded man should purify his heart.
6. The Holy Spirit helps us when we don't know how to pray.
7. Walk wisely with your time and understand the Lord's will.
9. God will draw near to me when I draw close to Him.
10. On May 14th, 1948, Israel proclaimed its independence.

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1. In James 5:1, James addressed rich people.
3. Eli was a priest in the temple of the Lord.
4. We must look at the eternal over the temporary.
8. The cheerful should sing songs of praise.



Recite your *Navigate* memory passages from Units 6 & 7, James 4:7-10 and James 5:7-8.



EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 4

Explore Review | Units 6 & 7, Thrive in Our Walk and Thrive in Worship

UNITS 6 & 7 QUIZ

- What is considered enmity with God?
 - Loving your neighbor
 - Living in fear
 - Friendship with God
 - Friendship with the world
- God resists the proud, but He gives grace to whom?
 - The godly
 - The humble
 - The kind
 - The evil
- Who betrayed Jesus three times and repented?
 - Peter
 - Judas
 - Paul
 - James
- Who patiently waited for the precious fruit of the earth?
 - Job
 - The prophets
 - James
 - The farmer
- Who rescues the poor and needy?
 - The Lord
 - The rich
 - The evildoers
 - The believers
- What did the Lord do to Job's latter days?
 - Cursed
 - Blessed
 - Removed
 - Doubled

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Recite your *Explore* memory passages from Units 6 & 7, 1 Kings 18:38-39 and Job 42:10.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 5

Review | Word Studies and Definitions

NAVIGATE WORD STUDIES REVIEW

Match the English words to the Hebrew or Greek words in the *Navigate* lessons.

English Words

- b** 1. personal favoritism/partiality/
respector of persons/favoritism
- c** 2. faith
- a** 3. tongue
- d** 4. double-minded

Transliterations

- a. *glōssa*
- b. *prosōpolēmpsia*
- c. *pistis*
- d. *dipsychos*

NAVIGATE DEFINITIONS REVIEW

Write the word that matches each definition from the *Navigate* lessons.

Dispersion	(Gr. "a scattering") Term for Jews living outside Palestine after the Babylonian exile (586 B.C.) and at other times
Perseverance	to keep at something in spite of difficulties, opposition, or discouragement
Anger	the strongest of all passions....frequently with a view to taking revenge
Prophet	one who speaks on behalf of God to God's people, most prominently the Hebrew prophets whose writings are found in the Old Testament



EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 5

Review | Word Studies and Definitions

EXPLORE WORD STUDIES REVIEW

Match the English words to the Hebrew or Greek words in the *Explore* lessons.

English Words

- f 1. perfect/mature
- h 2. implanted/engrafted/planted
- a 3. love
- b 4. wisdom
- c 5. grace
- g 6. patient
- e 7. pray
- d 8. armies/hosts/Sabaoth/Almighty

Transliterations

- a. *agapaō*
- b. *sophia*
- c. *charis*
- d. *sabaōth*
- e. *proseuchomai*
- f. *teleios*
- g. *makrothymeō*
- h. *emphytos*

EXPLORE DEFINITIONS REVIEW

Write the word that matches each definition from the *Explore* lessons.

Firstfruits	The first and best of a person's crop or livestock. In Bible times, people gave their best to God.
Doer	one that takes an active part
Justification	being made right with God
Repentance	turning away from sin and toward obedience to God

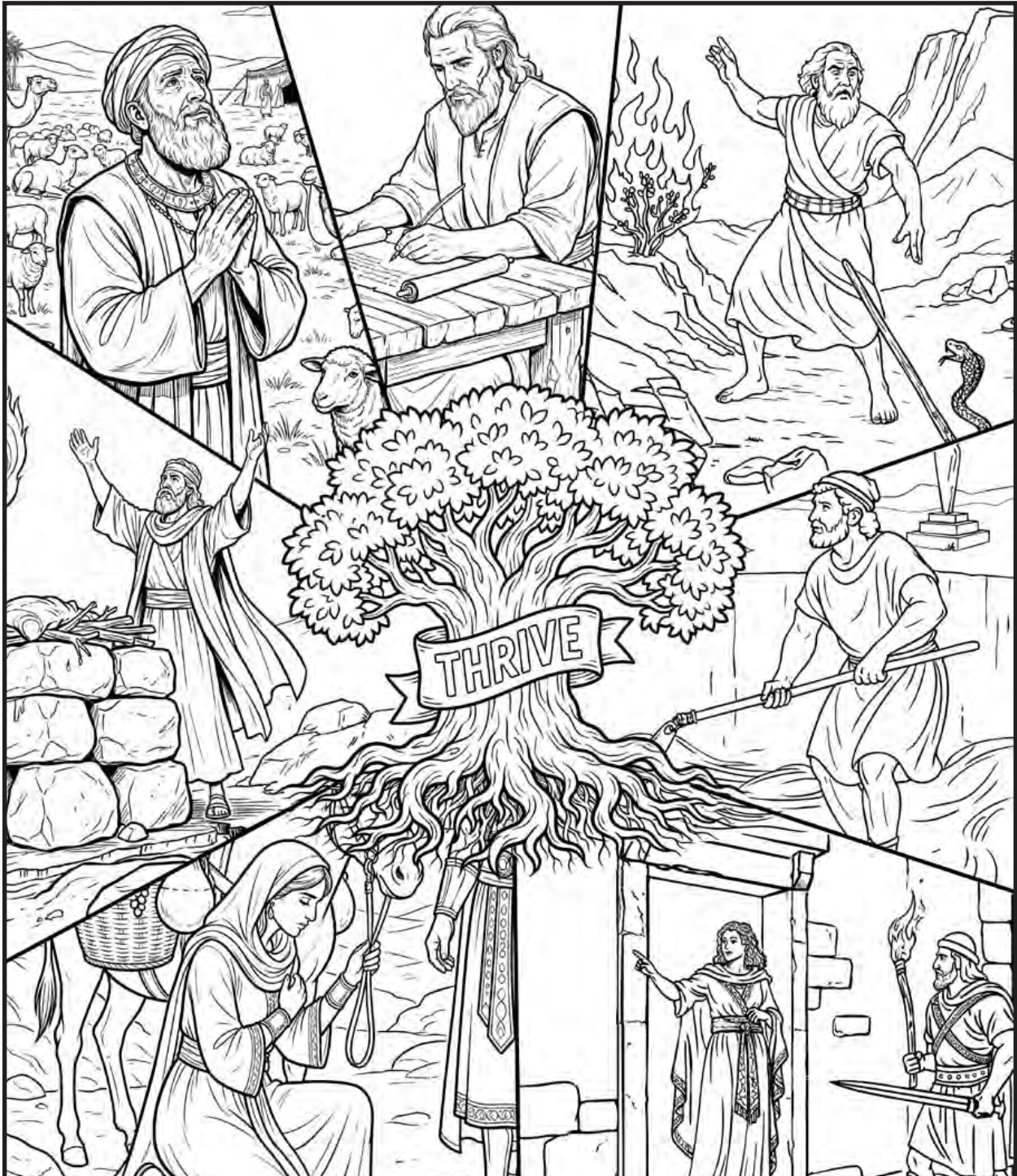


EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 5

Review | Coloring Page

Congratulations for completing the entire *Thrive* study! You have fulfilled our vision “to know God’s Word,” and now you can “make Him known” by believing in Jesus Christ and telling others about Him so that others will believe also.

Color the picture that represents people of faith who thrived in challenges and trials.



MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

TOSS A BALL

Have your family toss a ball around. When someone catches the ball, say a word from the verse until the entire verse has been recited.

MAKE HAND MOTIONS/GESTURES

Make up your own hand motions for certain words in the verse. For example, you could open your hands like a book for “the Word” or point up for “God.”

SING SCRIPTURE SONGS

There are many resources online or in Christian bookstores for singing verses. You can also sing your memory verse to the tune of a favorite song.

EMPHASIZE THE WORDS

As you are reading the verse, emphasize every other word. Remember, “to emphasize” means to say something louder, longer, and with more force.

USE RHYTHM

Using rhythm is a good technique to help your brain remember the words. Instead of emphasizing a word with your voice, clap your hands or stomp your feet to create a rhythm.

MAKE FLASH CARDS

You can make flashcards on colorful index cards or on websites that enable you to make digital flashcards. Be colorful and creative with your flash cards.

CREATE SILLY ACRONYMS

An acronym is a word made up of the first letters of all the words in a phrase, a sentence, or a list. Acronyms work especially well with lists and longer passages. The sillier they are, the easier they are to remember.

DRAW IT

Draw the main points of the verse as reminders.

GO OUTSIDE

Take your memory verse outside. Write your memory verse using things found in nature: sticks, stones, dirt, sand, leaves, etc.

CIPHER KEYS

Thrive Cipher

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Growth Cipher

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Emoji Cipher

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Maritime Signal
Flags Cipher

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STUDY NOTES

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