

A large, gnarled tree with a thick, twisted trunk and dense green foliage. The roots are exposed and glow with a bright golden light. The tree is set against a dark, stormy sky with heavy clouds. The ground is rocky and uneven, with some water visible at the bottom. The overall scene is dramatic and atmospheric.

# Thrive

**BEGINNER ANSWER ANCHOR**

# DISCOVERY JOURNAL

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TO KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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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

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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

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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

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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**

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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 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 while also allowing for extra practice of the 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 passage for each unit, also in the heading of each lesson, is taken from the study passage. You should read and study your memory passage daily.

# ESSENTIAL HELPS

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## 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 to "observe" or understand what we're reading. We use these tools in the Discovery Journal:

- Keywords
- Comparisons and contrasts
- Definitions
- Observation questions—the 5 Ws and an H questions

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

## 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:

**In your Bible, mark the keywords **God** in John 1:1 and **believe** in John 1:7 using the colors indicated. Then check the circles.**



God (John 1:1) *yellow*

believe (John 1:7) *red*

For beginners, most keyword exercises are placed directly into the lesson underneath the keyword box. Here is an example: **As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **signs** and check the circle.**



signs (John 2:11) *blue*

This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.  
-John 2:11 (NKJV)

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.

### INTERPRET Lessons 3

Using the Bible to interpret Scripture, we'll take a deeper look at the study passage using these study tools:

- Context
- Cross-references (other Bible verses)
- 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 activities.

## STUDY RESOURCES

To complete the study, you'll need either hard copies or online versions of these resources:

- 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?***

Hopefully, studying the Bible begins with a 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). As God gives you faith to believe, call on His name and 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

- **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 Study 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)*



Keywords



Definitions



Geography

## STUDY PASSAGE

James 1:1-18



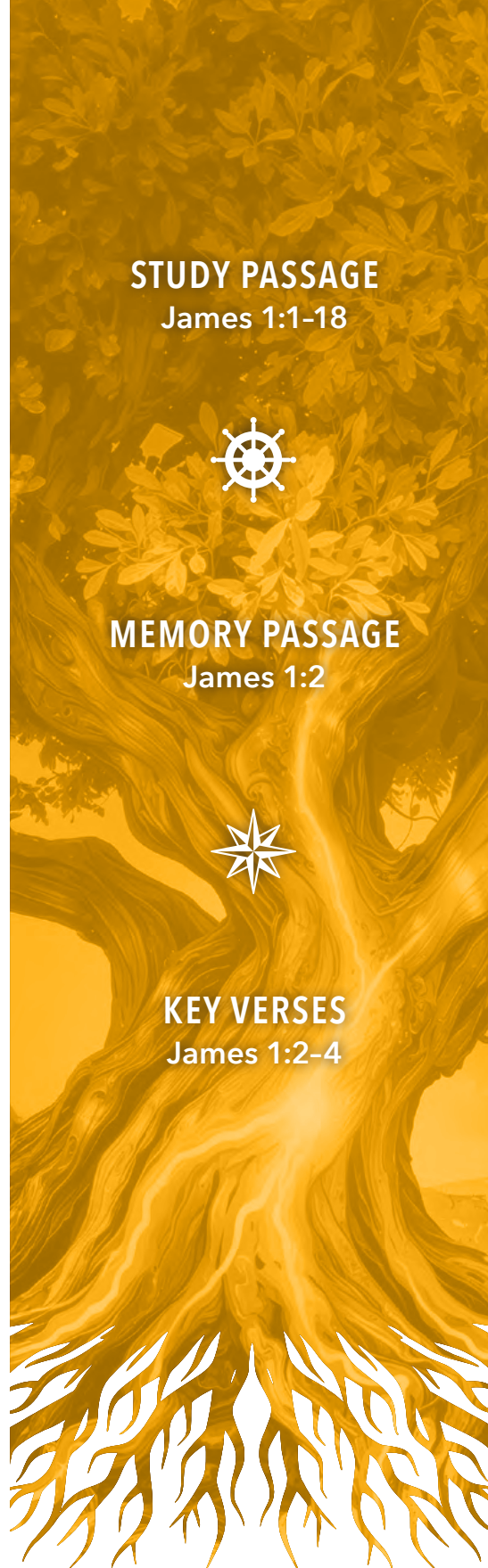
## MEMORY PASSAGE

James 1:2



## KEY VERSES

James 1:2-4





# PRAYER • UNIT 1

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

## God Is Light James 1:17

Day 1  Listen as I read the verse about God’s character. Circle the word **lights**.

*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.*

—James 1:17 (NASB)

Day 2  Trace the letter P.  
Write or draw one thing that you can praise God for.



Day 3  Trace the letter R.  
Write or draw one thing that you can repent of.



Day 4  Trace the letter A.  
Write or draw one thing that you want to ask God for.



Day 5  Trace the letter Y.  
Write or draw one way that you can yield (say yes) to God.





# NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 1

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

## MEMORY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Your memory verse for this unit is James 1:2. You can use the memory verse activities on page 113 to help you memorize the verse. In your memory passage and study passage, you will learn that we can persevere during tests.

**Color a boy running each day you practice your memory verse.**



The epistle of James was written to the Jewish believers scattered among the nations. This letter is like the book of Proverbs in that it is full of wisdom. James gives many commands to help believers thrive as Christians. We will learn ways to live out our faith, even in hard times. But first, what does “thrive” mean?

**thrive** to grow or develop very well

## READ • James 1:1-18

Listen as I read the study passage, James 1:1-18. Learn more about having joy when you face trials.

## OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

We are learning how to study the Bible using keywords—important words in the Bible. **As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **God** and check the circle.**



God (James 1:1) *yellow*

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.  
-James 1:1 (NKJV)

Trace the name of the author of the letter that we will study in *Thrive*.

JAMES





# EXPLORE • UNIT 1, LESSON 1

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

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

## READ • James 1:1-4

As I reread James 1:1-4, listen to why believers are faced with trials.

## OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **perfect** and check the circle.



perfect (James 1:4) *red*

And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. -James 1:4 (ESV)

We have learned that believers are tested, and through those tests, we mature spiritually. **Use the numbers to decode the equation below. Then listen as I read the statement about maturity.**

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Read the verse below and unscramble the word to learn what we should do when we are tested.

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify **doG** \_\_\_\_\_ **God** \_\_\_\_\_ in that name. -1 Peter 4:16 (ESV)



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 2

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

## READ • James 1:1

Listen as I read James 1:1 to learn about who the letter is addressed to.

## BACKGROUND STUDY • History: The Dispersion of the Jews

Listen as I read the definition of dispersion. Then as I read James 1:1 below, mark the keyword **dispersion** and check the circle.

= dispersion scattering

○ dispersion (James 1:1) *red*

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. -James 1:1 (ESV)

The letter of James is written to Jewish believers who were scattered throughout the land because of persecution. This was a really difficult time for these people. The Jewish people 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.

🌍 Let's learn more about where the Jews were scattered. **Listen as I read the references and follow instructions to color the correct locations.**

1. Psalm 137:1-4  
Color Babylon **purple**.

2. Acts 11:19  
Color Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch **yellow**.

3. 1 Peter 1:1-2  
Color Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia **green**.





# EXPLORE • UNIT 1, LESSON 2

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

Sometimes we face difficult times, and we may be tempted to sin during that time. However, we can learn to grow in Jesus when we are tempted to sin.

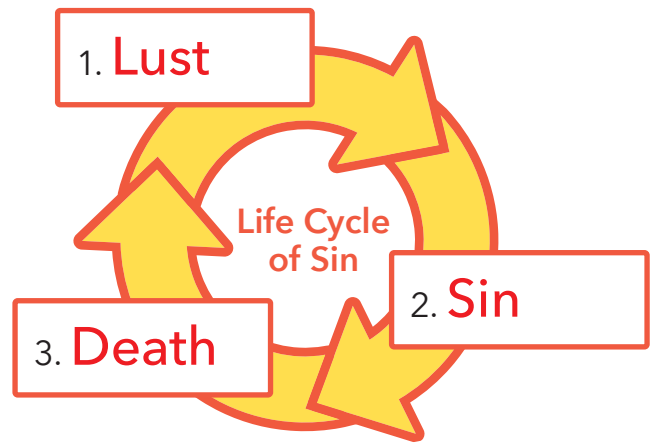
## READ • James 1:13-18

Listen as I read part of the study passage, James 1:13-18. Here we learn that man is never tempted by God. However, man is tempted to sin because of evil desires.

## OBSERVE • Observation Questions and Definitions

Look at the picture of the life cycle of sin. Then listen as I read James 1:15. Use the colored words in the verse and write them on the life-cycle-of-sin picture, beginning with number one.

Then when **lust** hath conceived, it bringeth forth **sin**: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth **death**. -James 1:15 (KJV)



Believers will not experience a spiritual death because our hope is in Christ! Below is a summary of James 1:17-18. **Read it with me 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.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 3

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

We have learned the importance of growing in Christ and maturing spiritually.

= **mature** to reach full development

What did Jesus say to do if we want to be complete in Him? **Listen as I read Matthew 19:21. Write your name on the first cross.** Let's walk down the path and read the command of Jesus. **Write Jesus' command on the lines below.**

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be complete,...come, follow Me." -Matthew 19:21 (NASB)



## TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

Did you know that James' epistle is very similar to teachings we find from Jesus? In each unit, we will compare a verse from James that reminds us of a truth that Jesus taught. **Listen as I read James 1:2 and Matthew 5:11-12.**

**Hold this page up to a mirror to reveal what both passages teach us.**

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, rid 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

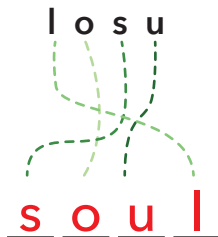
Interpret | Study Passage: James 1:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 1:2

We have learned that God never tempts His people. However, there are times when believers will be tested by God. But why are we tested? **Listen as I read the references. Then follow the colored lines and write the letters on the blanks to complete the sentence using the puzzle.**

## Why Does God Test His People?

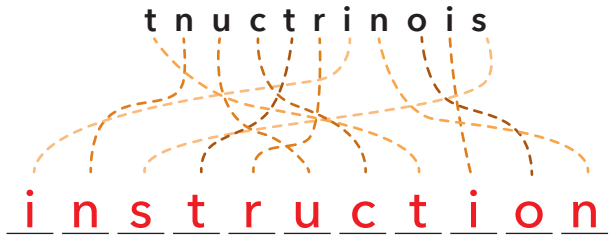
### Deuteronomy 13:3

To know whether they love God with all their heart and



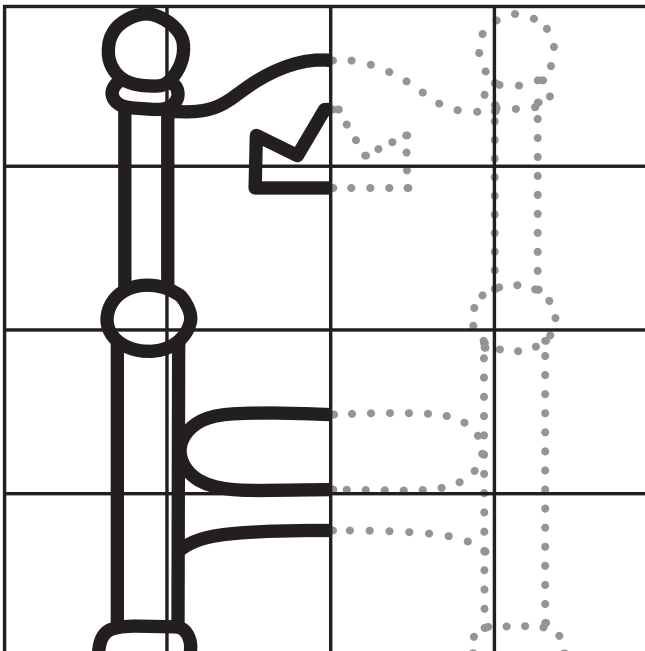
### Exodus 16:4

To see if they will walk in God's



As I read the verse below, circle the important word **tempted**.

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 10:13 (NIV)



Listen as I read Hebrews 4:15-16. Use the grid to draw the other side of the image and be reminded that we receive all we need by going to the throne of grace.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 1, LESSON 4

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

## DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow in Perseverance

We have learned how important spiritual maturity is. Today we will learn 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

🔑 Listen as I read the verse below. Trace the word **endured**.

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **ENDURED** the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. -Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)



Use Hebrews 12:2 and the Thrive cipher to fill in the blanks to learn more about endurance.



We look to J e s u s as we endure our race.  
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Jesus endured the c r o s s.  
🔍 💧 ☀️ ❄️ ❄️

Jesus endured because of the j o y set before Him.  
✝️ ☀️ 🗑️

We can persevere during tests and 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: James 1:2

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

James learned from the people who came before him and so can we. Their faith thrived. In each *Explore* Lesson 4, we will look at individuals who thrived in their faith. We're going to read about men and women found in Hebrews 11. This chapter is called the "Hall of Faith" chapter of the Bible.

Listen as I read the verse. Mark the keyword **faith** and check the circle.



faith (Heb. 11:1) *red*

Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, a proof of things not seen. -Hebrews 11:1 (NASB)

Listen as I read the references and descriptions about each person of faith. Then trace the dotted line to their name and trace his or her name below.

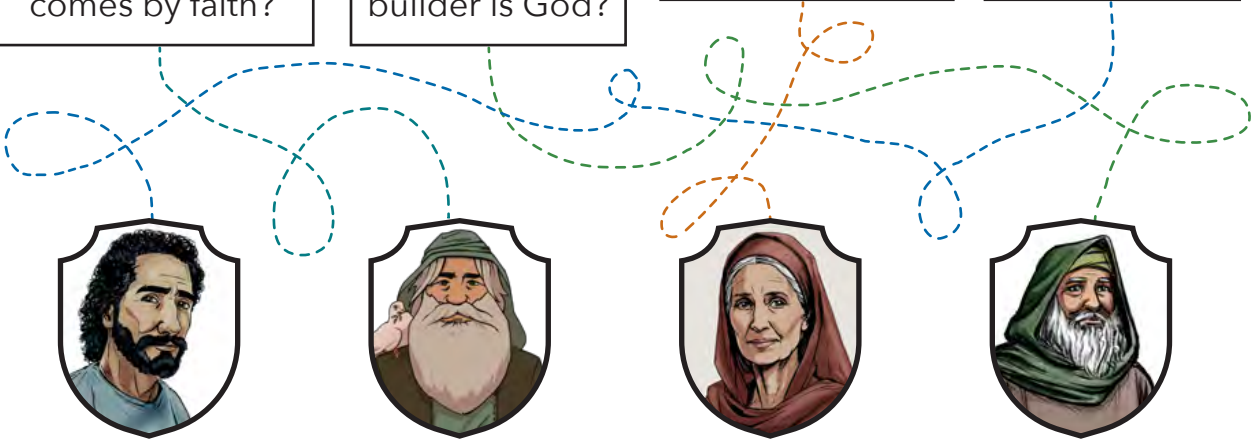
# HALL OF FAITH

**Verse 7**  
Who became an heir of righteousness that comes by faith?

**Verses 9-10**  
Who looked forward to a city whose builder is God?

**Verse 11**  
Who considered Him faithful who had promised?

**Verse 21**  
Who worshiped as he was dying?



JACOB

NOAH

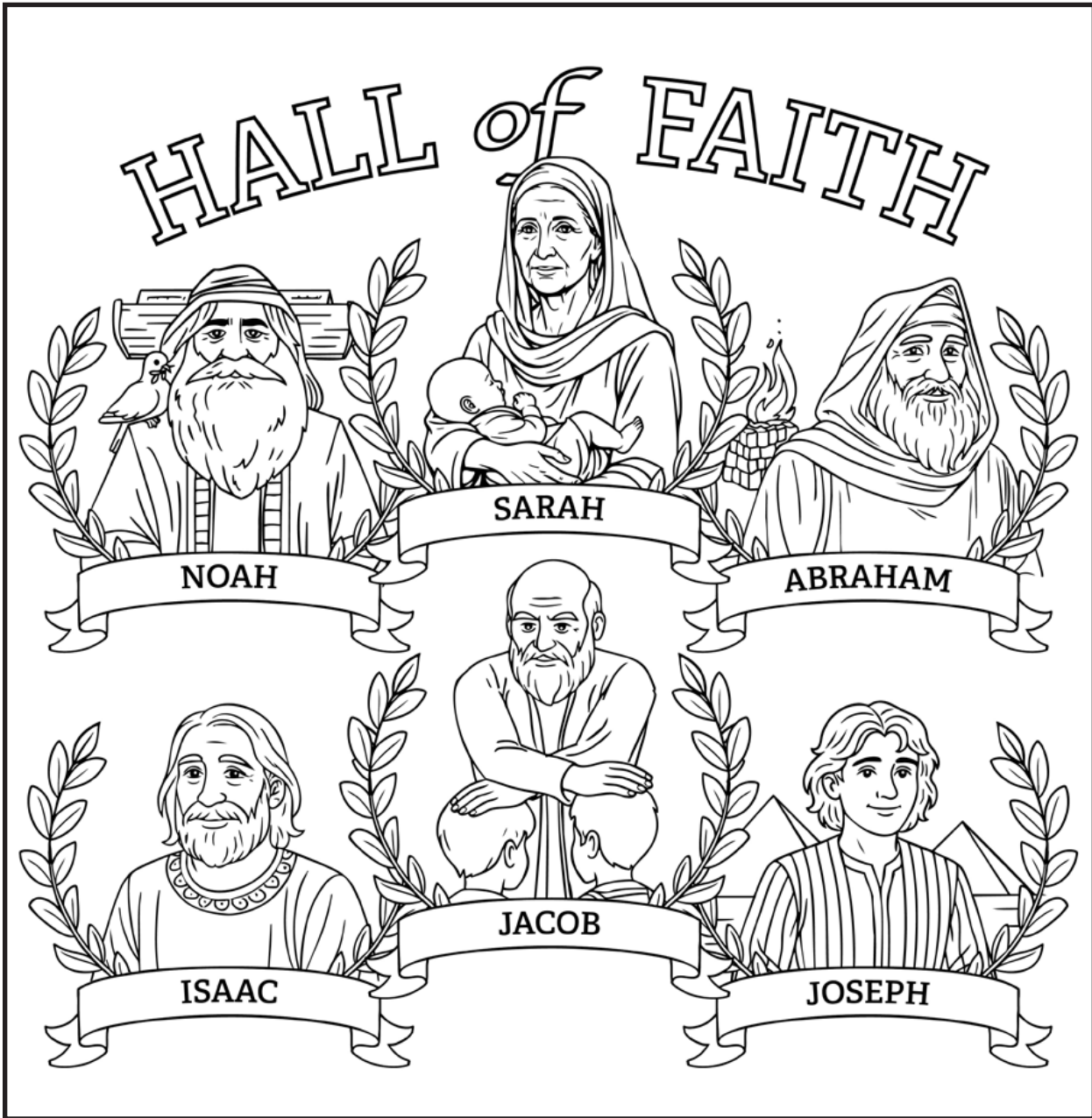
SARAH

ABRAHAM

These hall of faith heroes died still living by their faith. Many of them are even part of the lineage of Jesus, who is the Savior of the world.



Color the picture, which reminds us of the Hall of Faith heroes.



## KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

Grow in **perseverance**.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 1, LESSON 5

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

Use the study passage, memory passage, and lessons to review Unit 1. Color the bubble words to remember the title of the unit. As I read each statement, draw a line from the truth found in the unit to the picture it matches.

## THRIVE IN TESTS

James wrote the epistle of James.

Sin brings forth death.

We look to Jesus as we endure our race.

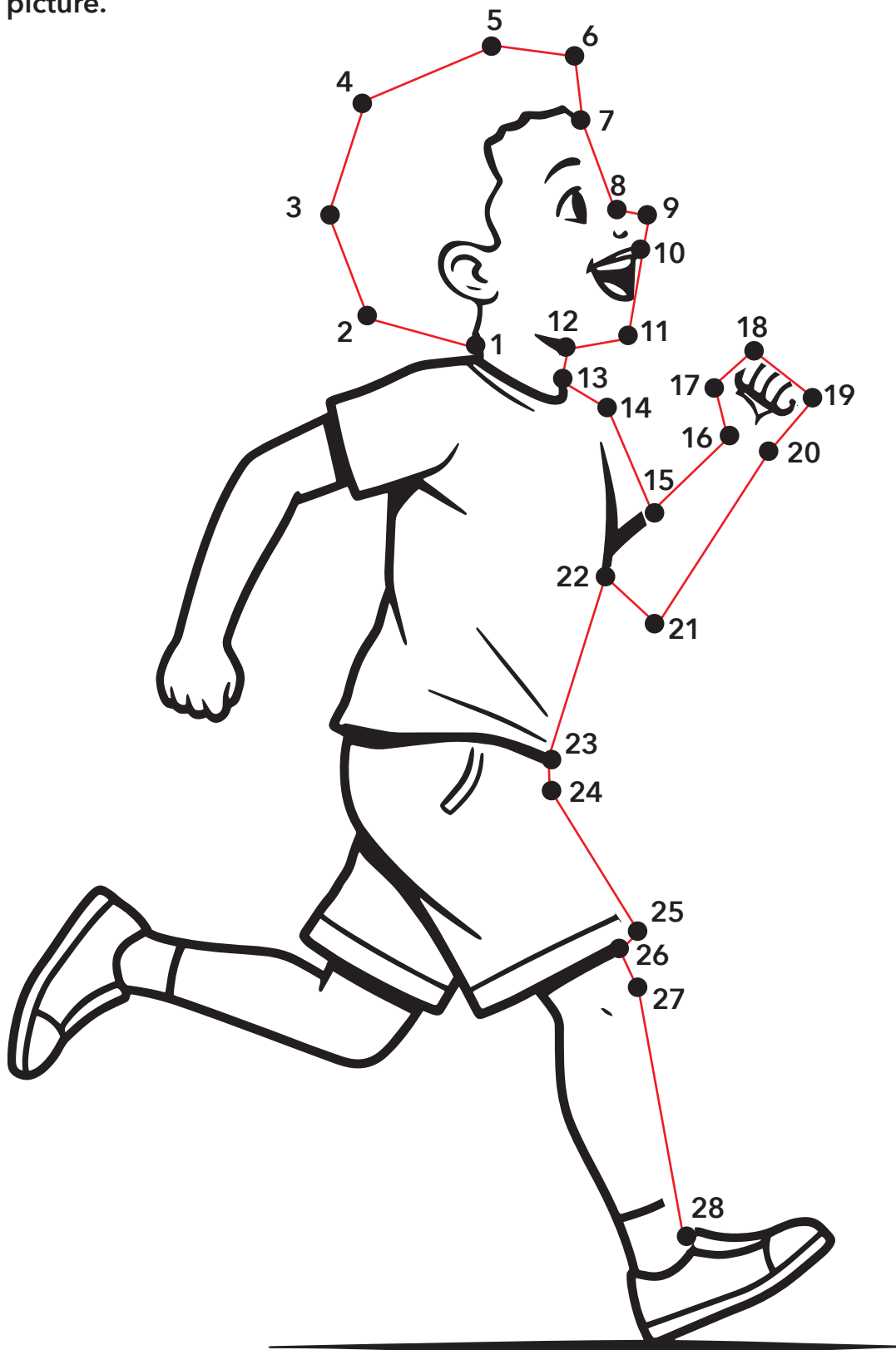
We can learn from the heroes of the faith who came before us.



## HALL OF FAITH



In Unit 1 we learned that being tested in our faith produces spiritual maturity. **Start at the number 1 and connect the dots to complete the picture. Color the picture.**



## 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

To grow as Christians, believers must read God’s Word and thrive in it. James calls us to receive the Word and lay aside sin. He calls believers to not only hear the Word, but also to obey it.

- **PRAYER**

God Is Our Father—James 1:27

- **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



## MEMORY PASSAGE

James 1:22



## KEY VERSES

James 1:21–22



Keywords



Definitions



Geography



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

## God Is Our Father

James 1:27

Day 1  Listen as I read the verse about God's character. Circle the word **Father**.

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the **Father** is this:  
to visit orphans and widows in their affliction,  
and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

—James 1:27 (ESV)

Day 2  Trace the letter P.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you can praise God for.



Day 3  Trace the letter R.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you can repent of.



Day 4  Trace the letter A.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you want to ask God for.



Day 5  Trace the letter Y.  
Write or draw one way that  
you can yield (say yes) to God.





# NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 1

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

## MEMORY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Your memory verse for this unit is James 1:22. You can use the memory verse activities on page 113 to help you memorize the verse. In your memory passage and study passage you learn to grow as a hearer and a doer of God's Word. **Color a plant each day you practice your memory verse.**



### READ • James 1:19-22

Listen as I read part of the study passage, James 1:19-22.

### OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **anger** and check the circle.



anger (James 1:19b-20) *red*

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. -James 1:19b-20 (NASB)

James gives us three different instructions. **Fill in the speech bubbles using the word bank. Then number the commands from James in the order they appear in the verses above.**



hear      slow      speak

  2   Be slow to   speak  .

  3   Be   slow   to anger.

  1   Be quick to   hear  .



# EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 1

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

## READ • James 1:19-27

Listen as I read the study passage. Notice how God wants us to receive His word.

## OBSERVE • Keywords, Definitions, and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **meekness** and check the circle.



meekness (James 1:21) *red*

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. –James 1:21 (NKJV)



**meek** kind, gentle, and humble

Meekness helps us thrive spiritually. It allows the Word of God to take root and grow in the hearts of believers.

Listen as I ask you three observation questions: what, how, and where. Follow the dotted lines to find the answers. Trace the answers. These answers help you understand the verse above. Finally, color in the bubble questions words of what, how, and where.

**WHAT** must be received?

**HOW** do we receive the Word?

**WHERE** is the Word of God planted?

With **MEEKNESS**

The **WORD**

**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

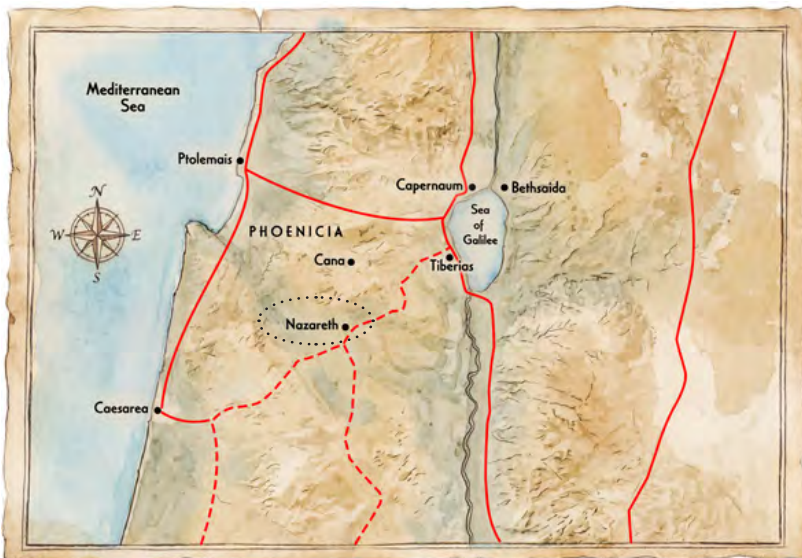
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## BACKGROUND STUDY • History: James, the Author

*Thrive* is based on the letter written by James. But who was he? Today, let's learn more about the man who wrote this epistle.

**Listen as I read each statement. Trace the important words. Then use the Growth cipher to fill in the blanks.**

Clues	Who am I?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He was a <b>BROTHER</b> of Jesus Christ (Matt. 13:55).</li> <li>• He wasn't always a believer in Jesus as the <b>MESSIAH</b> (John 7:5).</li> <li>• Jesus <b>APPEARED</b> to him after the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:7).</li> <li>• He was a <b>LEADER</b> of the church in Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9).</li> <li>• He wrote the <b>LETTER</b> we are studying.</li> </ul>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>J a m e s</u></p> 



James will killed in 62 AD for speaking boldly about Jesus, and even as he died, he prayed for the forgiveness of those who were killing him.

James was from Nazareth, a village located where two busy trade routes came together. By talking to travelers on these routes, James was able to learn the Greek language.

**On the map, trace the circle around Nazareth and trace the two trade routes that meet near Nazareth.**



# EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 2

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

## READ • James 1:19-27

Listen as I read the study passage. Pay attention to what James commands us to do with the Word of God.

## OBSERVE • Keywords, Definitions, and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keywords **looks**, **doing**, and **blessed** and check the circles. They are all in James 1:25.



looks *red*

doing *red*

blessed *red*



**doer** one that takes an active part

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)



Use the words in the word bank to label the picture of a person hearing and doing the Word of God.

doing      blessed      looks

### Hearers and Doers



looks



doing



blessed

Hearing and doing may not be easy, but it is possible through Christ! And God promises us that we will be blessed.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 3

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

Earlier in the study, we read that James compared the Word to a mirror. The Bible also compares the Bible to other things. **Listen as I read the verses. Trace the line from each statement to the correct image. Use the word bank to fill in the blanks. Then color the pictures.**

sword    seed    hammer

**Jeremiah 23:29**

God's Word is like fire and a



seed

**Luke 8:11**

God's Word is the



hammer

**Ephesians 6:17**

God's Word is a



sword

## TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

From our study passage we learned about anger, our words, and how to respond to God's Word. **Listen as I read James 1:22 and Matthew 7:24. Hold this page up to a mirror to reveal what both passages teach us.**

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Both passages teach us that we are not only to be hearers of the Word, but also doers of the Word.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 3

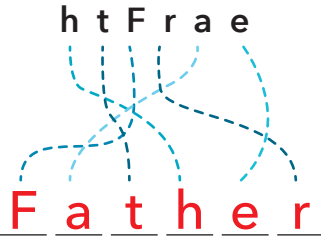
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To be doers of the Word, we must continue reading and learning from it. We must also follow its commands. But why? **Listen as I read the references. Then follow the colored lines and write the letters on the blanks to complete the sentence using the puzzle.**

## Reasons to Continue in the Word

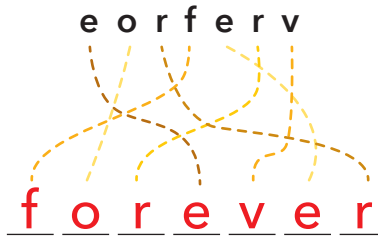
1 John 2:24

So you will remain in the Son and the

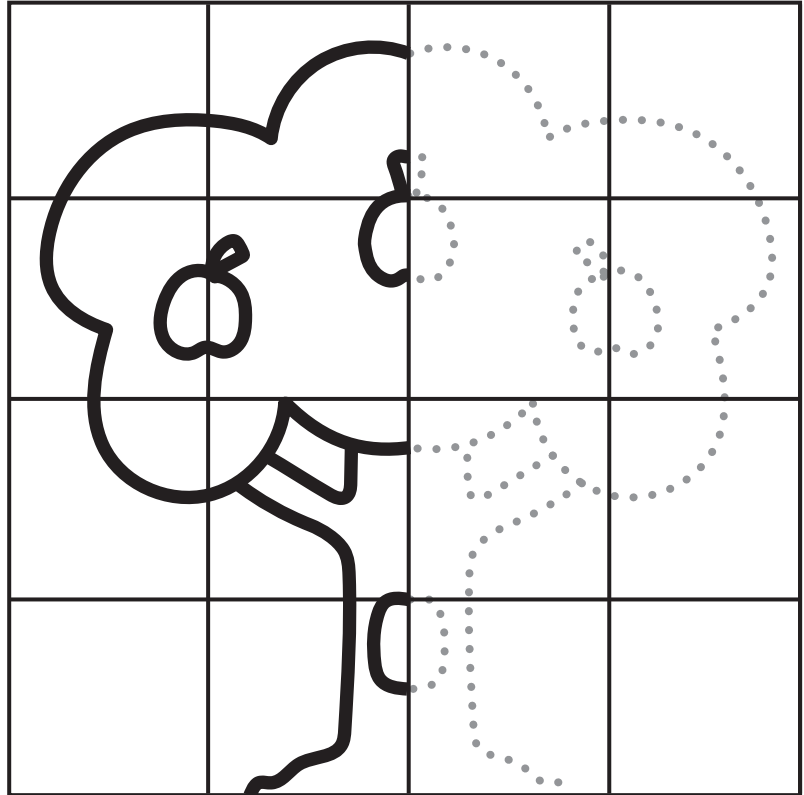


1 Peter 1:24-25

Because the Word endures



Listen as I read Luke 8:15. Use the grid to draw the other side of the image and be reminded that we produce fruit when we persevere.





# NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 4

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

## DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow as Hearers and Doers

**Listen as I read Psalm 1:1-3.** Did you notice that this passage compares God's Word to a growing tree? The more we read and respond to God's Word, the more spiritual fruit we will produce.

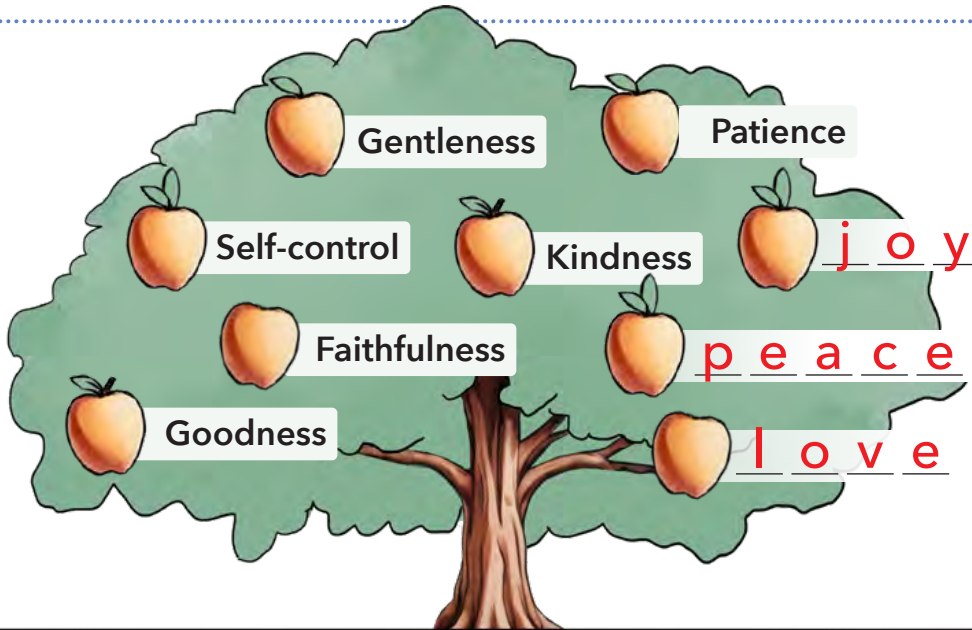
Galatians 5:22-23 gives us a list of spiritual fruit. **Listen as I read the verse below. Then use the Thrive cipher to learn the names of the remaining fruit and write them on the tree.**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. -Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)



kindness    l o v e    p e a c e    j o y    goodness

patience    faithfulness    gentleness    self-control



# hearers and doers



# EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 4

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

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

Listen as I read Hebrews 11:23-29 to learn about a hero of faith. In the verse below, mark the keyword **faith** and check the circle.



faith (Heb. 11:23) *red*

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. -Hebrews 11:23 (KJV)

The maze below is a timeline of the events of this hero's life. Follow the maze to each statement that I read. Then use the Growth cipher to write the person's name on the blanks.

**Who Am I?**

I was hidden for three months.

I kept the Passover.

I left Egypt.

I chose God's people.

I crossed the Red Sea.

**M o s e s**

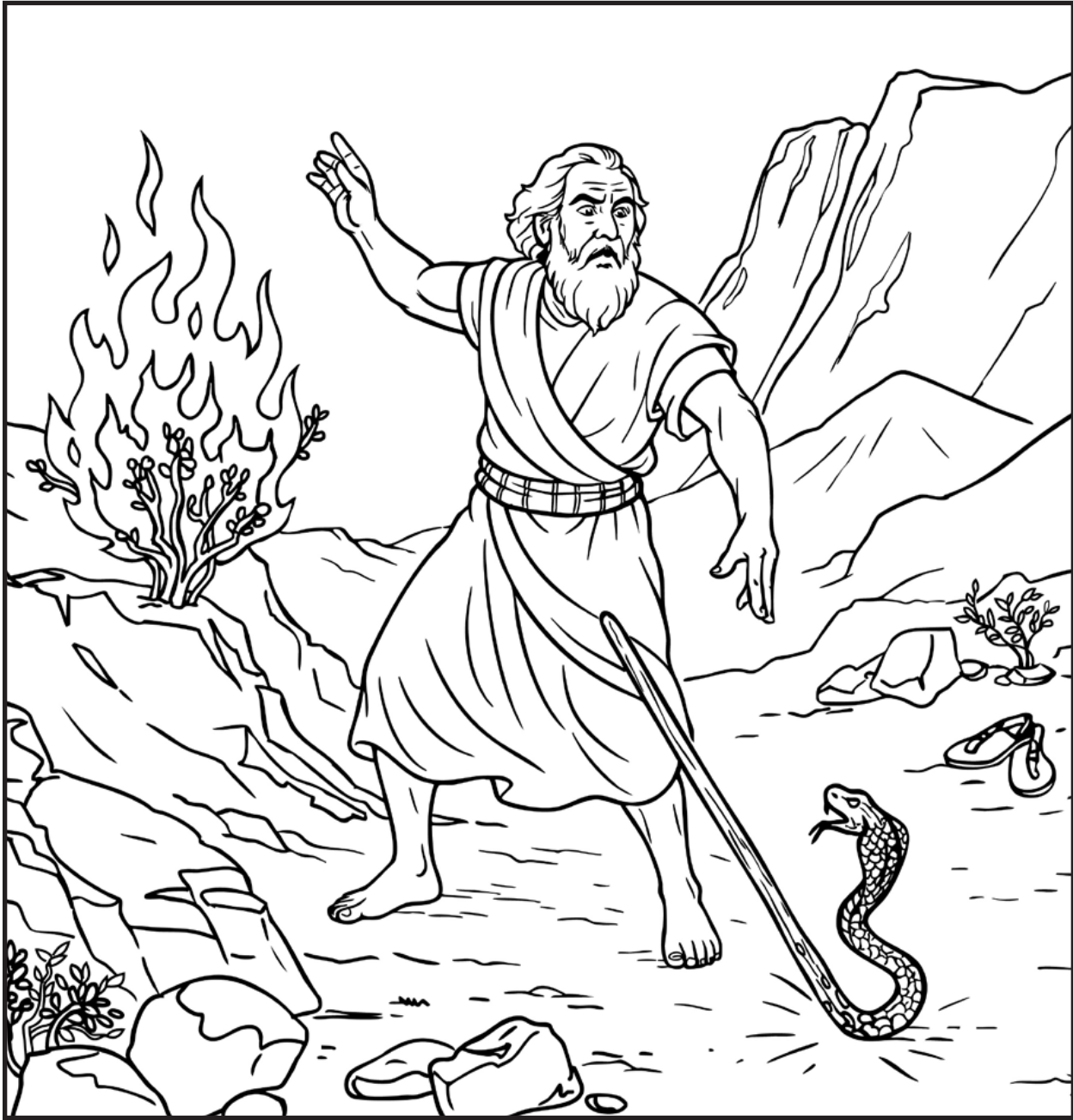
Moses lived out James 1:27 by keeping himself unspotted by the world when he turned his back on the pleasures of sin in Egypt. He was a hearer and doer.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 5

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

Color the picture that reminds us of Moses' faith.



## KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passages, James 1:22, and trace the word.

Grow as **hearers** and **doers**.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 5

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

Use the study passage, memory passage, and lessons to review Unit 2. Color the bubble words to remember the title of the unit. As I read each statement, draw a line from the truth found in the unit to the picture it matches.

## THRIVE IN THE WORD

The Word is planted in the hearts of believers.

James was a leader in the church in Jerusalem.

Those who look into the perfect law, and do it, will be blessed.

Moses was a faithful leader chosen by God.





## 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

In this unit we will learn that James encourages believers to thrive in their relationships and not choose favorites. He challenges them, and us, to love our neighbors as we grow spiritually.

- **PRAYER**  
The Lord Is Glorious—James 2:1
- **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



## MEMORY PASSAGE

James 2:8



## KEY VERSES

James 2:8-9



Keywords



Definitions



Geography



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

## The Lord Is Glorious James 2:1

Day 1  Listen as I read the verse about God’s character. Circle the word **glorious**.

*My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.*  
—James 2:1 (NIV)

Day 2  Trace the letter P.  
Write or draw one thing that you can praise God for.



Day 3  Trace the letter R.  
Write or draw one thing that you can repent of.



Day 4  Trace the letter A.  
Write or draw one thing that you want to ask God for.



Day 5  Trace the letter Y.  
Write or draw one way that you can yield (say yes) to God.



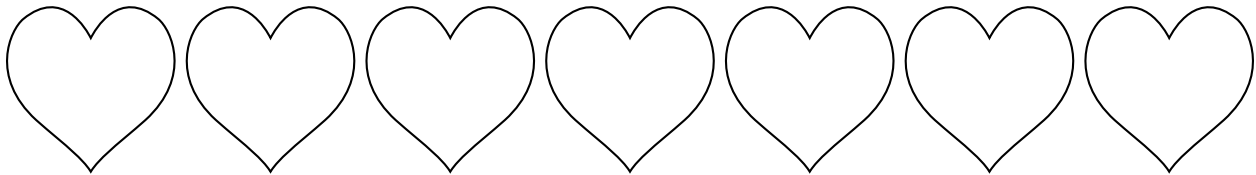


# NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 1

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

## MEMORY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Your memory verse for this unit is James 2:8. In your memory passage and study passage you learn to grow in love. **Color a heart each day you practice your memory verse.**



So far we have learned to be doers of the Word. Today we will learn one way to show that you are a doer of the Word—loving others. James encourages believers to obey the Word by loving others and growing in relationships.

### READ • James 2:1-13

Listen as I read the study passage, James 2:1-13.

### OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

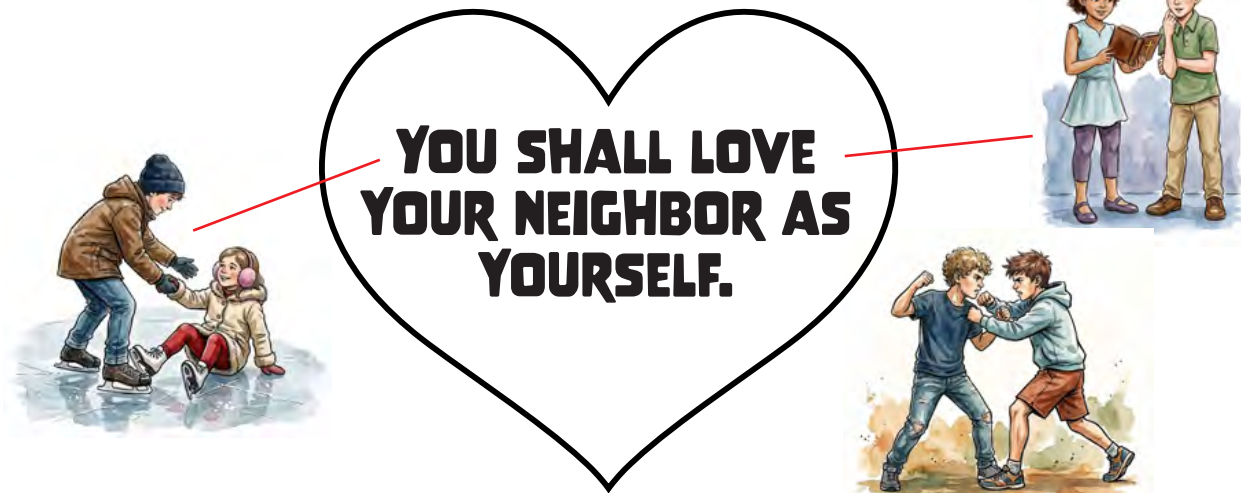
As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **favoritism** and check the circle.



favoritism (James 2:1) *red*

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. -James 2:1 (NIV)

We learn from this passage that God does not have favorites. One way to cure favoritism is found in James 2:8. **As I reread that verse, draw a line from the heart to the people who are loving each other.**





# EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 1

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

## READ • James 2:1-9

Listen as I reread James 2:1-9 and notice the difference between partiality and love.

## OBSERVE • Keywords, Definitions, and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **love** and check the circle.



love (James 2:8) *red*

If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well. -James 2:8 (NASB)

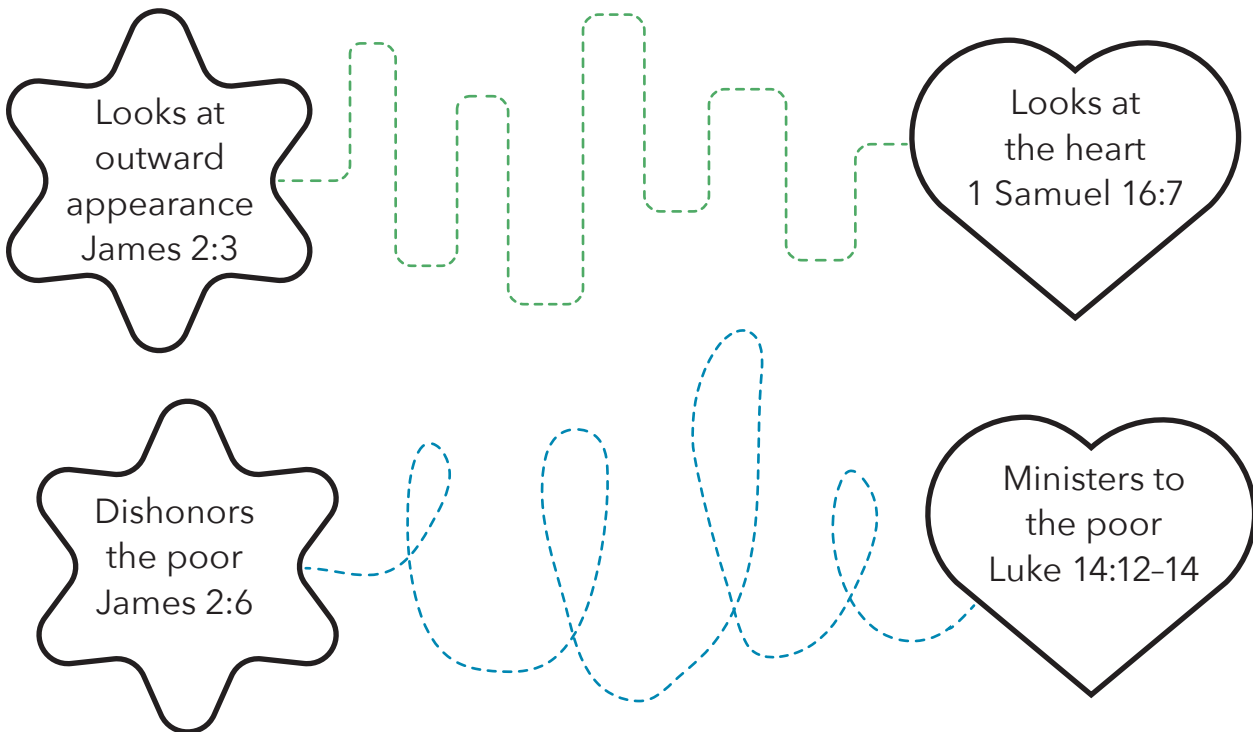
The love that is written about in James 2:8 is a love that thinks of others, even when the other person isn't very lovable. The only way to cure the sin of partiality is with love. **Listen to the definition of partiality.**



**partiality**

special treatment of one person more than another

Let's see the difference between partiality and love. **After I read each statement about partiality, trace the lines to the statement about love.**



We can thank God that He is not partial and for His unconditional love!



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 2

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

## BACKGROUND STUDY • Culture: Early Church Service

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

When Gentiles became believers, they were not permitted to attend places of worship (like the synagogues) with the Jews. In honor of Jesus' resurrection, the new Christians chose to meet in houses on the first day of the week, the Lord's day, to worship Jesus Christ.

The service was in two parts. Unbelievers were allowed to attend only the first part. When they left, the believers would take the Lord's Supper, recite verses, receive an offering for orphans and widows, and sometimes new believers were baptized. The service ended with a church leader giving a blessing.



The Christians came to the service prepared to worship God and participate with other believers. **Listen as I read the verse below and find and circle the words you see in the word bank.** (Hint: These words are in color.)

revelation   psalm   interpretation   tongue   teaching

What is the outcome then, brothers and sisters? When you assemble, each one has a **psalm**, has a **teaching**, has a **revelation**, has a **tongue**, has an **interpretation**. All things are to be done for edification. -1 Corinthians 14:26 (NASB)

We can also prepare our hearts to worship God before we go to church!



# EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 2

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

Sometimes we are people who act as judges with evil thoughts, but today we will learn about the royal law that judges us perfectly even when we are not perfect.

## READ • James 2:9-13

Listen as I read James 2:9-13, paying attention to how we are guilty when we do not obey every law.

## OBSERVE • Keywords, Definitions, and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keywords **law** and **guilty** and check the circles.



law (James 2:10) *red*

guilty (James 2:10) *red*

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. -James 2:10 (NKJV)



**law**

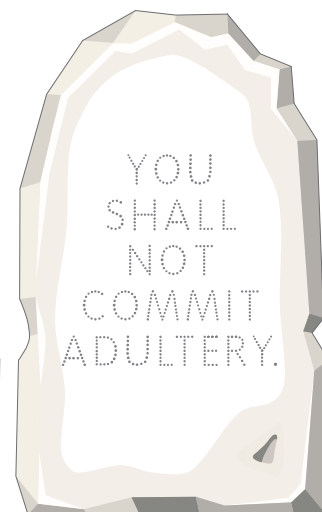
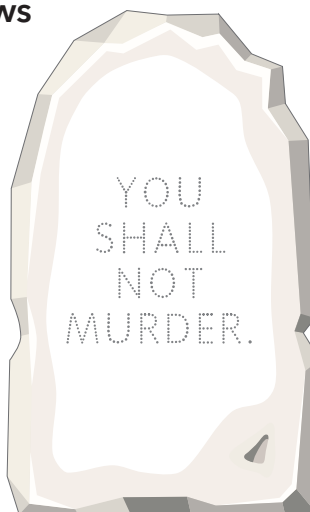
the rules—including the ten commandments—in the first five books of the Bible

On the stone tablets, trace the two laws of God that James mentioned in James 2:11.

Are we able to keep every law perfectly?

Yes  No

But, Jesus perfectly satisfied the law and that law brings us to Christ. **In the verse below, circle the Person who fully justifies and forgives us because He is perfect and died on the cross for our sins.** We can receive His mercy.



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



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 3

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

Let's learn more about how God, who does not show favoritism, responds to sinful behaviors.

Listen as I read Romans 2:9-11 (NIV), fill in the table using the word bank.

trouble      good      peace      evil

Verse	What a Person Does	How God Responds
Verse 9	Does <u>evil</u>	Gives <u>trouble</u> and distress
Verse 10	Does <u>good</u>	Gives 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

From our study passage, we learned that God loves us and does not have favorites. We will look at what Jesus says about us being impartial to others.

Listen as I read James 2:8 with Mark 12:31. Hold this page up to a mirror to reveal what both passages teach us.

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: James 2:8

Listen as I read James 2:13. In your Bible, and mark the keywords **judgment** and **mercy**, and check the circles.



judgment (James 2:13) *red*



mercy (James 2:13) *red*



**mercy** kind and compassionate treatment.

Scripture gives us many examples of people who didn't show mercy, and because of their lack of mercy, they were judged. **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.**

### Matthew 19:13-14

The disciples turned them away, but Jesus wanted the little

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*(Dotted lines connect the letters above to the word below)*  
c h i l d r e n

to come to Him.

### Luke 18:35-42

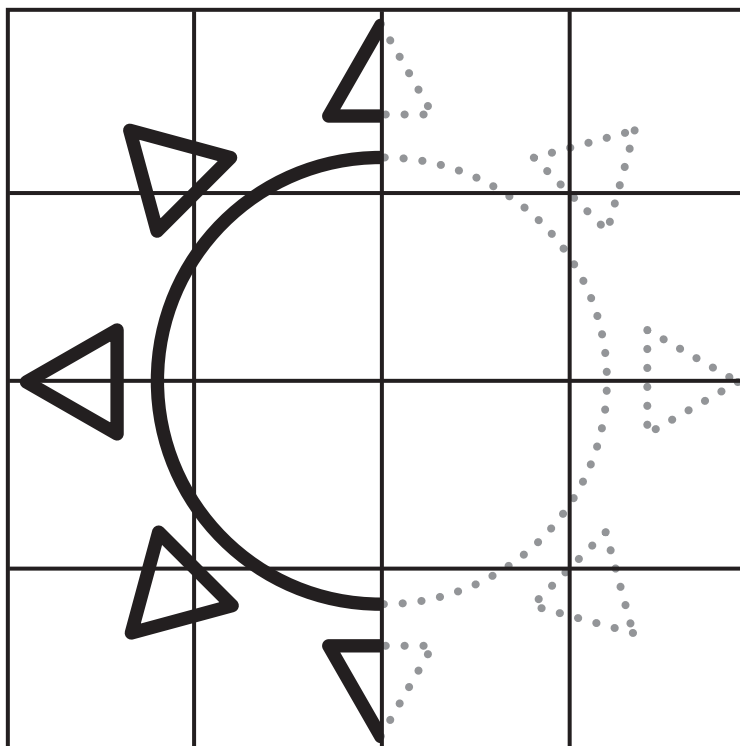
Some turned him away, but Jesus healed the

n l b d i

*(Dotted lines connect the letters above to the word below)*  
b l i n d

man.

Jesus' kindness shines brightly in a dark world. His mercy triumphs over judgment! May we follow Jesus' example and thrive in our relationships. **Use the grid to draw the other side of the image and be reminded that Jesus reaches out in mercy to all.**





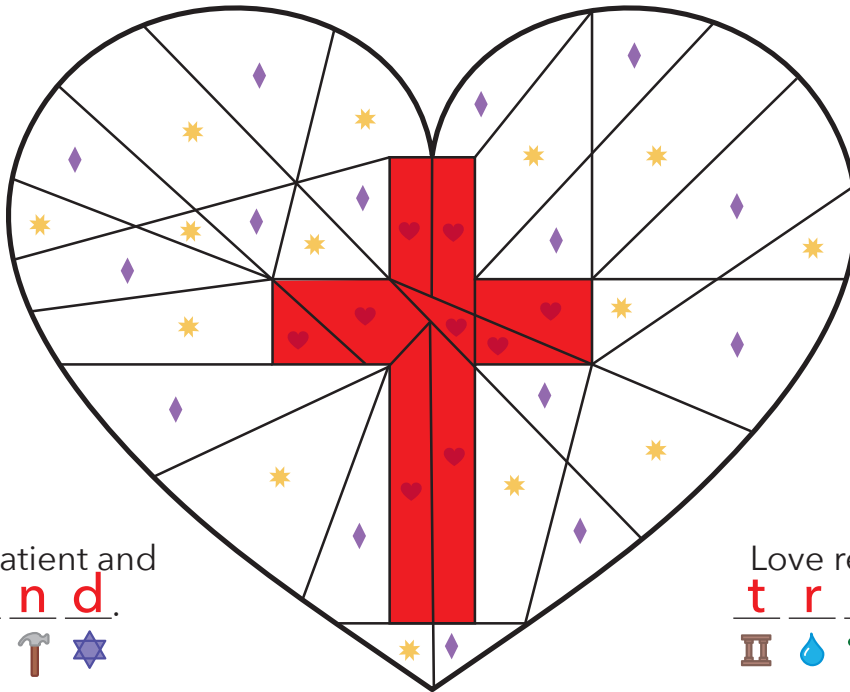
# NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 4

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

## DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow in Love

Throughout this unit we have learned that showing love is a sign of a true believer. Listen as I read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, which is called the love chapter. Then use the Thrive cipher to fill in the blanks to learn more about growing in love. Finally, use the color code to color in the heart.

 = red     
  = yellow     
  = purple



Love is patient and

k i n d.



Love rejoices in

t r u t h.



Love does not rejoice in

w r o n g d o i n g.



Scripture teaches us to love one another. Have you shown love toward others today?





# EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 4

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

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

Today we will learn about another hero of the faith, Gideon. **Listen as I read Judges 6:11-18.**

As I read the verse below, mark the keywords **mighty warrior** and check the circle.



mighty warrior (Judg. 6:12) *red*

When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." -Judges 6:12 (NIV)

Below is a conversation between God and Gideon. **Cross out the numbers, leaving the letters to form the name of the one speaking. Write the name on the blank.**

Who said it?		
"My family clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house" (v. 15).	<p>1G9i2d6e7o5n3</p> <p><u>          Gideon          </u></p>	
"The Lord is with you, mighty man of valor" (v. 12).	<p>The 9a8n1g3e5l6 of the</p> <p>4L2o1r6d7</p> <p>The <u>          angel          </u></p> <p>of the <u>          Lord          </u></p>	

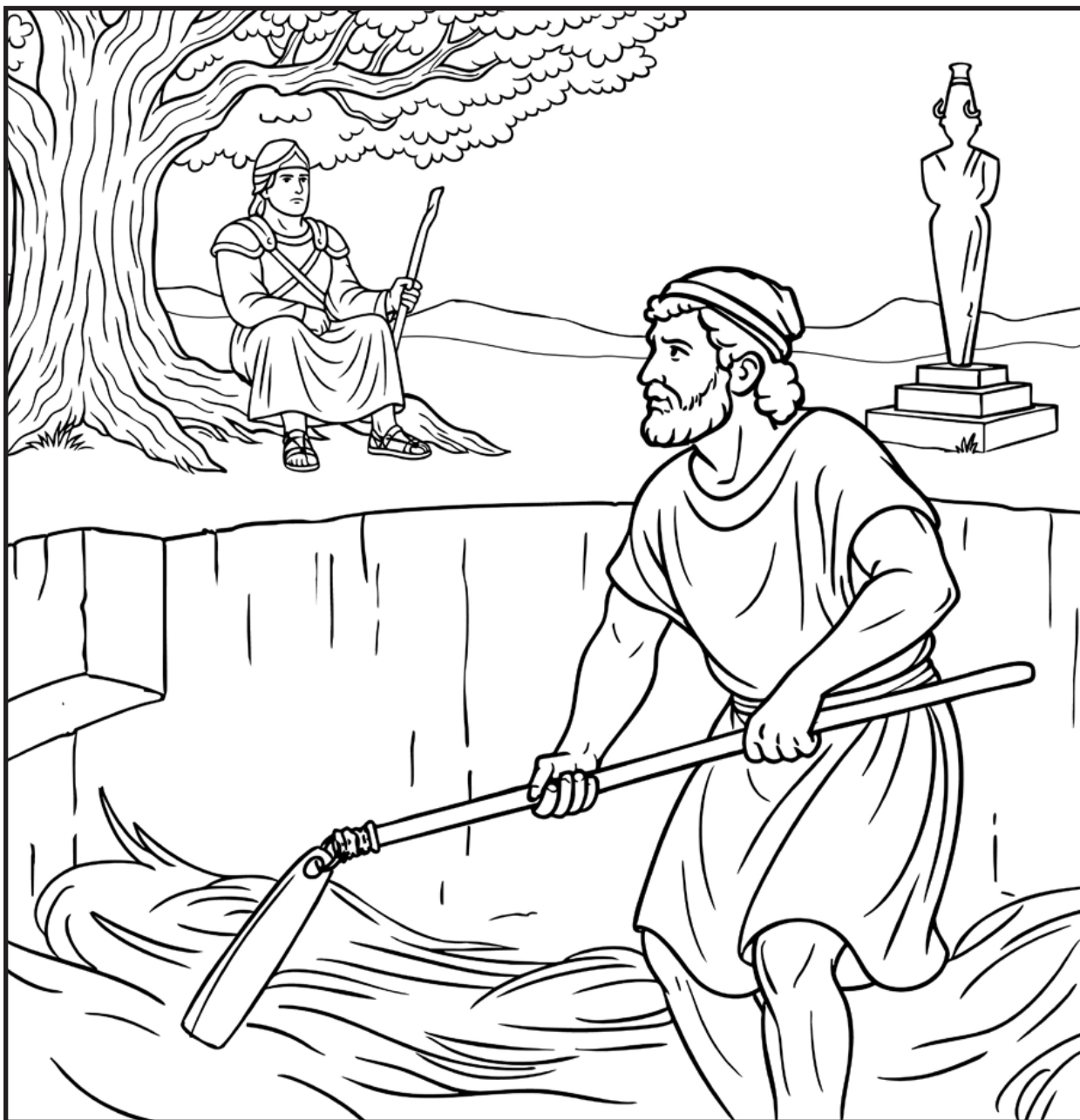
Gideon may have been an unlikely person to save Israel because he was the least in his family, but God chose him as a mighty warrior.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 3, LESSON 5

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

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, and trace the word.

Grow in **love**.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 3, LESSON 5

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

Use the study passage, memory passage, and lessons to review Unit 3. Color the bubble words to remember the title of the unit. As I read each statement, draw a line from the truth found in the unit to the picture it matches.

## THRIVE IN RELATIONSHIPS

Early Christians met in houses for church services.

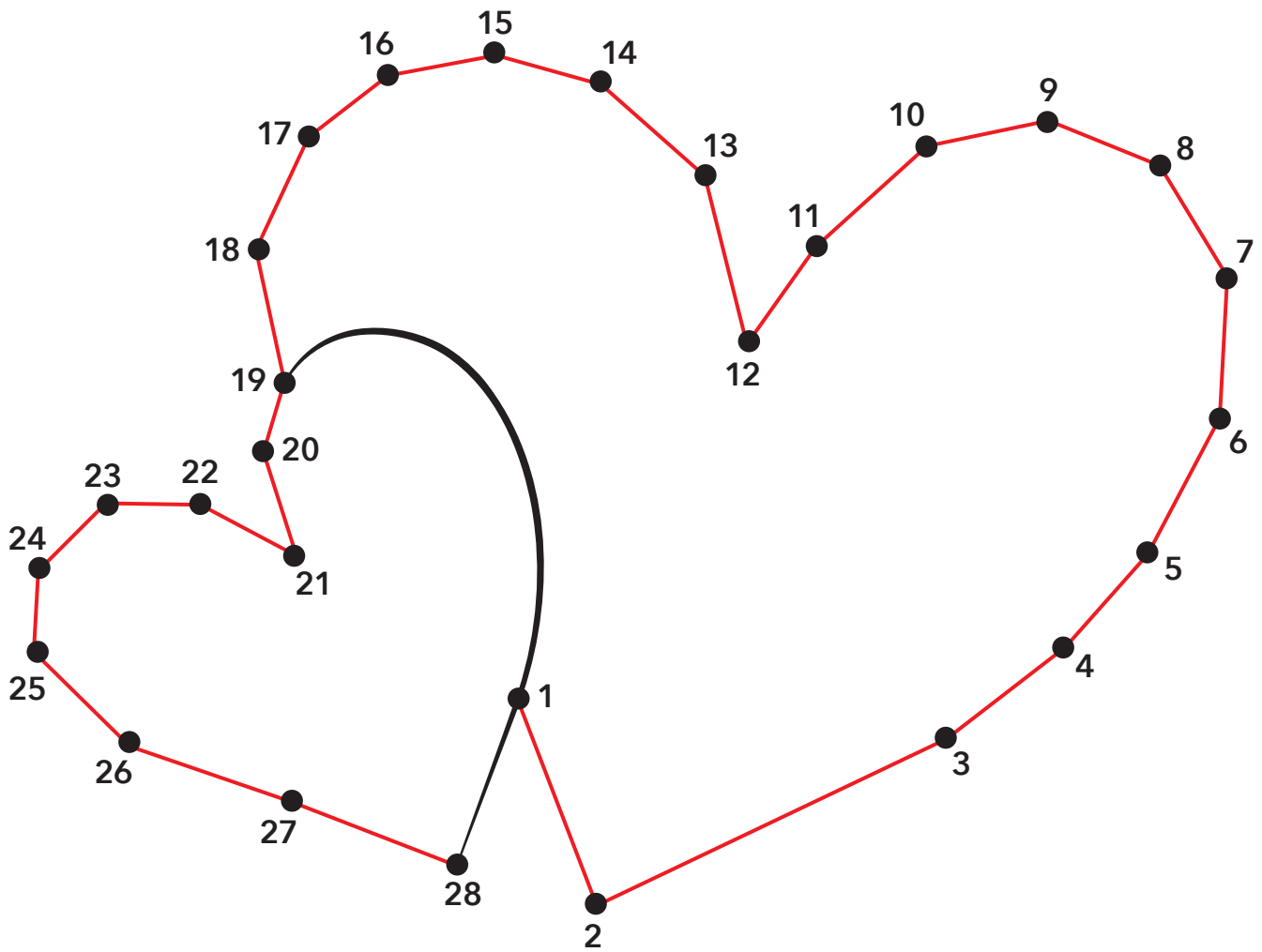
Jesus wanted the little children to come to Him.

Gideon was called a mighty warrior.

Love is from God.



In Unit 3 we learned to grow in love. **Start at the number 1 and connect the dots to complete the picture, then color the picture.**



## 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

In this unit, we will learn what James teaches about faith and works—that they cannot be separated. He teaches that faith without works is useless, and our faith in God is shown to others by our actions.

- **PRAYER**  
God Is One God—James 2:19
- **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



## MEMORY PASSAGE

James 2:17



## KEY VERSES

James 2:17-18



Keywords



Definitions



Geography



# PRAYER • UNIT 4

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



Day 1  Listen as I read the verse about God's character. Circle the word **one**.

*"You believe that God is **one** you do well.*

*Even the demons believe—and shudder!"*

—James 2:19 (ESV)

Day 2  Trace the letter P.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you can praise God for.



Day 3  Trace the letter R.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you can repent of.



Day 4  Trace the letter A.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you want to ask God for.



Day 5  Trace the letter Y.  
Write or draw one way that  
you can yield (say yes) to God.





# NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 1

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

## MEMORY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Your memory verse for this unit is James 2:17. In your memory passage and study passage you learn to grow in obedience. **Color a hand each day you practice your memory verse.**



The study passage in this unit teaches us that we must be a “doer” of the Word; our faith should be shown by our actions, not just by our words.

## READ • James 2:14-26

Listen as I read the study passage, James 2:14-26. Notice what James says about faith and works.

## OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse, mark the keywords **faith** and **works** and check the circles.



faith (James 2:17) *red*

works (James 2:17) *red*

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.  
-James 2:17 (NKJV)

James tells us about two kinds of faith: faith that is dead because it has no works and faith that is alive, which is shown through good works. Faith should have action. This is living faith!

Read with me the summary of the study passage using the images.



= James



= faith



= works



asked what good is



if you have no



. James also

said that



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is dead.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 4, LESSON 1

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

**READ** • James 2:21-26

**OBSERVE** • Observation Questions

James uses several examples of people in the study passage who remind us that faith and works cannot be separated. We will look at two of them today.

Listen as I reread the reference below each person. Next, draw a path for Abraham and Rahab through their mazes to see how faith and actions work together to bring both to God's righteousness. They are both justified and right with God. Finally, circle the word **RIGHTEOUSNESS** on the gate.



Both Abraham and Rahab had believing faith that also produced good works. As righteous believers, we do not follow a works-based faith, but we do work because we have faith.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 2

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

## BACKGROUND STUDY • Sociology: Jewish Life in the Roman Empire

The Roman Empire was huge. The Romans had special laws and religion, which made life difficult for the Christians and Jews living under their rule. The Romans worshiped many gods and wanted believers to do so also, but they refused and worshiped the one true God, causing many conflicts.



But God used the conflicts for good. Because of Rome's power and size, they built roads crossing through Europe, Africa, and Asia. These roads allowed the gospel to be spread easily among believers and travelers. Even under persecution, the believers remained faithful to God, even to the point of death for many of them. They clung to the truth of God's Word and persevered in difficulties. **As I read the statements, follow the Roman road and trace the important words.**

4. The gospel leads us to the **CROSS**.

2. Jesus taught believers to live by His example, even if they were treated **BADLY**.

3. The early church **GREW** because of their faithfulness to the gospel.



1. The Roman roads made spreading the gospel **EASY**.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 4, LESSON 2

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

James teaches his readers that loving your neighbor is a sign that you are growing spiritually. In this lesson, we will learn about the people who say they want to help others, but they have no action to show their faith. This type of person is called a negligent person; they see a need but they don't act.

## READ • James 2:14-26

Listen as I read the study passage. Notice what James says about works and faith.

## OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **says** and check the circle.



says (James 2:14) *red*

What use is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?  
-James 2:14 (NASB)

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



deeds      faith

I have **faith**, but no **deeds** (v. 14)



warm      nothing



Go in peace, keep **warm** and well fed,

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



Do these negligent people have living faith? James asks the question, "Can faith without works save someone?" **Let's answer this question using James 2:26 (KJV). Trace the word.**

"Faith without works is DEAD."



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 3

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

Listen as I read James 2:14-18 to be reminded that we show our faith by our works.

When we obey God’s Word, we grow in Christ and in the works we do. God wants us to do good works because of our true faith. **Listen as I read Ephesians 2:10 below. Trace the line that shows how God describes our works.**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. -Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

So, what are we created in Christ Jesus for? Color the letters below to find the answer.



## TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

We learned that we must have not only faith, but also works with our faith.

**Listen as I read James 2:15-16 and Matthew 25:35, 40. Hold this page up to a mirror to reveal what both passages teach us.**

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 4, LESSON 3

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

Listen as I read James 2:21-24 about Abraham, who had faith, was active with his works, and was righteous before God.

### Verse 22

What was completed by Abraham's works?

- Grace
- Faith
- Love

### Verse 23

What did Abraham do that was counted as righteousness?

- Believed
- Loved
- Prayed

Abraham had a special relationship with God because of his faith. **Follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks to complete the sentence.**

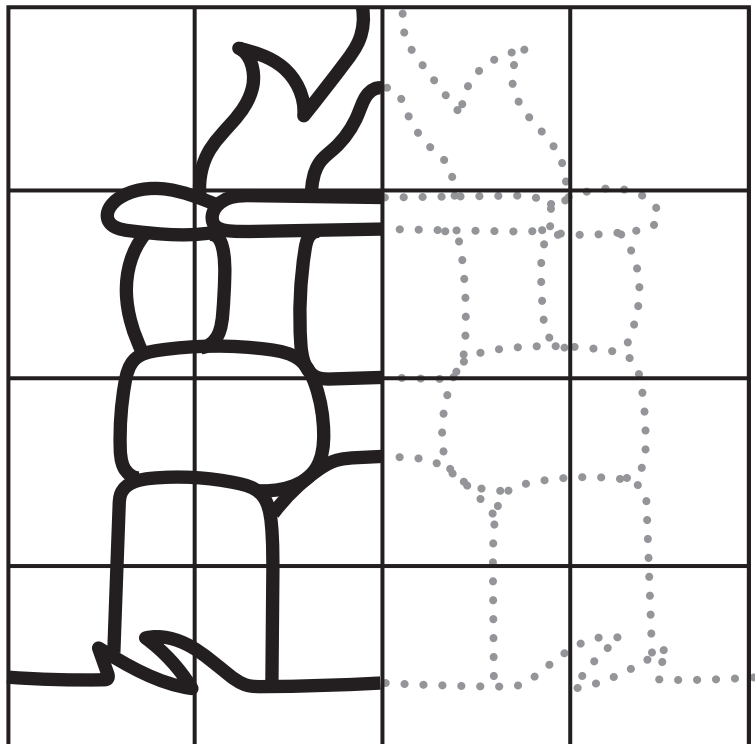


Abraham

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was a f r i e n d of G o d

Use the grid to draw the other side of the image to be reminded of Abraham's faith.





# NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 4

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

## DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow in Obedience

When James said that Abraham’s faith was completed by his works, he meant that Abraham’s faith was mature. The book of Philippians helps us learn more about growing in obedience.

Listen as I read the verses below to learn more about obedience. Use the Growth cipher to fill in the blanks.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.  
-Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV)



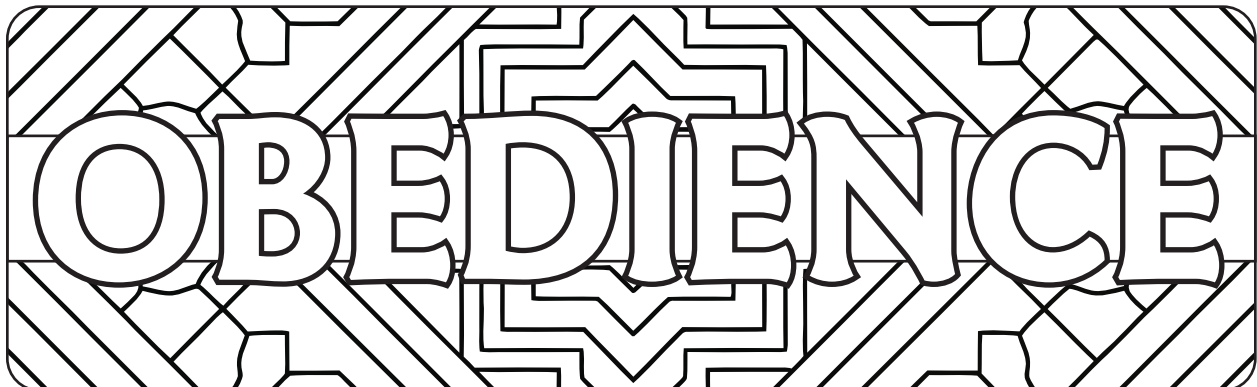
God is at w o r k in believers.

Paul reminded the believers to a l w a y s obey.

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: James 2:17

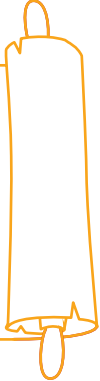
## PEOPLE OF FAITH • Rahab—Joshua 2:1-21



Another great example of one who walked not in fear, but in faith and obedience, is Rahab. Listen to what James had to say about her, and underline the word **righteous**.



In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? -James 2:25 (NIV)



Rahab had faith, and she also walked in obedience. Listen as I read the account of Rahab from Joshua 2:1-21.

Find and circle the eight differences in the two pictures.



Because of Rahab's fearless actions as she obeyed God, she was blessed.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 4, LESSON 5

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

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, and trace the word.

Grow in **obedience**.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 4, LESSON 5

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

Use the study passage, memory passage, and lessons to review Unit 4. Color the bubble words to remember the title of the unit. As I read each statement, draw a line from the truth found in the unit to the picture it matches.

## THRIVE IN OUR WORKS

Believers are reminded to always obey God.

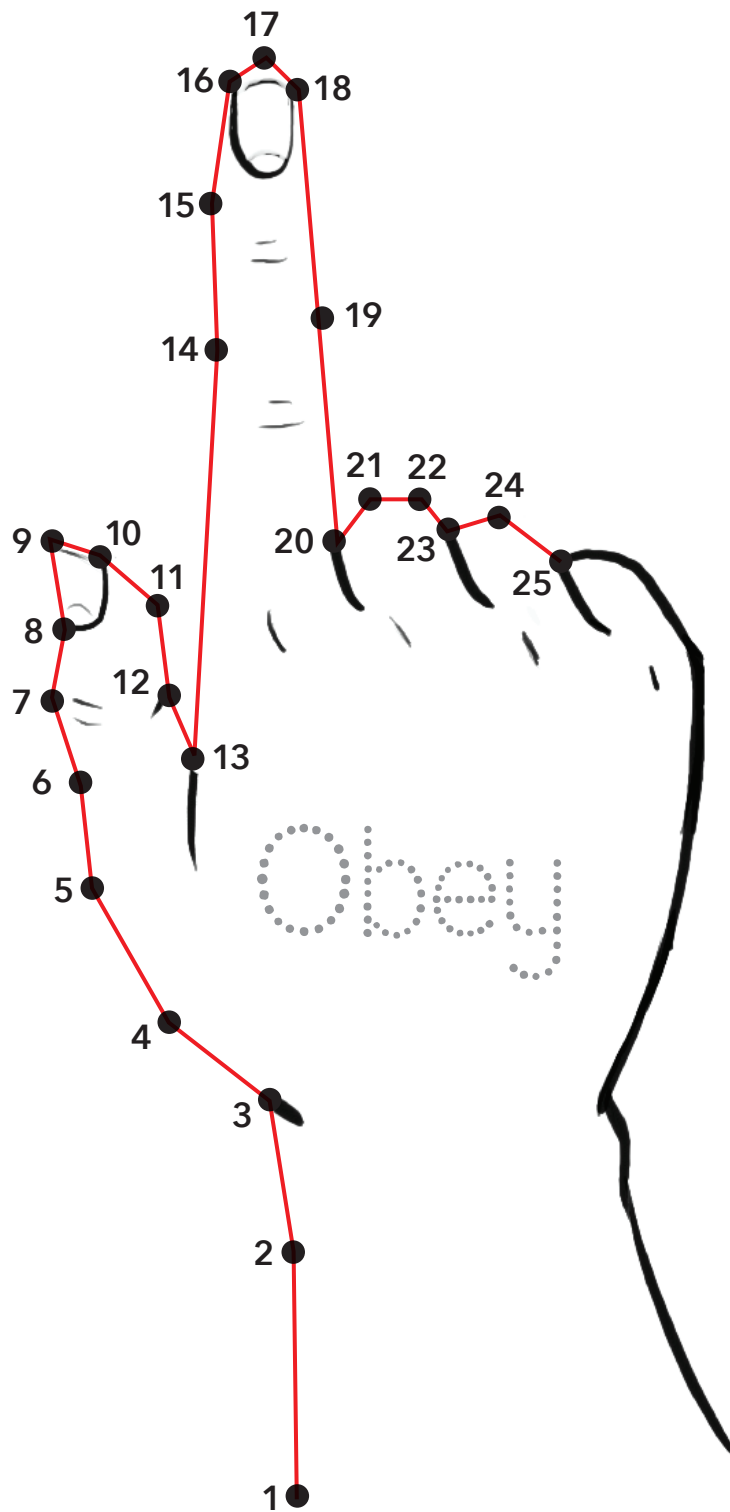
Rahab was obedient to God.

Abraham was a friend of God.

We are created in Christ for good works.



In Unit 4 we learned to grow in obedience. **Start at the number 1 and connect the dots to complete the picture. Then trace the word, "obey," and color the picture.**





## 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
- **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



## MEMORY PASSAGE

James 3:13



## KEY VERSES

James 3:10-13



Keywords



Definitions



Geography



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

## God Is Our Creator

James 3:9

Day 1  Listen as I read the verse about God's character. Circle the word **made**.

*With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been **made** in the likeness of God.*

—James 3:9 (NASB)

Day 2  Trace the letter P.  
Write or draw one thing that you can praise God for.



Day 3  Trace the letter R.  
Write or draw one thing that you can repent of.



Day 4  Trace the letter A.  
Write or draw one thing that you want to ask God for.



Day 5  Trace the letter Y.  
Write or draw one way that you can yield (say yes) to God.





# NAVIGATE • UNIT 5, LESSON 1

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

## MEMORY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Your memory verse for this unit is James 3:13. In your memory passage and study passage you learn to grow in wisdom. **Color a Bible, from where we get wisdom, each day you practice your memory verse.**



We have learned to thrive in our works, but in this study passage, James encourages his readers to thrive in their words also.

### READ • James 3:1-12

Listen as I read part of the study passage, James 3:1-12, and notice who and what he is talking about.

### OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **tongue** and check the circle.



tongue (James 3:5) *red*

Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.  
See how great a forest a little fire kindles! -James 3:5 (NKJV)

- In verse one, who is James talking about?  
 Friends       Priests       Teachers
- In verse six, what can corrupt the whole body?  
 Tongue       Arms       Hands
- In verse eight, who can tame the tongue?  
 Anyone       No one       Everyone

Finish the color pattern of these three important words that all begin with a "T"

**TEACHER TAME TONGUE**

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



# EXPLORE • UNIT 5, LESSON 1

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

James uses words, picture words, and phrases that help us understand the power of our tongue. We can remember that our words are important.

## READ • James 3:1-12

Listen as I reread part of the study passage and notice the things James compares to the tongue.

## OBSERVE • Observation Questions

What three items does James use to describe the tongue in the study passage? Use verses 3-5 to help you.



bit ●



horseshoe ○

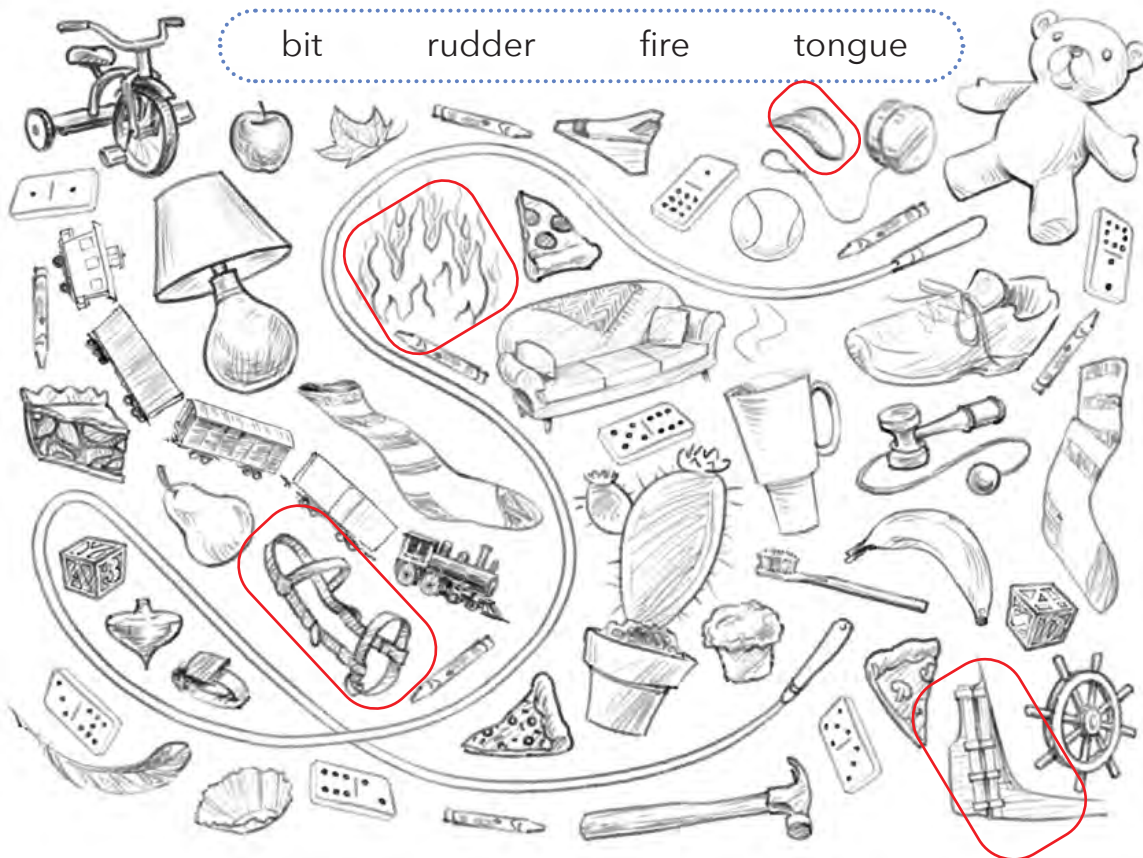


rudder ●



fire ●

Find and color the following items from James 3.



The bit, rudder, and fire show us that something small can control something really big. Just like a captain controls the ship's rudder to keep a big ship on course, our tongue can keep us on course by using wise words.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 5, LESSON 2

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

## BACKGROUND STUDY • Culture: Education in Ancient Israel

In ancient Israel, education was very important. Most Jewish children were taught by their family, usually by their mom and dad. Some sons would receive an education, while the girls remained at home and were trained in running a household.

All children studied the Law of Moses, which is the first five books of the Bible, called the Torah. They also attended services at the synagogue, where they listened to the reading of God’s Word to help them understand the Law.

The Jews understood God spoke to them through His Word. Their love for the Word can also encourage us to study God’s Word to grow in wisdom.

Below are some examples that show the different types of education in Israel. **Listen as I read the references. Then use the word bank to determine which type of education is being described and fill in the blanks.**

Moses      Law      music      military      metal



1 Chronicles 25:1, 6-7  
m u s i c



Acts 21:40; 22:3  
The L a w

Education of  
Ancient Israel



Ezra 7:6  
The Law of  
M o s e s



1 Kings 7:13-14  
The work of  
m e t a l



2 Chronicles 25:5  
m i l i t a r y



# EXPLORE • UNIT 5, LESSON 2

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

## READ • James 3:13-18

Listen as I read part of the study passage. Where does wisdom come from?

## OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **wisdom** and check the circle.



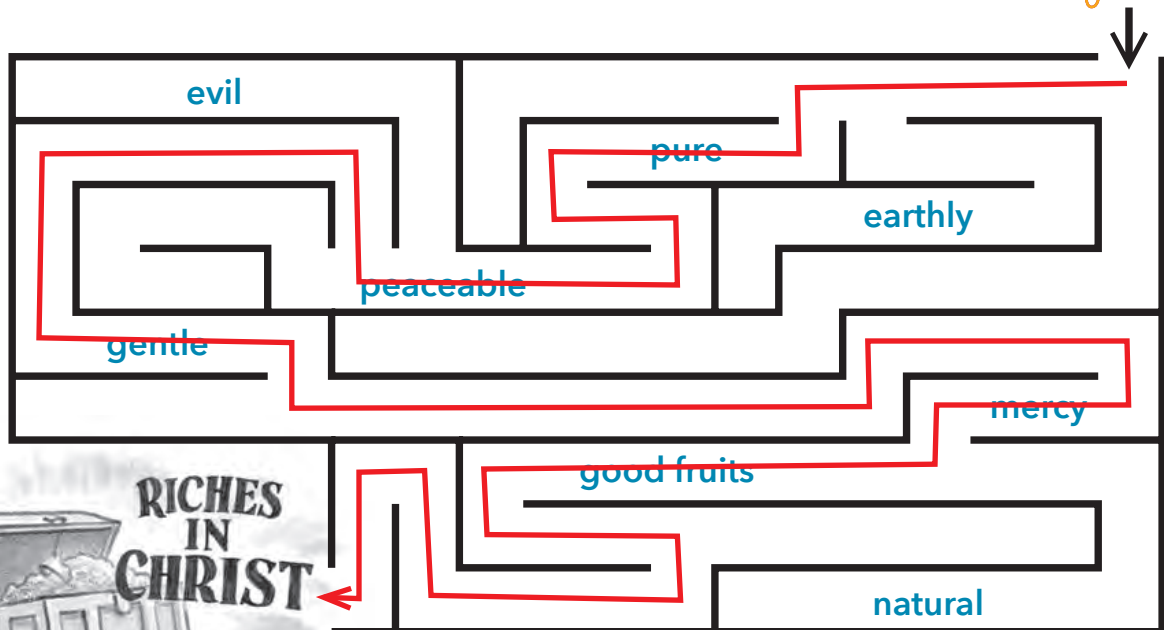
wisdom (James 3:13) *red*

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.  
-James 3:13 (NASB)



Listen as I read the verse below and think about the way wisdom from above is described. In the maze below follow the words that describe godly wisdom to the treasure at the end.

But the wisdom from above is first **pure**, then **peaceable**, **gentle**, open to reason, full of **mercy** and **good fruits**, impartial and sincere. -James 3:17 (ESV)



We learn from the passage that there are two types of wisdom: earthly and heavenly.

Wisdom from **ABOVE** is from **GOD**.



Listen as I read James 3:10 (ESV) below. Trace the two words.

From the same mouth come BLESSING and cursing. My brothers, these THINGS ought not to be so.

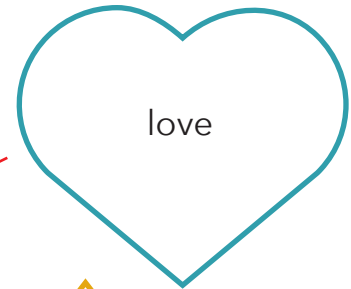
Praising God with the same mouth that we curse people with is a serious sin. How we treat others and talk to them shows what kind of relationship we have with God. So how should we talk to others? Listen as I read the two references. Draw a line to the correct word to complete the statement.

**Proverbs 31:26**

Speak with

**Ephesians 4:15**

Speak the truth in



## TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

From our study passage we learned about the power of the tongue and the importance of the words we speak. Jesus also taught about these things. Listen as I read James 3:10 and Matthew 12:34. Hold this page up to a mirror to reveal what both passages teach us about what our words can do.

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man 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: James 3:13

Having earthly or heavenly wisdom is revealed by our speech and behavior. Jesus taught that good fruit is evidence of good words. **Read Matthew 12:33-37. Read the statements and mark them true or false (T/F).**

  F   1. A tree is known by its leaves.

  T   2. The mouth speaks from the abundance of the heart.

There are people in the Bible who displayed either earthly or heavenly wisdom. **Listen as I read the verses and follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks. Circle the name of the person who displayed heavenly wisdom.**

### Matthew 19:21-22

The rich

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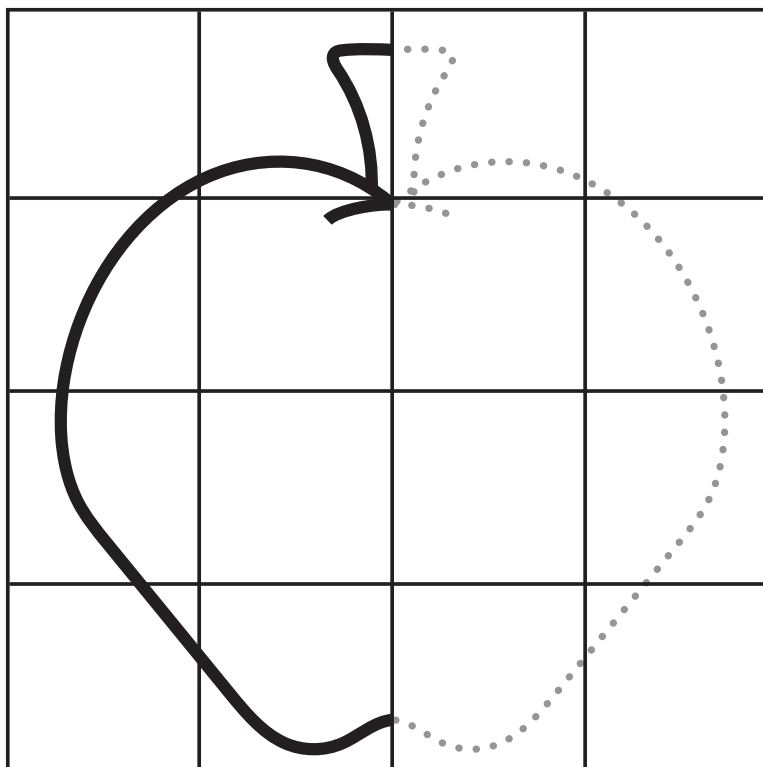
  y o u n g    
man didn't want to give up his riches.

### Acts 9:36

i a T a h t b

  T a b i t h a    
was always doing good and helping the poor.

Your speech and behavior reveal if you have heavenly or earthly wisdom. If it's not always heavenly, ask the Lord to give you wisdom so that you bear good fruit (James 3:17). **Use the grid to draw the other side of the image and be reminded that a tree is known by the fruit it produces.**





# NAVIGATE • UNIT 5, LESSON 4

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

## DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow in Wisdom

 Listen as I read James 3:13-18. Then as I read the verse below, trace the word **wisdom**.

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)



We can learn so much about wisdom from the book of Proverbs. Use the Thrive cipher to fill in the blanks and learn more about wisdom from the proverbs.



### Proverbs 1:20, 24-27

Those who refuse  
**w i s d o m** will have trouble.



### Proverbs 2:6

Wisdom comes from the **L o r d**.



### Proverbs 3:13, 16

The **r e w a r d** for wisdom is a long life.



Even Jesus, the Son of God, grew in wisdom during His life on earth (Luke 2:52). He is our example in all areas of life, including Christian maturity.





# EXPLORE • UNIT 5, LESSON 4

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

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

Listen as I read about another hero of faith in 1 Samuel 25:14-19.

1. According to verse 14, who responded to David's men in anger?

- Abraham
- Nabal
- Abigail

2. According to verse 15, who showed kindness to Nabal's servants?

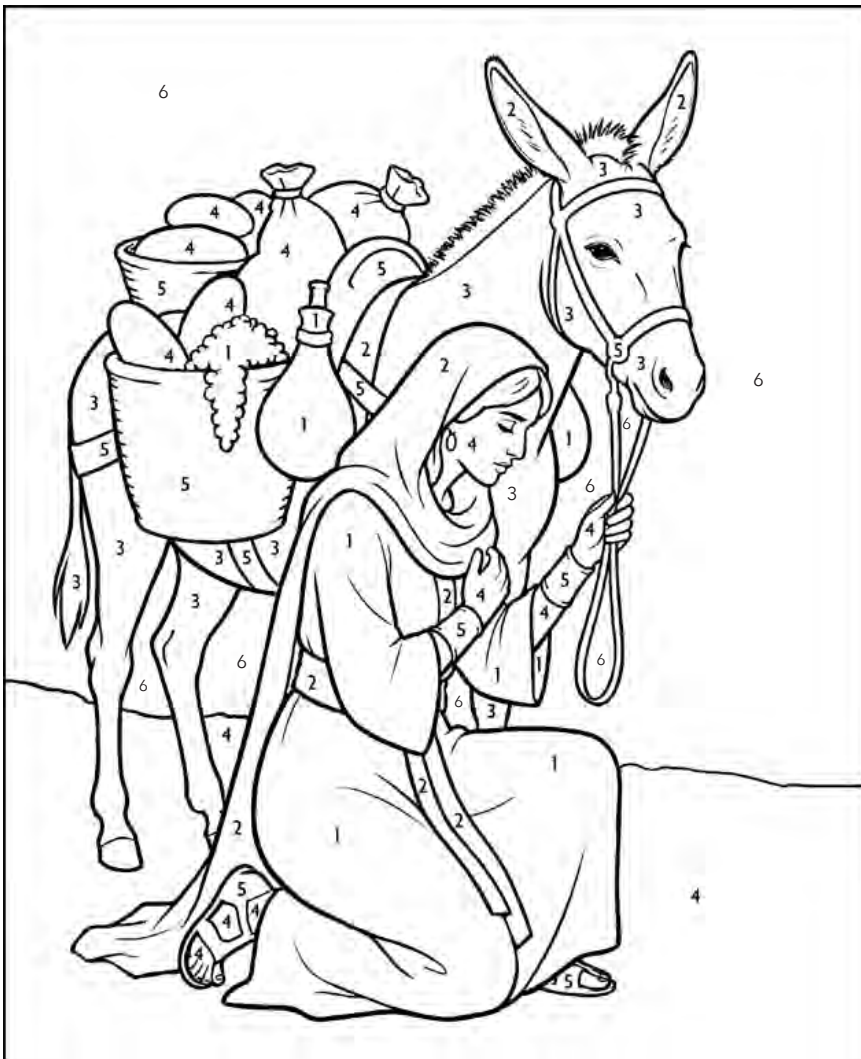
- David's men
- Abigail
- Nabal



Now listen as I read 1 Samuel 25:20-35. Answer the question. Then use the color code to color the image of Abigail meeting David.

3. According to verse 32-33, who did David bless?

- Israel
- Abigail
- The Lord God of Israel and Abigail



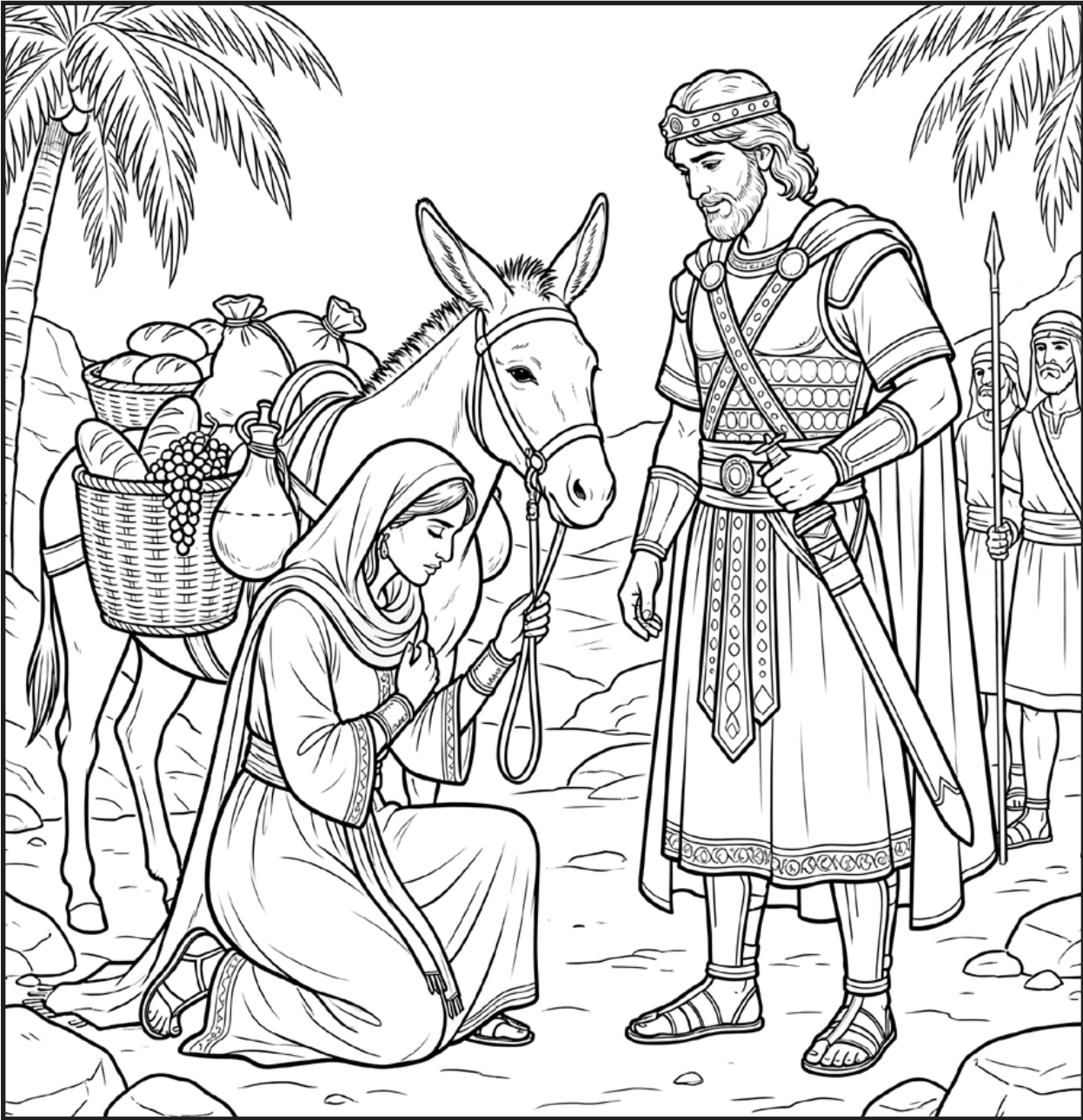
- 1 = green
- 2 = pink
- 3 = gray
- 4 = light brown
- 5 = yellow
- 6 = light blue



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 5, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 3:13

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



## KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

Grow in **wisdom.**



# EXPLORE • UNIT 5, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 3:1-18 | Memory Passage: James 3:13

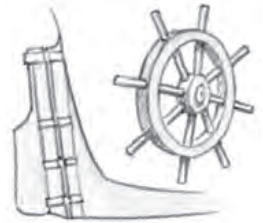
Use the study passage, memory passage, and lessons to review Unit 5. Color the bubble words to remember the title of the unit. As I read each statement, draw a line from the truth found in the unit to the picture it matches.

## THRIVE IN OUR WORDS

Abigail displayed heavenly wisdom.



Wisdom comes from God's Word.



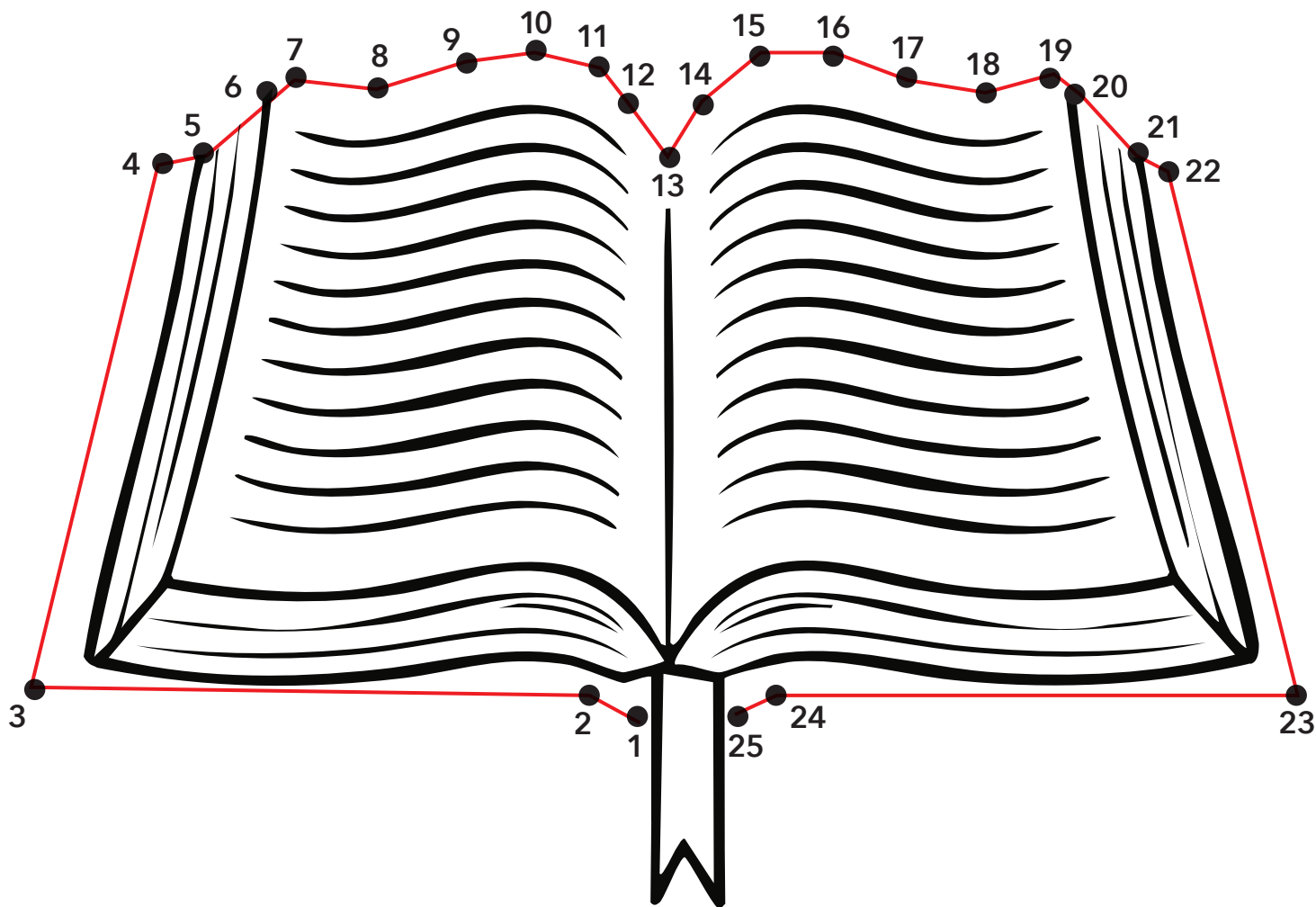
We can learn to control our tongues, like a pilot controls a ship.



One type of education in ancient Israel was music.



In Unit 5 we learned to grow in wisdom. **Start at the number 1 and connect the dots to complete the picture, then color the picture.**



## 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

James encourages believers to walk in spiritual maturity by being united with one another, repenting from sin, and being wise with their 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

- **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



## MEMORY PASSAGE

James 4:8



## KEY VERSES

James 4:7-10



Keywords



Definitions



Geography



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

## God Is Our Lawgiver James 4:12

Day 1  Listen as I read the verse about God's character. Circle the word **Lawgiver**.

*There is one **Lawgiver** who is able to save and to destroy.  
Who are you to judge another?  
-James 4:12 (NKJV)*

Day 2  Trace the letter P.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you can praise God for.



Day 3  Trace the letter R.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you can repent of.



Day 4  Trace the letter A.  
Write or draw one thing that  
you want to ask God for.



Day 5  Trace the letter Y.  
Write or draw one way that  
you can yield (say yes) to God.



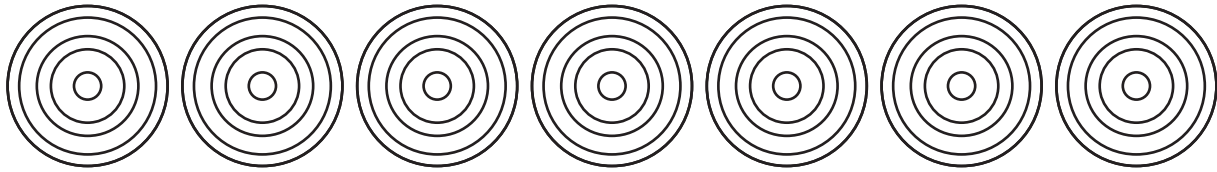


# NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

## MEMORY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Your memory verse for this unit is James 4:8. In your memory passage and study passage you learn to grow with purpose. **Color a target, to remember our purpose, each day you practice your memory verse.**



In the study passage, we will learn more about our undivided purpose—growing in our walk with God.

### READ • James 4:1-17

Listen as I read the study passage, James 4:1-17. Notice what James tells those who are double-minded to do.

### OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **double-minded** and check the circle.



double-minded (James 4:8) *red*

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. -James 4:8 (NIV)

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

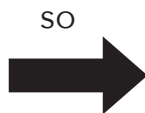
- Unstable       Unlovable       Unpure

2. What are the double-minded told to purify?

- Hands       Feet       Hearts

James 4:8a gives us an encouragement. **Color the words and read aloud the statement that comes with a promise.**

draw  
close to God



He draws close  
to me.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

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

Listen as I reread part of the study passage, James 4:1-5.

## OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keywords **friend** and **world**.



friend (James 4:4) *red*

world (James 4:4) *red*

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. -James 4:4 (KJV)

When people love the things of this world, this affects their relationship with others and also with God.

Trace the dotted lines from the word in the word bank to the correct picture. Then write the correct words on the blanks below the pictures. Finally, read the sentence that reminds us of James 4:4.

world      Friendship      enmity



Friendship with the world is enmity with God.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

## BACKGROUND STUDY • Sociology: Vocations in Ancient Israel

The Bible speaks of many different vocations, jobs that people do for work. The most common job was working on farms and in the fields. Many also worked in the military or in religious jobs like being a priest.

Men worked outside of the home; most women's jobs were inside the home caring for their families. Some women who followed Christ supported Him with money, but the Bible does not say how they received their finances (Luke 8:1-3).

God doesn't look at what kind of vocation we have or how much money we possess. What is important to God is that we have an undivided heart; our main purpose is to follow and glorify Christ in all we do.

Look at a few jobs that are named below. **After I read each reference, trace the line from the job to the person who worked in each vocation. Then trace their name.**

Priest  
1 Samuel 1:9



Shepherd  
Amos 1:1



Fishermen  
Matthew 4:18



AMOS

SIMON and  
ANDREW

ELI



# EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

## READ • James 4:1-17

Listen as I read the study passage and see what God gives His followers when they humble themselves.

## OBSERVE • Keywords, Definitions, and Observation Questions

As I read the verses below, mark the keywords **grace** and **humble** and check the circles. Pay attention to the colored words. You will need them in the following activity.



grace (James 4:6) *red*

humble (James 4:10) *red*

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." **Submit** therefore to God. But **resist** the devil, and he will flee from you. **Come close** to God and He will come close to you. **Cleanse** your hands, you sinners; and **purify** your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into gloom. **Humble** yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you." -James 4:6-10 (NASB)



**grace** God's favor that we don't deserve

We can be thankful that God gives grace! **Start at number one. As you follow the path, write the colored word from the verse on the lines to complete the colored phrase.**

1. **Submit** to God

2. **Resist** the devil

3. **Come close** to God

4. **Cleanse** your hands

5. **Purify** your hearts

6. **Humble** yourselves



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

## Listen as I read James 4:15-16.

1. Whose will should we follow?

- Our own     
  Other's     
  The Lord's

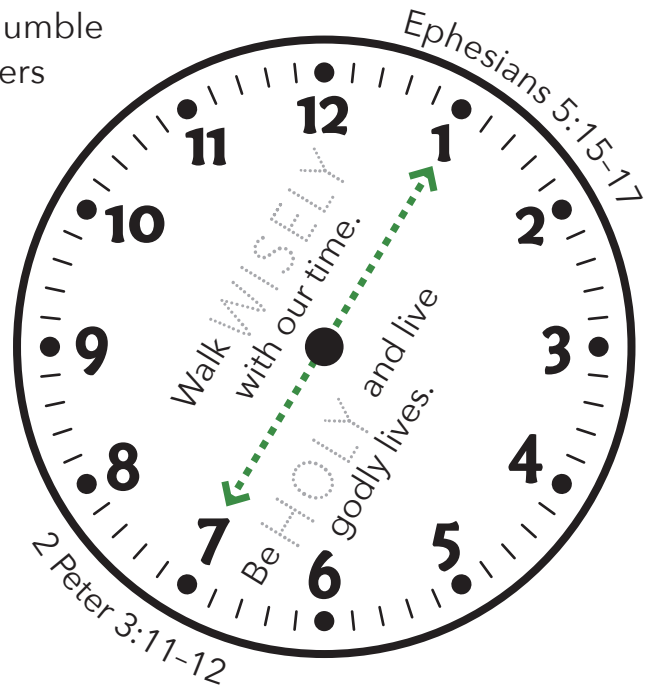
2. How is boasting described?

- Righteous     
  Evil     
  Pure

James encouraged believers to be humble instead of arrogant. But some believers still followed after their own sinful desires. James wanted believers to do good and not boast about what they want to do.

Life is short, so it is important to be good stewards of the time we have to do the good we are called to.

**Listen as I read the references about time. Trace the words that point to the correct references.** Be reminded of what we need to do in order to thrive in our time.



## TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

From our study passage, we learned about pride and humility. Jesus not only taught about humility, He also walked in humility. **Listen as I read James 4:10 and Luke 14:11. Hold this page up to a mirror to reveal what both passages teach us about humility.**

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: James 4:8

When we have faith, we must have true repentance. What is repentance?

= **repentance** turning away from sin and toward obedience to God

The lives of Peter and Judas show examples of true and false repentance.


1. Listen as I read Matthew 26:75a. Mark who denied Jesus three times.  
 Judas       Peter
2. Listen as I read Matthew 27:3a. Mark who betrayed Jesus.  
 Judas       Peter

Unlike Judas' remorse, Peter truly repented and lived boldly for Jesus for the rest of his life. Peter turned from his sin to fully obey God.

**Listen as I read the references. Then follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks to find out more about repentance.**


### Joel 2:12

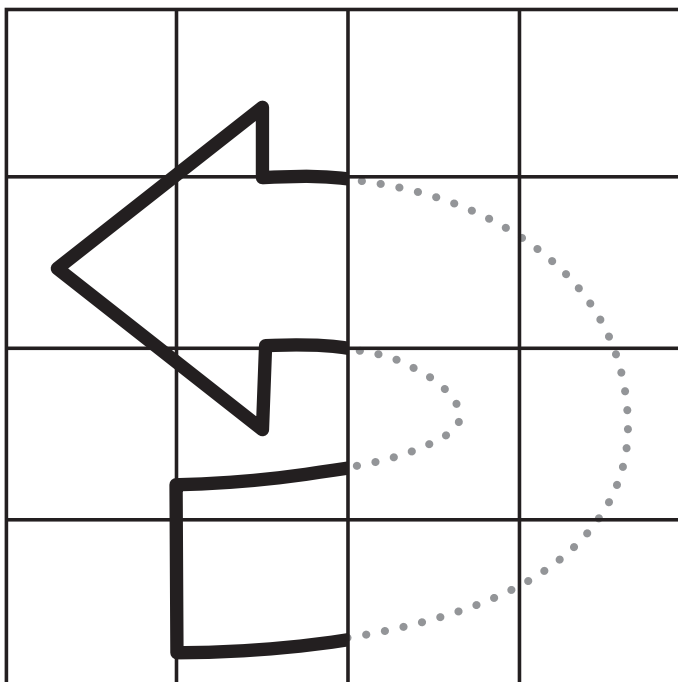
God urges His people to return to Him with all their

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 h e a r t .

### Joel 2:13

God says to return to Him because He is slow to

g r a e n  
  
 a n g e r .



Use the grid to draw the other side of the image and be reminded to repent and turn to Jesus.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

## DISCOVERY DESTINATION • Maturity: Grow with Purpose

Remember, our purpose is to live for Christ and to look ahead to the prize God has set before us. **Listen as I read the verses below. Trace the circles around what Paul does and trace the word prize. Then use the Growth cipher to complete the statements.**

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)



### 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Those who win the p r i z e do not run aimlessly.



### 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

We must look at the e t e r n a l over the temporary.



### Proverbs 4:25-27

We must keep our eyes straight a h e a d.





# EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

**PEOPLE OF FAITH • Elijah**—1 Kings 18:20-40  
Today's lesson comes from **1 Kings 18:20-40**.

While King Ahab ruled Israel, Elijah was a prophet of the Lord. During this time, God's people were worshipping an idol, Baal. This was sinful, so God caused a terrible drought to cover the land. Only if Elijah went to King Ahab would the drought end. Elijah obeyed and told Ahab to gather the people of Baal to Mount Carmel. Then Elijah gave them a challenge.



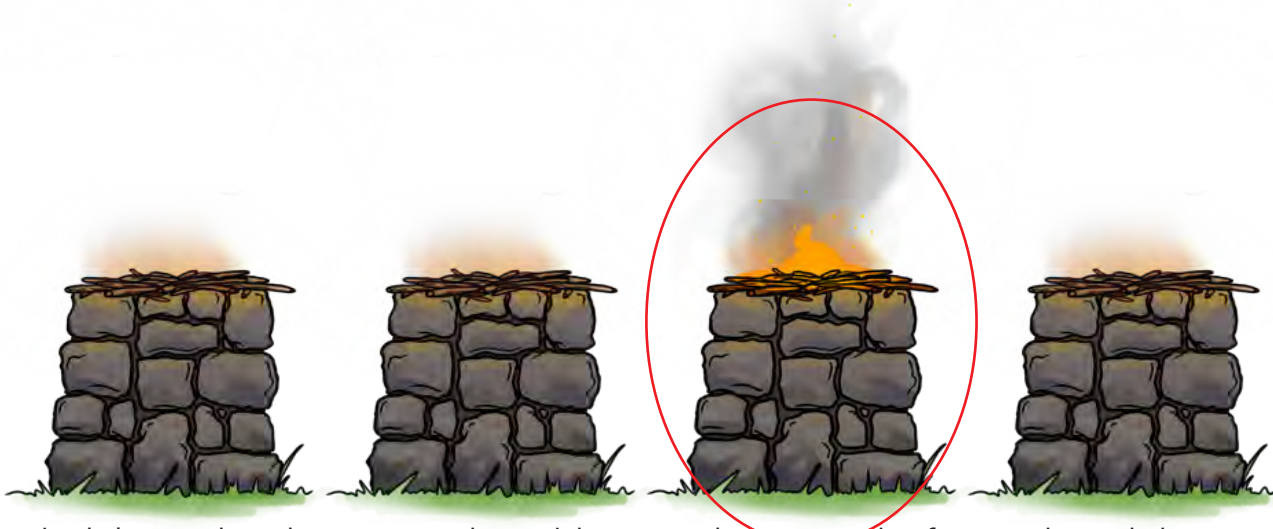
**Listen as I read the verse below.**

"Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken." -1 Kings 18:24 (NKJV)

Elijah confronted the Israelites and called them to repentance. He challenged the prophets of Baal to call on their gods, and he would call on God. Then the people would see who would answer by fire.

1. According to verse 29, did Baal answer the Israelites? Yes  No
2. According to verse 38, did God answer Elijah? Yes  No

**Look at the altars below. Circle the altar that is different from the others.**



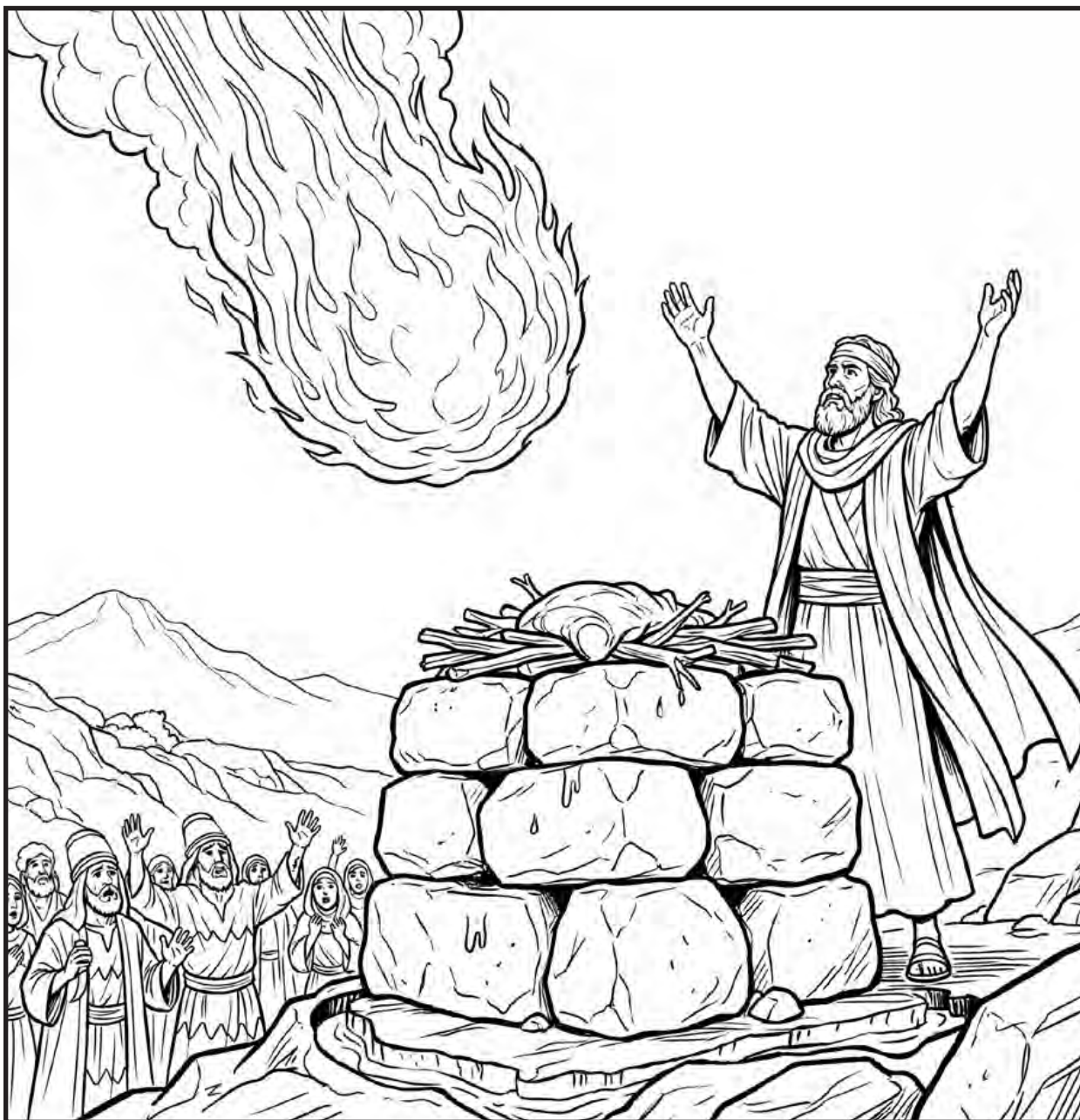
Elijah knew that the true God would answer his prayer by fire, and He did. Because of Elijah's fearless faith, the double-minded people of Israel turned back to God as the Lord. May we have fearless faith like Elijah!



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 6, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

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



## KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Recite your memory passage, James 4:8, and trace the word.

Grow with **purpose.**



# EXPLORE • UNIT 6, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: James 4:1-17 | Memory Passage: James 4:8

Use the study passage, memory passage, and lessons to review Unit 6. Color the bubble words to remember the title of the unit. As I read each statement, draw a line from the truth found in the unit to the picture it matches.

## THRIVE IN OUR WALK

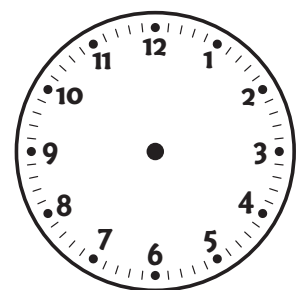
Friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God.



We are encouraged to walk wisely with our time.



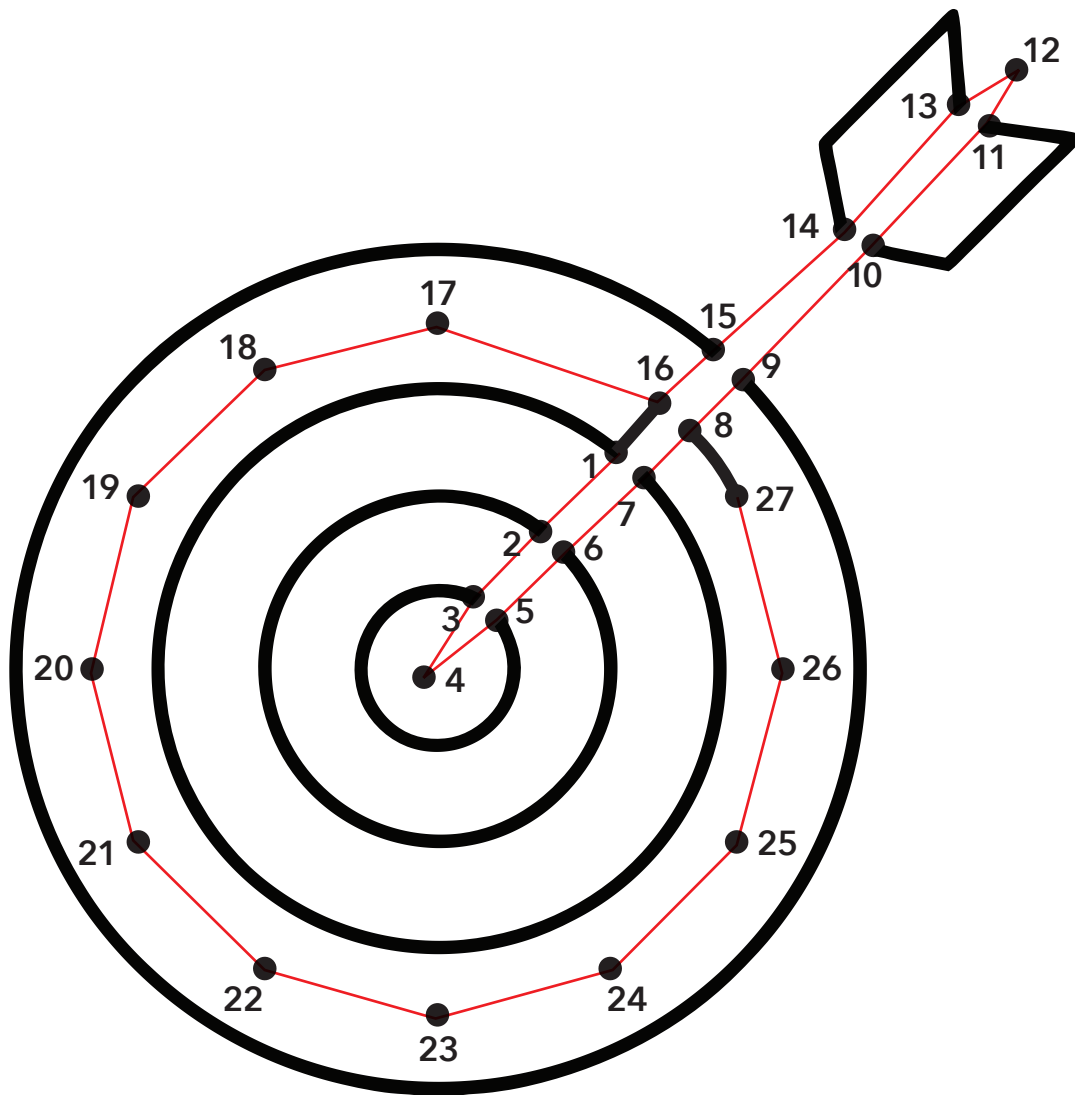
Repentance is turning away from sin and toward obedience to God.



We must keep our eyes straight ahead, to the prize.



In Unit 6 we learned to grow with purpose. **Start at the number 1 and connect the dots to complete the picture, then color the picture.**



## 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 began his letter to the Jewish believers, reminding them to persevere through their trials. Similarly, he ends his letter with encouragement to not only persevere, but to also be patient and pray. True faith thrives through worship, praise, and patience.

- **PRAYER**

God Is Our Warrior—James 5:4

- **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



## MEMORY PASSAGE

James 5:8



## KEY VERSES

James 5:7-8



Keywords



Definitions



Geography



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

## God Is Our Warrior

James 5:4

Day 1  Listen as I read the verse about God's character. Circle the word **armies**.

*Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of **armies**.*

—James 5:4 (NASB)

Day 2  Trace the letter P.  
Write or draw one thing that you can praise God for.



Day 3  Trace the letter R.  
Write or draw one thing that you can repent of.



Day 4  Trace the letter A.  
Write or draw one thing that you want to ask God for.



Day 5  Trace the letter Y.  
Write or draw one way that you can yield (say yes) to God.





# NAVIGATE • UNIT 7, LESSON 1

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

## MEMORY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Your memory verse for this unit is James 5:8. In your memory passage and study passage you will learn to grow in patience and prayer. **Color a set of praying hands each day you practice your memory verse**



### READ • James 5:1-6

Listen as I read part of the study passage, James 5:1-6. Pay attention to what James says about the people who use their money for the wrong purposes.

### OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **rich** and check the circle.



rich (James 5:1) *red*

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. -James 5:1 (NIV)

Who is James addressing in verse one? Circle your answer.

Rich people

Poor people

The rich men did not use their money in the right way, and now they had consequences. Listen as I read James 5:2-4 again. As I read the statements, write an **S** next to the statements that are sins and a **C** next to the statements that are consequences. The colors will help you.

**S**in

**C**onsequence

  **S**   You **didn't** pay your workers.

  **C**   Your gold and silver have **rusted**.

  **S**   You **stored** up treasure together for the last days.

  **C**   Your wealth has **rotted** and your clothes are moth-eaten.





# EXPLORE • UNIT 7, LESSON 1

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

The last chapter of James' letter encourages believers to endure trials with patience.

## READ • James 5:7-12

Listen as I read part of the study passage, James 5:7-12, and pay attention to James' encouragement for believers to have patience.

## OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **patient** and check the circle.



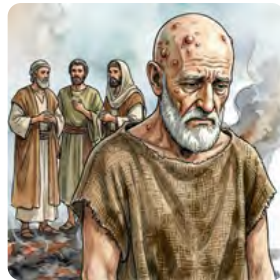
patient (James 5:7) *red*

Therefore be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.  
-James 5:7 (NASB)

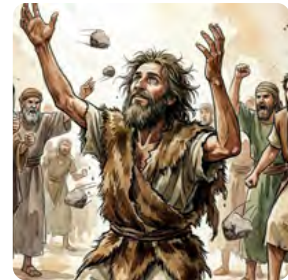
James records three different examples of those who suffered during trials, but chose patience. **Match the verses to the illustrations showing examples of patience from James 5:7-11.**



1.   a  



2.   c  



3.   b  

a.	James 5:7	The farmer waits for the early and late rains until fruit comes.
b.	James 5:10	Prophets suffered affliction because they spoke for God.
c.	James 5:11	Job endured suffering with patience and God showed him tender mercy.

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 5:8

## BACKGROUND STUDY • History: Israel Becomes a Nation

Using the acrostic below, we will learn about the nation of Israel. **Listen as I read the phrases. Color each letter as I read each phrase.**

**I**srael was scattered throughout the Roman Empire when James wrote his letter to the persecuted Christians of his day.

**S**cholars of the Bible point to Ezekiel 36:24 as an Old Testament prophecy. It promises the people of Israel that God would gather His people together and bring them to their own land.

**R**emember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem as directed in Psalm 122:6-7.

**A**cept that God has been faithful to Israel, and this is a source of hope for us as we endure trials.

**E**xcitement filled the air on May 14, 1948, the day when Israel proclaimed its independence and the Jewish nation of Israel was born.

**L**ook for Christ's return to the earth to gather all those who believe in Jesus Christ.

**On Israel's flag, color the shape of the star of David to match the blue lines of the flag.**





# EXPLORE • UNIT 7, LESSON 2

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

## READ • James 5:13-20

Listen as I read part of the study passage, James 5:13-20, and notice what James teaches about prayer.

## OBSERVE • Keywords and Observation Questions

As I read the verse below, mark the keyword **prayer** and check the circle.



prayer (James 5:15) *red*

And the prayer of faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. -James 5:15 (NASB)

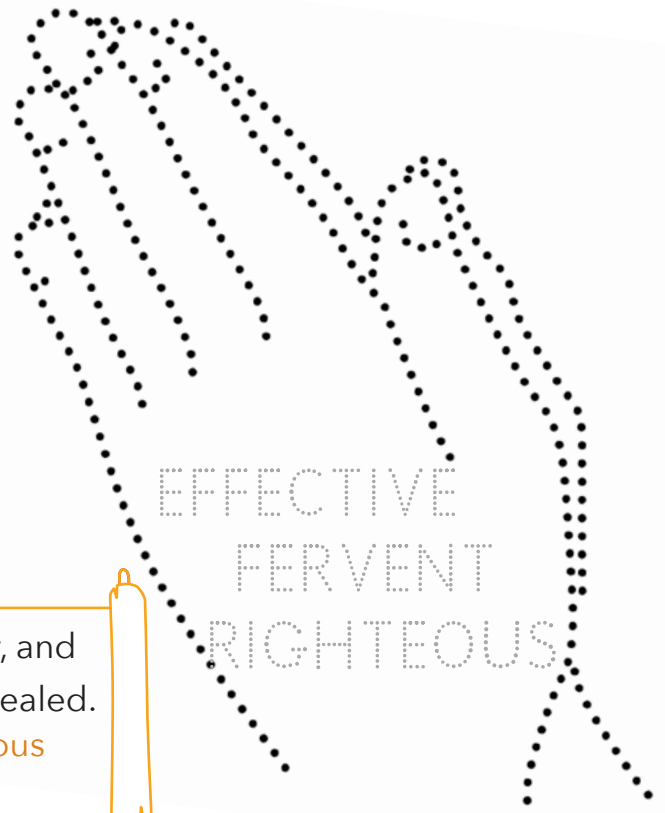
The word "pray" or a form of the word is used four times in the last eight verses of James 5! Prayer is an act of worship—one that believers are encouraged to thrive in.

Listen as I reread James 5:15, and look for three things that will result from the prayer of faith. Label the phrases below in the order they're found in this verse.

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

How should we pray? To answer this question, listen as I read the verse below. Pay attention to each of the colored words that describes a powerful prayer. Trace those words in the hand. 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 5:8

Listen as I read the verse below. Circle the word **purpose**.

Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. -James 5:11 (ESV)



According to verse 11, what does the Lord show during our trials?

- Generosity and grace     Love and faith     Compassion and mercy

Listen as I read the verse below to learn more about the reason for the trials we face. Fill in the statement below by writing the words with the corresponding numbers on the line.

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. -1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)



Your 1. trials result in 2. praise, 3. glory, and 4. honor.

## TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JAMES

From our study passage, we learned about prayer and patience. What does Jesus say about prayer? Listen as I read James 5:16 and Mark 11:24. Hold this page up to a mirror to reveal what both passages teach us about prayer.

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: James 5:8

 Listen as I read the verse below. Trace the words **Lord of Armies**.

Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the **LORD OF ARMIES**. -James 5:4 (NASB)



The Lord of Armies hears the cries of all the poor and all who have suffered. The Lord of Armies represents God as a military commander. He will fight for us!

Listen as I read the references that teach us more about the Lord of Armies. Follow the dotted lines and write the letters in the blanks.

### Isaiah 31:4-5

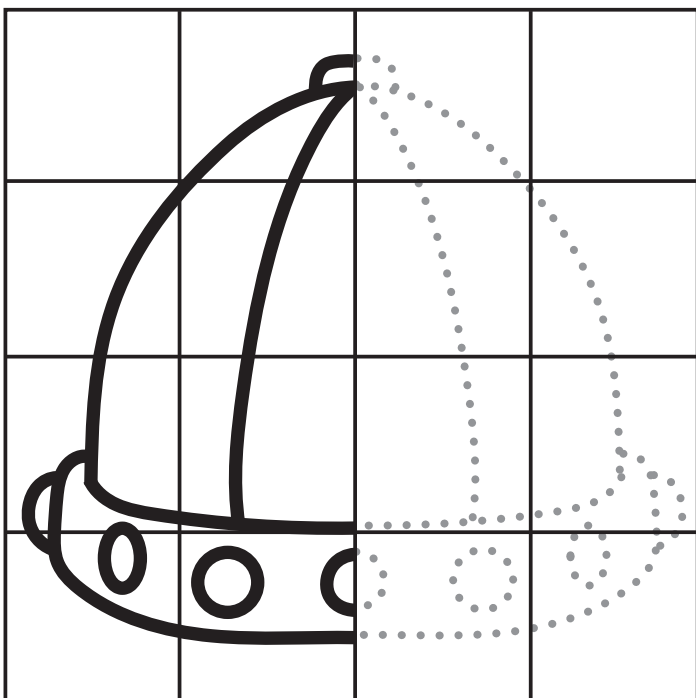
The Lord of Armies will come down to

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

### Jeremiah 20:13

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.



God is the Lord of Armies. Use the grid to draw the other side of the image and be reminded that the Lord of Armies fights for us.



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 7, LESSON 4

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

**DISCOVERY DESTINATION** • **Maturity:** Grow in Patience and Prayer  
As I read the verse, mark the keywords **wait** and **patience** and check the circles.



wait (Rom. 8:25) *red*

patience (Rom. 8:25) *red*

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. -Romans 8:25 (ESV)



Patience. Prayer. Purpose. These three important words all begin with a "p." When we persevere through prayer, we are showing our faith and growing spiritually. **Use the Thrive cipher to complete the statements.**

### Romans 8:25

When we hope for what we do not see, we wait with p a t i e n c e.



### Romans 8:26

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



### Romans 8:28

Those who love God are called according to His p u r p o s e.



Jesus set the example of patiently praying. **Listen as I read the verse below. Underline the colored words that show how many times Jesus prayed.**

So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. -Matthew 26:44 (NIV)





# EXPLORE • UNIT 7, LESSON 4

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

## PEOPLE OF FAITH • Job—Job 42:1-17

Today we focus on Job’s story of suffering and how he thrived in worship during this difficult time. Throughout the book of Job, we see that he trusts and worships God.

Listen as I read Job 42:1-17. As I read the paraphrases below, trace the words.

What did Job say about God in verse 2?	What did Job say about himself in verse 6?	What did God do for Job according to verse 10?
You can do <b>ALL</b> things and your purpose will not be stopped.	I <b>REPENT</b> .	He <b>DOUBLED</b> what Job had before.

Job was a perfect example of persevering through trials. He showed patience and worshiped while he waited.

Find and circle the images from the picture bank. There are two of each image.



After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.  
-Job 42:10 (NIV)

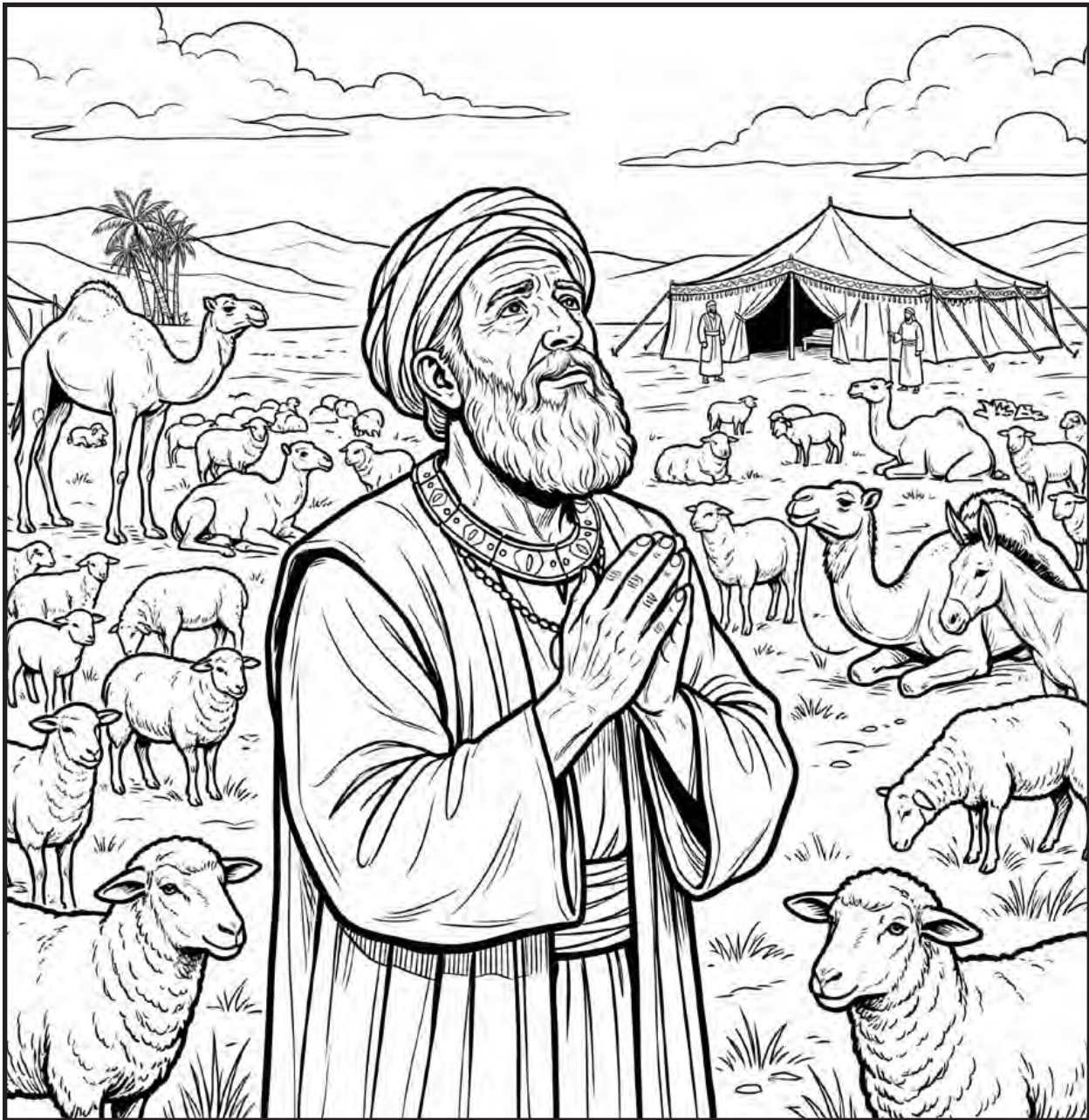




# NAVIGATE • UNIT 7, LESSON 5

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

Color the picture of Job being patient in prayer and how God restored him.



## KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

Grow in **patience** and **prayer**.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 7, LESSON 5

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

Use the study passage, memory passage, and lessons to review Unit 7. Color the bubble words to remember the title of the unit. As I read each statement, draw a line from the truth found in the unit to the picture it matches.

## THRIVE IN WORSHIP

The farmer waits for the rains until fruit comes.



Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948.



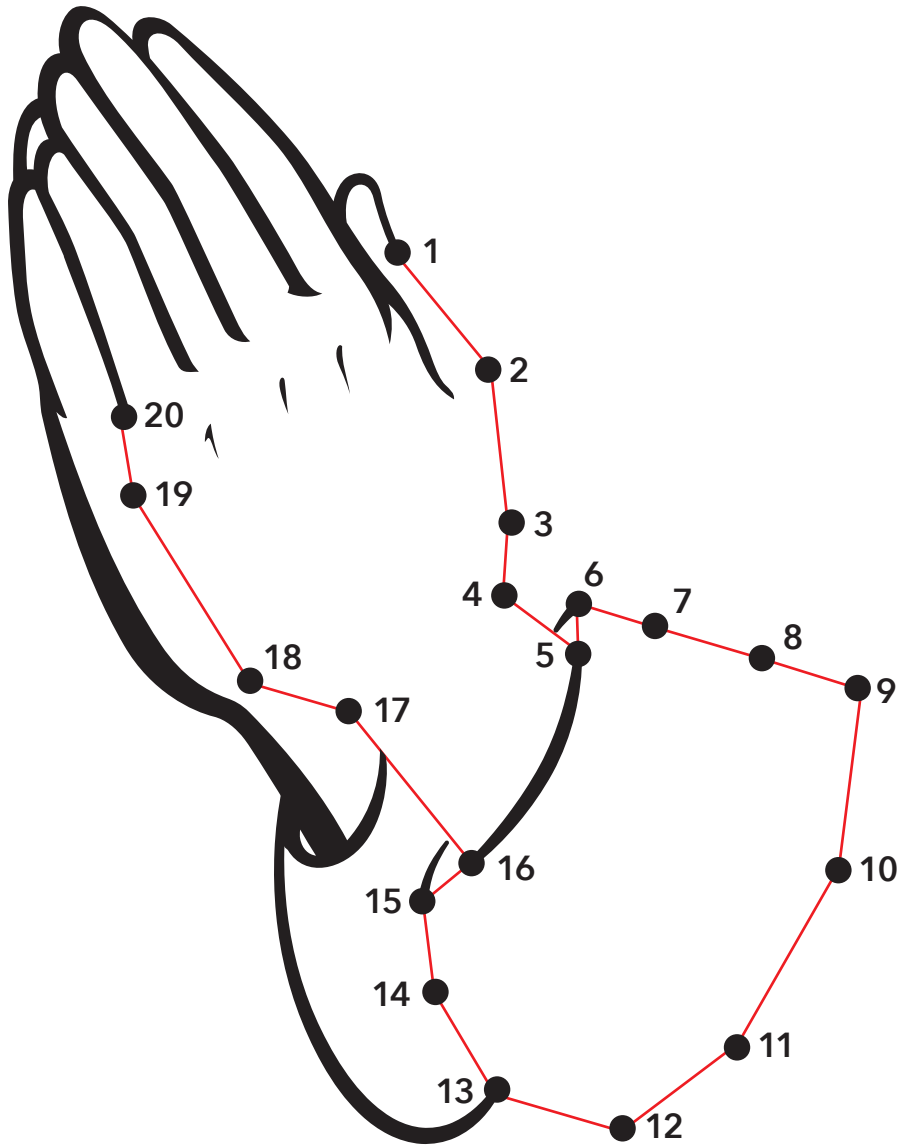
The Holy Spirit helps us when we don't know what to pray.



Job persevered through trials.



In Unit 7 we learned to grow in prayer and patience. **Start at the number 1 and connect the dots to complete the picture, then color the picture.**



## 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 to Jesus, the Greatest Discovery section at the front of this study can lead you through Scripture to reveal man's sinful condition before God and God's plan of salvation for you.

If you are a believer, then God has delivered you from sin and death because Jesus took your punishment when He died on the cross and then rose from the dead. And now you can remind yourself of what you believe about God and share that good news with those around you. **If you believe, trace the words of the "I believe" statements on the next page, and then frequently read those confessions of faith to yourself and share the gospel with others.**



Keywords



Definitions



Geography



*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)*



# 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 only one 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>Praise–Day 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Listen as I read the verse from the Unit 1 prayer page. <b>What can you praise God for?</b></p>
<p>Repent–Day 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Listen as I read the verses from Units 2 and 3 prayer pages. <b>What do you need to repent of?</b></p>
<p>Ask–Day 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Listen as I read the verses from Units 4 and 5 prayer pages. <b>What do you want to ask God for?</b></p>
<p>Yield–Day 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Listen as I read the verses from Units 6 and 7 prayer pages. <b>How can you yield (say yes) to God?</b></p>
<p>Day 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Trace the word <b>PRAY</b> below and then pray using the model that you learned throughout the <i>Thrive</i> study.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P R A Y</p>




# NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 1

Navigate Review | Unit 1, Thrive in Tests

Listen as I read the your Unit 1 memory verse. Trace the Bible reference and then color the image.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.

James 1:2  
(NIV)



## Unit 1 Quiz

- The letter of James was written to the \_\_\_\_\_ believers scattered among the nations.  
 Gentile       Jewish       Roman
- \_\_\_\_\_ means to grow or develop very well.  
 Thrive       Grace       Forgiveness
- \_\_\_\_\_ endured the cross.  
 Peter       James       Jesus
- If you want to be complete, Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Repent       Follow Him       Grow in Love



Recite your memory passage from Unit 1, James 1:2.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 1

Explore Review | Unit 1, Thrive in Tests

Find and circle the listed words from Unit 1 in the word search puzzle.

perfect    sin    tested    faith



Use the color code to color the picture, reminding us to grow in perseverance.



1 = red  
2 = light brown  
3 = blue  
4 = light grey  
5 = brown




# NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 2

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

Listen as I read the memory verses from Unit 2 and Unit 3. Trace the Bible references and then color the images.

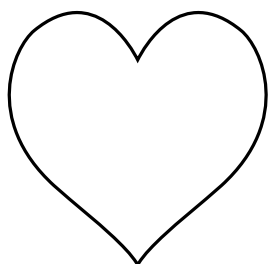
But be doers of the word,  
and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22 (ESV)



If ye fulfil the royal law according  
to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy  
neighbour as thyself, ye do well.

James 2:8 (KJV)



### Units 2 and 3 Quiz

- James told us to be quick to \_\_\_\_\_ but slow to speak.  
 Learn       Preach       Hear
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ is like fire and a hammer.  
 Grace       Word       Love
- We obey the royal law by \_\_\_\_\_ others.  
 Obeying       Loving       Giving
- Jesus teaches us to love \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Our neighbors       Our friends       Those who love us
- Love rejoices in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Kindness       Wrongdoing       Truth



Recite your memory passage from Unit 2, James 1:22.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 2

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

Use the clues and the words in the word bank to fill in the crossword puzzle.

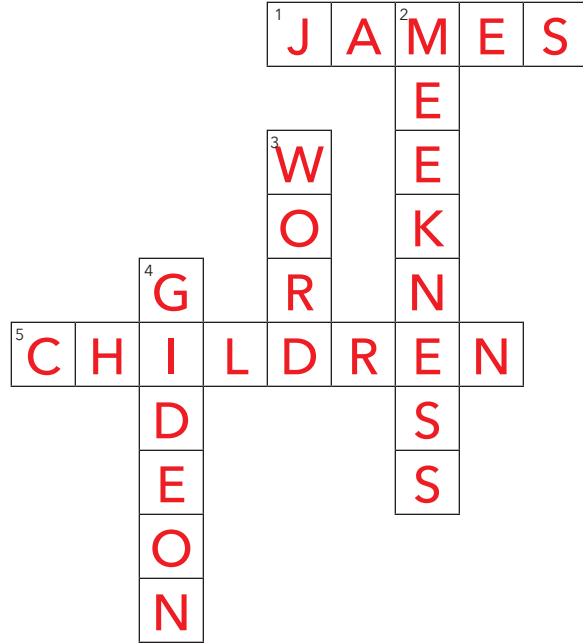
James    meekness    Word    Gideon    children

### ACROSS

- 1. James 2:8 teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- 5. Jesus wanted the little children to come to Him.

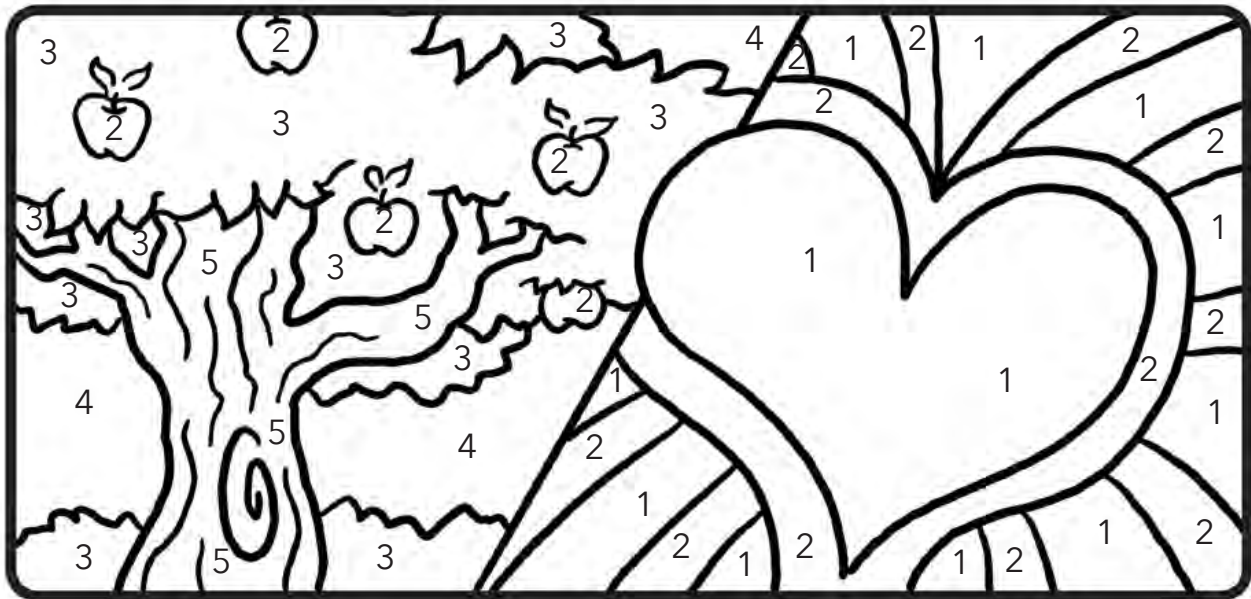
### DOWN

- 2. Meekness allows the Word of God to take root in our hearts.
- 3. The Word endures forever.
- 4. Gideon was called a mighty man of valor.



Use the color code to color the picture, reminding us to be hearers and doers of the Word and grow in love.

1 = pink    2 = red    3 = green    4 = blue    5 = brown



Recite your memory passage from Unit 3, James 2:8.




# NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 3

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

Listen as I read the memory verses from Unit 4 and Unit 5. Trace the Bible references, and then color the images.


Thus also faith by itself,  
if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:17  
(NKJV)



Who among you is wise and  
understanding? Let him show by  
his good behavior his deeds in the  
gentleness of wisdom.

James 3:13  
(NASB)



## Units 4 and 5 Quiz

- Faith is dead when it has no \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Love       Fear       Works
- We are created in Christ Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Repentance       Good works       Salvation
- \_\_\_\_\_ is at work in believers.  
 The church       God       The devil
- \_\_\_\_\_ corrupts the whole body.  
 The tongue       Anger       Disobedience
- We speak the truth in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Kindness       Wrongdoing       Love



Recite your memory passages from Unit 4, James 2:17.

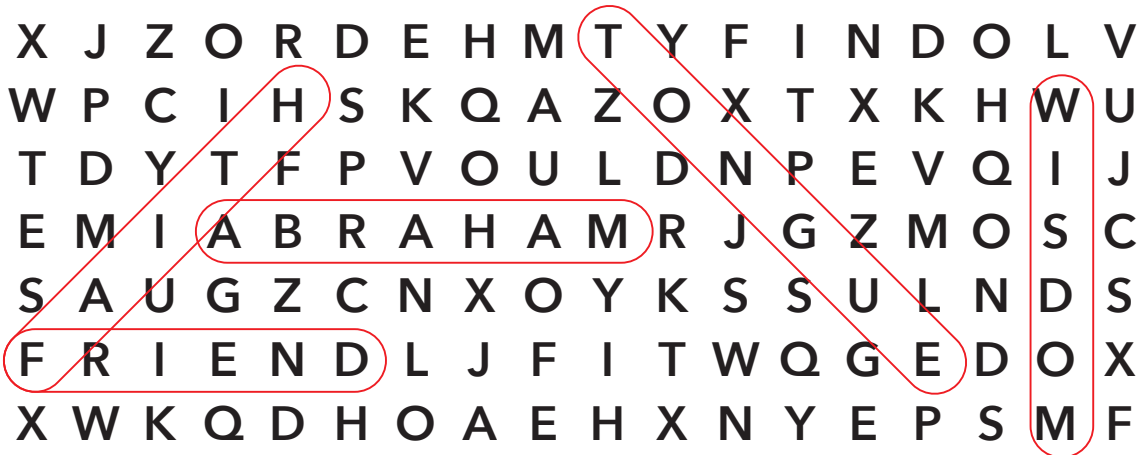


# EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 3

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

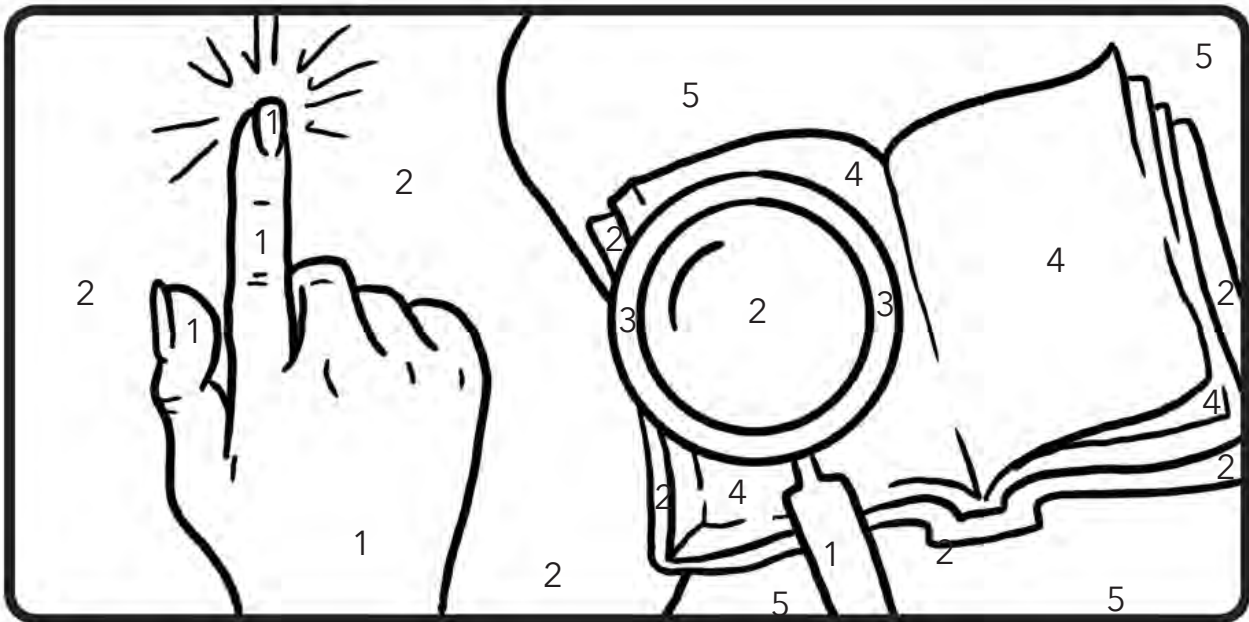
Find and circle the listed words from Units 4 and 5 in the word search puzzle.

Abraham    faith    friend    tongue    wisdom



Use the color code to color the picture, reminding us to grow in obedience and wisdom.

1 = light brown    2 = blue    3 = yellow    4 = light grey    5 = purple



Recite your memory passage from Unit 5, James 3:13.



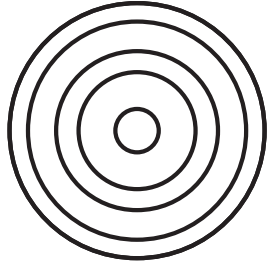
# NAVIGATE • UNIT 8, LESSON 4

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

Listen as I read the memory verses from Unit 6 and Unit 7. Trace the Bible references of your memory verses and then color the images.


Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:8  
(ESV)



You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:8  
(NIV)



### Units 6 and 7 Quiz

- A double-minded man is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Unstable       Lost       Forgetful
- \_\_\_\_\_ was the priest in 1 Samuel 1:9.  
 David       Amos       Eli
- The Lord shows \_\_\_\_\_ during our trials.  
 Generosity and grace       Love and faith  
 Compassion and mercy
- \_\_\_\_\_ helps us when we don't know what to pray for.  
 Jesus       The Holy Spirit       The Father
- The wealth of the \_\_\_\_\_ is rotted and their clothes are moth-eaten.  
 Rich       Leaders       Sinners



Recite your memory passage from Unit 6, James 4:8.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 4

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

Use the clues and the words in the word bank to fill in the crossword puzzle.

needy Elijah doubled humble enemy

### ACROSS

- 2. **Elijah** was a prophet of the Lord.
- 5. Friendship with the world makes you an **enemy** of God.

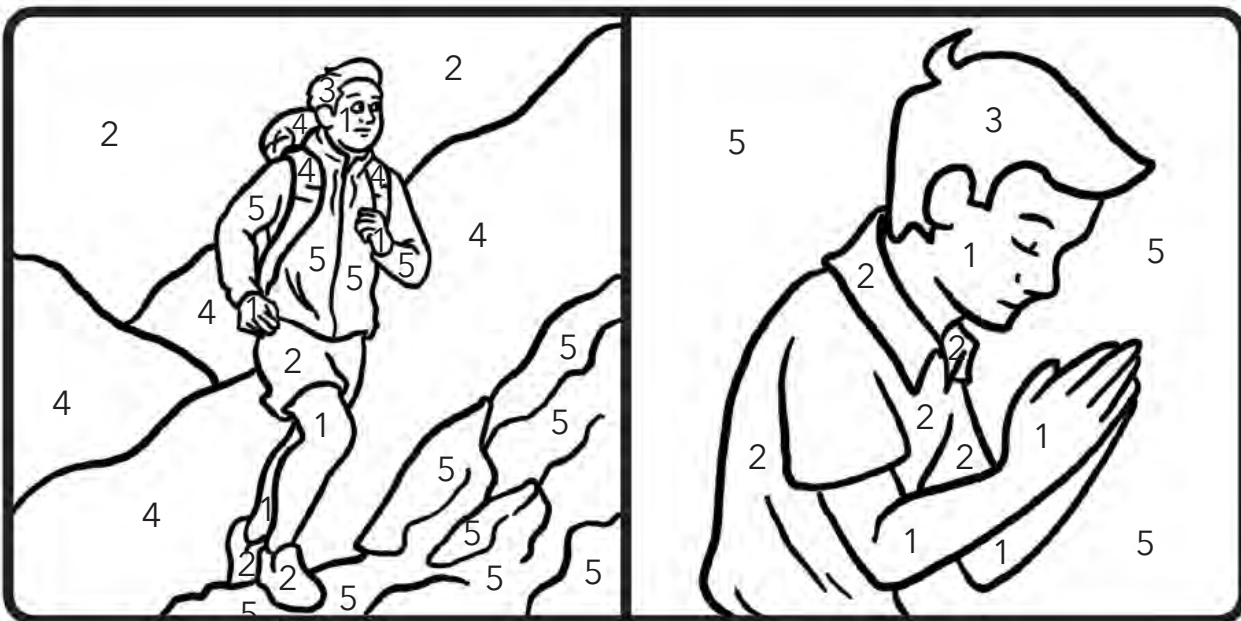
### DOWN

- 1. The Lord **doubled** what Job had before.
- 3. God gives grace to the **humble**.
- 4. The Lord of armies rescues the poor and **needy**.

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Use the color code to color the picture, reminding us to grow with purpose and in patience and prayer.

1 = light brown    2 = blue    3 = yellow    4 = green    5 = gray



Recite your memory passage from Unit 7, James 5:8.



# NAVIGATE • 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.**





# EXPLORE • UNIT 8, LESSON 5

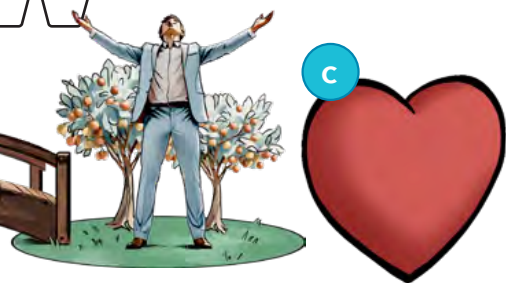
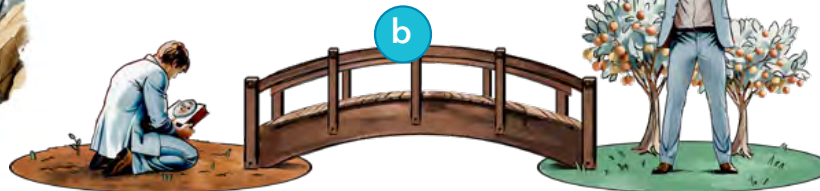
Review | Discovery Destinations

Color the circles that contain letters. Write the letters on the blanks to reveal the name of our study.

In each Discovery Destination, we learned ways to grow as Christians. Color the word "grow," read the Discovery Destination statements, and match each picture by writing the correct letter on each blank.

# GROW



- c**    1. Grow in Love
- d**    2. Grow in Obedience
- a**    3. Grow in Perseverance
- e**    4. Grow in Wisdom

- b**    5. Grow as Hearers and Doers
- g**    6. Grow in Patience and Prayer
- f**    7. Grow with Purpose

## 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

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

### Growth Cipher

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
								
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
								
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