

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 1/24/21

SCRIPTURE: James 1-2

LESSON: Doers of the Word



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we talked about a man named Stephen. Do you remember what the religious leaders in the story did? That's right, they lied about Stephen, rejected Stephen and they even killed Stephen! BUT God isn't like those religious leaders, He accepted and saved Stephen, just like He sent Jesus to die on the cross to accept and save us!

That's Not Me! - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Supplies: Grab any hats, costumes, or accessories to create a disguise. Don't have anything? (Use this [link](#) to print out a simple mustache and glasses).

Decorate your child with a funny disguise including beards, hats and glasses and whatever else you've got. The more unrecognizable, the better! Have them look in the mirror and list as many ways as possible that they look different/funny/weird. (You can let them choose if they want to keep their disguise on throughout the lesson or not if you think that would be too distracting!)

Say - Mirrors are awesome because they help us see 1.) What we look like and 2.) where we don't look so good. Today we are going to learn about how God's word is a mirror that helps us see our heart and where they don't look so good!



LESSON - DOERS OF THE WORD

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Doers of the Word](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

God's Word shows us ourselves like a mirror. (Kids repeat!)

God's Word is awesome. It tells us how awesome God is, how beautiful He designed life to be and how much He loves us! It also shows us what's wrong with our hearts. When we read or hear God's Word, we should see ways that we aren't living how God designed. The Bible is like the mirror from our activity. It shows us where we don't quite look right! But James says there's a problem. Some people look in the mirror of God's Word and forget what they look like! It doesn't help them change at all...

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

God wants us to be doers of His Word, not just hearers. (Kids repeat!)

When God's Word tells us or shows us our sin, we don't just nod our heads and walk away. God's showing us what's wrong with us so that we can change! God wants us to live more and more like He designed life to be lived. He wants us to *DO* all the things He commands. He wants us to *NOT DO* all the things He warns us will hurt us. It's not because God mostly cares about our behavior, it's because He loves us and wants to live a good, beautiful life like how He designed! Which leads us to...

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

God's Word leads us to faith. (Kids repeat!)

God's Word shows us our weakness and sin, and we should try to make changes to try to be doers of God's Word. BUT... when we try to do that on our own, we run into a big

problem - we can't! We need God's help to live like Him. We can't live like God wants us to. Not perfectly. Our best effort doesn't come close to God's holiness. And God wants us to be holy (1 Peter 1:15-16)! God's Word is not trying to help us believe in ourselves more and how good we can be.

God's Word is leading us to have faith in someone other than ourselves. Someone better than us. And that leads us to...

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus was the only perfect doer of God's Word. (kids repeat)

Jesus was the only person in all of history who did all of God's Word... perfectly! And all of the time! Ultimately, God's Word leads us to faith in Jesus as we realize more and more that He did what we can't do. He lived perfectly! He loved God perfectly! And He died in our place to save us from our sins. That doesn't mean that we can just sit back and not care. It means when we have faith in Jesus, it makes us want to do God's Word. God gives us a new heart so we can change on the inside, not just the outside.

RESPONSE



Sing: [Life and Godliness](#) (Key Passage Song)
[Psalm 40:5](#)

Pray: Father, thank you for giving us Your Word to show us how to live and thank you for sending Your Son to be our rescuer because we cannot live perfectly. Help us to be doers, not just hearers, of Your Word. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What are ways that you hear and read God's Word throughout the week? *(Help them think about bedtime routine, Kidtown, at-home Kidtown guides, and anything else you've set up for them to hear God's Word)*
- Why does James say God's Word is like a mirror?
- Why does James God want us to be doers of His Word and not just hearers?
- What are some ways you can be a doer of God's Word this week?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and if you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*

BONUS ACTIVITIES



Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - What are your practices to regularly hear and read God's Word? How do you make sure you're a doer of the Word and not just a hearer?

Arm and Leg Tag - Every player is "it" and the goal is to tag each person's arms and legs. When a player's arm or leg is tagged they can no longer use it, so they'll have to put their arms behind their back or hop on one leg. Tagging any other part of their body is allowed, but it doesn't count towards anything. When all four limbs have been tagged, players are out of the game, and the last player standing with at least one arm or leg wins.