

Listen and Do what Is Right



Parents, below are a few activities you can try together at home to help reinforce and continue teaching on this week's Bible story.

Overview: *Listen and Do what is Right!*

Big Idea: God calls us to listen to His word and do what it tells us.

Bible Basis: James 1:19-27

Key Verse: James 1:22

Grade 1-2 Activity: *Shadow Verse*

Supplies: Flashlight (one per group)

Directions: Practice the Bible verse (below) together with the motions until the everyone can remember it. When ready, turn the flashlight on and, if possible, dim the lights. Choose someone to go first. Have them face a wall, then shine the light on them so it casts their shadow onto the wall. Now say have them say the verse with the hand motions while everyone watches their shadows in action. Continue until everyone has had a turn.

Today's Bible Verse:

"Don't just listen [cup ears with hands] to the word [put palms together like you're holding a book]. You fool yourself if you do that [do a silly dance]. You must do what it says [march in place]." James 1:22 [put palms together like you're holding a book]

Question: Think of something the Bible says to do that is easy for you to do? Is there anything that is hard for you to do?

Grade 3-4 Activity: *Words Away*

Directions: Have your family sit in a circle. After writing the Bible verse on a small dry erase board or piece of paper, hold the verse up so everyone can see and read it together. Today's verse says:

***"Don't just listen to the word. You fool yourself if you do that. You must do what it says."* James 1:22**

After reading it one time, pass the board to the person on your right and tell them to erase one word. (**Note:** If you do not have a dry erase board, use a piece of paper and color over the words or scribble them out.) Instruct the person to hold the board up and have your family read the verse again, this time reciting the missing word from memory. Keep on passing the board around the circle, allowing each person to erase one word, and then read/recite the verse as a family. Continue until all the words are gone and your family can recite the entire verse.

Question: Is there something the Bible says to do that you have a really hard time doing? What is it? Why is it so hard for you?