

Letters From Heaven



Parents' Page

Lesson 10

I Want to Be a Worker

Your child should understand...

Faith—Demonstrated by works of love, kindness, and respect

Your child should be able to...

1. Tell who an orphan is, who a widow is, and how Christians should treat orphans and widows.
2. Identify the fact that the way we use our tongues is important to God.
3. Identify what we should do before we speak.
4. Describe how we should treat all people.

Your child should be memorizing...

Hebrews 12:1-2

“...So let us throw off everything that stands in our way. Let us throw off any sin that holds on to us so tightly. Let us keep on running the race marked out for us. Let us keep looking to Jesus....”

Please help your child read...

- 1 James 1:2-5, 12, 22-24, 27
- 2 James 2:1-4, 14-17, 26
- 3 James 3:3-10, 17
- 4 James 4:1, 7-8, 13-15, 17
- 5 James 5:13-20

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James wrote a letter to tell Christians about how we must put our faith to work. This letter is the book of *James*. He said that when we read or hear the Word of God, then we must do what God says. James said that we can *say* we have faith, but if we don't *do* something about it, our faith is useless. We are made right with God by what we believe *and* by what we do.

We can show our faith by the way we treat other people. How do you want other people to treat you? Do you feel good when someone is kind to you? Do you feel good when you have been kind to someone else? Jesus said we should treat others the way we want to be treated.

One way we serve God is by doing good things for others. James said that God wants each one of us to do what we can for orphans and widows. Orphans are children who have no parents. Widows are wives whose husbands have died. Orphans and widows may need things that we can help with. Maybe they need food or clothes or money. They may need help going to the doctor's office or to the grocery store. Or maybe they are lonely and would enjoy a visit, a phone call, or a card. God wants us to love them, find out what they need, and take care of them.

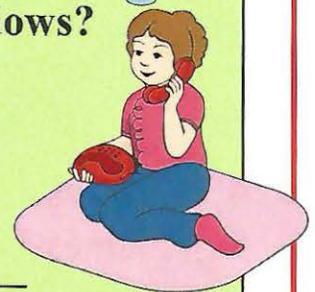


Orphans are children who have no _____.

Widows are wives who have no _____.



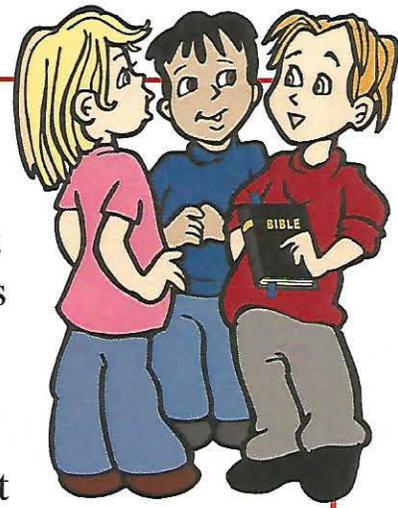
What does God want us to do for orphans and widows?



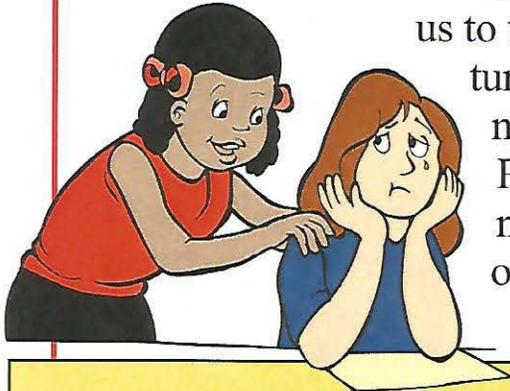
Can you think of some things that *you* can do for orphans or widows?



James also told us about a powerful weapon each one of us has. It's very small, but oh so powerful! What do you think James was talking about? It's our tongues! Our tongues are small, but just think about what they can do! When James talked about our tongues, he was talking about the way we speak to others. God doesn't want us to use our tongues as weapons to hurt people. He wants us to control our tongues and use them to say good things. God doesn't want



us to use our mouths to praise Him and then turn right around and use our mouths to curse. We can make people feel good or bad by the words we speak. People can tell by the way we talk if we love God or not. We must use our tongues to praise God, to tell others about Jesus, and to say kind words to others. We must first listen and think, and *then* speak!



Does God care about what we say to other people? _____

Before we speak, we must listen and _____.

James said that God wants us to respect poor people as much as we respect rich people. In James' time, sometimes rich or important people came to worship with a church, and they were given the best places to sit. They were treated as if they were special, just because they were rich. But that isn't right, is it? God doesn't see rich or poor or the color of our skin—God sees our *hearts*. Everyone is important to Him, and everyone should be important to us, too!

God loves all kinds of people. God wants *us* to love all kinds of people, too—as much as we love ourselves. The book of James tells us how to do that.

Does God want us to treat rich people better than we treat poor people?

How does God want us to treat *all* people?

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Memory Verse:

Say your **memory verses every day this week**. Can you *act them out*?

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In which books of the Bible can we read about **Elders, deacons, widows, and preachers?**

(1 and 2 Timothy)



Walk back and forth across the room while you say the names of **Jesus' twelve apostles**.

(Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)

On your **Bible map**, use a **ruler** to show the city of **Capernaum**.