



Sunday School Study Plan for February 2025

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Four Weeks (February 2, 9, 16, and 23)

Topic: "Letting your Behavior Reflect Your Faith in God"

Week 1 (February 2): Embracing a Mindset of Perseverance

Background reading: James 1; Proverbs 9:10-12

Guiding Questions:

1. What are trials and what kind of trials have you faced as a Christian?
2. How do trials test our faith?
3. How did James address the trials and temptations that the people were experiencing? Chapter 1 verse 2-4
4. Explain why we should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Chapter 1 verses 19-20
5. What does wisdom have to do with facing trials?

Week 2 (February 9): Favoritism, Faith and Deeds

Background reading: James 2; Matt 22:34; Romans 13:8-10; Genesis 15:3-6

Guiding Questions:

1. In what ways did Jesus give us examples of not showing favoritism?
2. What is James' point in Chapter 2 verses 5-7?
3. Discuss what James meant by keeping the royal law Chapter 2 verse 8-11
4. Was Abraham saved by faith or deeds or both?
5. James says faith without deeds or action is useless and dead, do you agree? If so, explain some of the dangers Chapter 2 verse 14-17

Week 3 (February 16): Consequences of An Unruly Tongue

Background reading: James 3; Proverbs 12:18-19; 13:3, 16:27, Matt 7:15, Matt:15:11

Guiding Questions:

1. Why does James encourage fewer people to set their hearts on being a teacher? Chapter 3 verse 1-2
2. Is it true of the old saying "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words never hurt me" Discuss?
3. Why is such a negative example given in the metaphor of fire in verse 6, also someone read out loud Matthew 15:10-11; 17-18
4. Why do you think the tongue is so difficult to tame?
5. Do your words more often help or hurt and do they reveal your true self or sometimes conceal your true self?
6. How do you react when you hear cursing or using abusive language?

Week 4 (February 23): What's Going on With You?

Background reading: James 4; Matt 5: 19-22; Matt 6:24; 1 John:15-17

Guiding Questions:

1. What causes conflict and disputes and how does it apply to you today? Chapter 4:1-3
2. Why did James say that being a "friend of the world" is also considered to be an enemy of God? Verse 4
3. How can we practice humility in our lives since God opposes the proud verse 7-10
4. What can we do to make sure our prayers align with God's will?
5. Why did James speak against making future plans without considering God's will? Verse 13-17

2 Timothy 2:15, KJV: "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**, NASB: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."