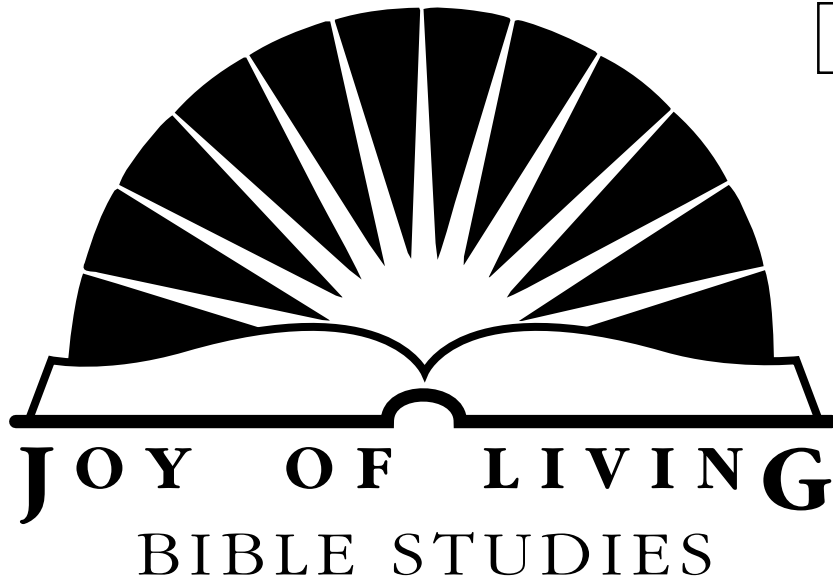


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JAMES

Youth Bible Study

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Sample
Lesson

JAMES - WEEK ONE
NO DISCUSSION LESSON

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: CHAIN TAG

Set boundary lines to restrict play to a small area. Two players are chosen to be "IT." They join hands and with their free hand try to tag the other players. The first player tagged joins hands between the two "IT." The remaining players, when tagged, join the tag line between the original two "IT." Only end players ("IT") may tag. It is permissible for a player to break through or go under the joined hands of the line. When the chain has been broken, it must unite again before tagging resumes. The game ends when the last player is caught or when a time limit has been reached. The last two players tagged become "IT."

15 - 20 minutes discuss CLASS RULES

to end of class CRAFT: FUN SCIENCE

MATERIALS:

paper plate	scissors
red & blue paint/brushes	string
2-4 oz. lemon juice or vinegar	salt
10-20 dull copper pennies	large clean nail
small glass or jar	hole punch

Cut out the center of the paper plate for your circle (discard outer portion). Paint one side red; allow to dry. Paint the other blue; allow to dry. Punch two small opposing holes. Thread short lengths of string through each hole. Hold the cardboard by the strings and twirl. The two colors will become one: purple. Using another color instead of blue will create a different single color.

Put the pennies in the glass with a pinch of salt, and cover with juice or vinegar. Let stand 2-3 minutes. Meanwhile, clean the nail. You can use water and scouring powder. When clean, add to the pennies mixture. Wait for 15 minutes, and remove the nail. The nail becomes copper coated. This happens because the copper from the pennies interacts with the acid forming a new compound, called copper citrate, and this compound is what coats the nail. Try rubbing the nail to remove the copper. It is there to stay.

JOY OF LIVING

JAMES - LESSON 1

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verses on your paper.

Read James chapter 1, verses 1 - 5.

1. What does James call himself in verse 1?

2. Using your dictionary, what is the meaning of the word *servant*?

3. **HARD:** James calls himself a servant of God and Jesus Christ. Using your definition of servant, how would someone be a servant of God and Jesus?

4. What do these verses say about servants?

Matthew 20:26,27

Luke 17:7-10

John 12:26

5. **PERSONAL:** Could you put your name in place of James' in James 1:1? Are you a servant of Jesus?

6. Read Genesis 35:22b-26a and Exodus 28:21. Who are the twelve tribes?

7. Where are they, now according to James 1:1?

8. Using your dictionary, what is the meaning of these words?

persevere

test

trial

9. After you have learned something new, you will have a test to see how much you learned. You might have a math, spelling, swimming, or even a driving test. Temptation or trial is another word for test. Satan tested even Jesus. Read Matthew 4:1-11, and fill in the blanks below with the following words.

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Jesus was hungry. Satan said, "Turn these _____ into _____."

But, Jesus said, "Man lives on the _____ _____ _____ ." Satan told Jesus to _____ Himself down because He would be caught by _____ and He wouldn't get hurt.

Jesus said, "Don't _____ God."

Jesus was with God when God formed the earth. Satan thought the earth was his. So he told Jesus to _____ _____ and _____ him and he would give Jesus everything that was in the _____.

Jesus told Satan to get lost. Jesus said, "Worship the Lord your God and _____ Him only."

10. How can you know what God wants you to do?

11. What does Proverbs 9:10 say about wisdom?

Read James chapter 1, verses 6 - 15.

1. When you ask something from God, what does James say you must believe?

2. **HARD:** Our faith is tested so we become more like Jesus. How does 2 Peter 1:5-8 describe someone growing in faith?

3. Jesus wore a crown of thorns so we could receive forgiveness of our sin and eternal life with Him. What does James tell us our crown is for believing and trusting in Jesus, and staying faithful to Him?

4. How is everyone tempted?

5. What happens when we give in to temptation?

6. Our faith in God's care grows every time we obey God and do what is right. How can we do what is right in God's eyes? See Psalm 119:9 for your answer.

JAMES - WEEK TWO

DISCUSSION LESSON 1

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: HIT THE PENCIL

Divide into two teams. On opposed sides of the room, mark a START line for each team, and a line in the center separating them. Place a pencil on this line, between the two teams. In turn each player has five tries to hit the pencil off the line (you may have them use a bean bag, ball or rolled up piece of paper to try to hit the pencil). When the pencil is hit, the team scores a point. You can set a goal in points, or a time limit.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 1

to end of class CRAFT: SUN CATCHERS

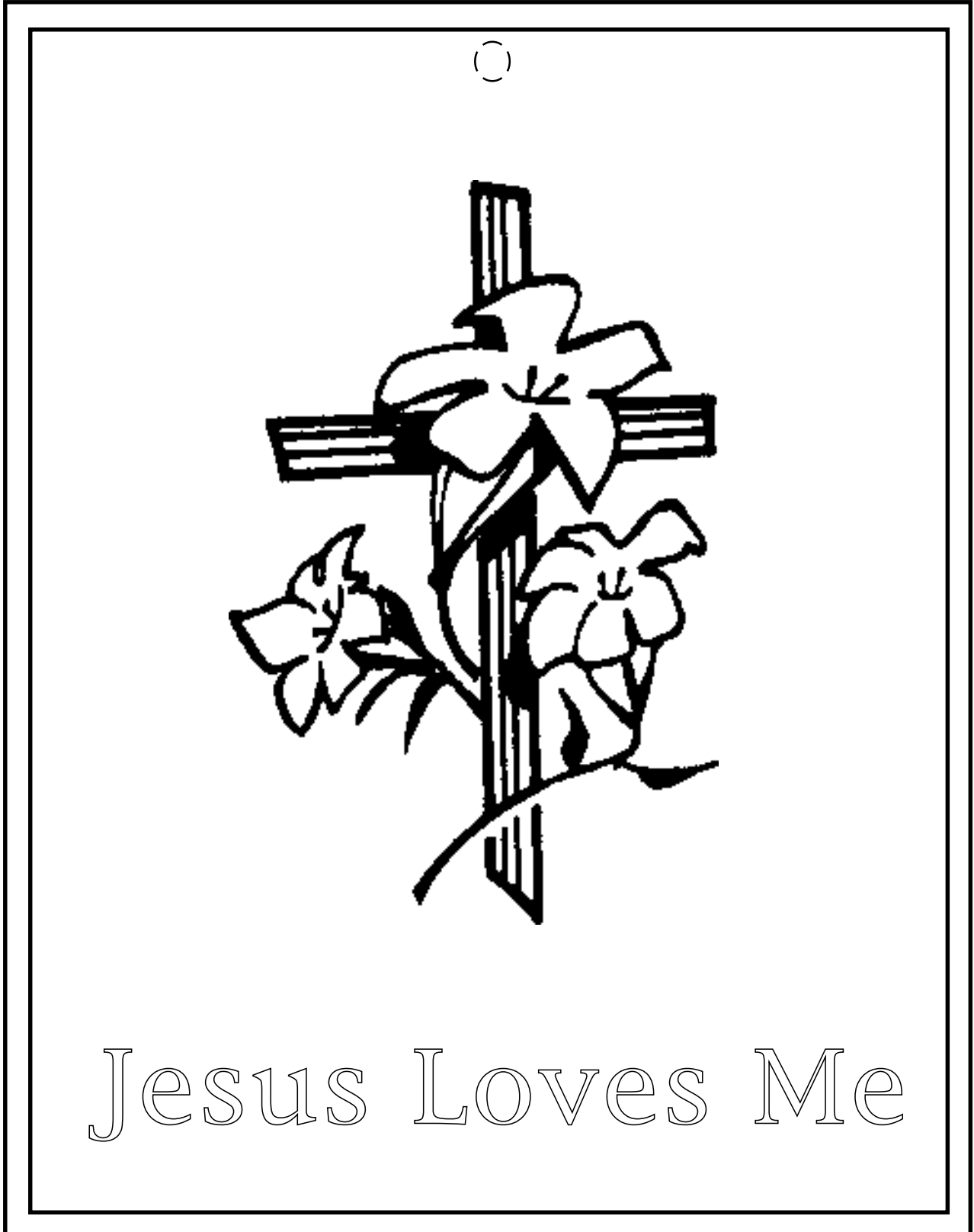
MATERIALS

toothpicks
small paint brushes
sun catchers' paint (from crafts supply stores)
thread/yarn/string
overhead projector sheets (clear vinyl, from office supply stores)

Make copies of patterns (see next pages) onto overhead sheets or you can use clear plastic paper savers. These are not as sturdy as the overhead projector sheets, but they are less expensive. The student needs to decide which spaces will be painted with which color before they start painting, and paint one color at a time. If one paint touches another, the paint will run. Paint the open spaces, using the small paint brushes and sun catchers' paint. If a color needs to touch another, allow about 10 minutes before using the touching paint color. Paint all the areas that are the same color at the same time. When that color is completed, go to another color. If new paint isn't touching another color, that space can be painted without waiting. When dry, cut along dotted lines, punch a hole in the top and thread a string through it.

The drying time is about one hour. If your class ends sooner than needed for this craft, start it early, and finish at the regular time. Or take two weeks to complete. When taking home, keep it flat.

Sun Catcher Pattern



Sun Catcher Pattern



Trust in the Lord

JAMES ANSWERS - LESSON 1

Read James chapter 1, verses 1 - 5.

1. What does James call himself in verse 1? “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.”
2. Using your dictionary, what is the meaning of the word servant? “One that serves others; specific: one that performs duties about the person or home of a master or personal employer” (WEBSTER’S).
3. **HARD:** James calls himself a servant of God and Jesus Christ. Using your definition of servant, how would someone be a servant of God and Jesus? [Answers may vary. The leader may use this to launch ways to serve others in the name of Jesus. One answer may be: A person who does things for other people just as Jesus would.]
4. What do these verses say about servants?

Matthew 20:26,27 “But among you it is quite different. Anyone wanting to be a leader among you must be your servant. And if you want to be right at the top, you must serve like a slave.”

Luke 17:7-10 “And suppose a servant comes in from plowing a field. Or perhaps he was taking care of the sheep. This servant doesn’t just sit down and eat. But first, he cooks his master’s meal and serves him his supper. Then he sits down to eat his own. And he is not even thanked for this. This is because he is just doing his duty. In the same way, if you obey me, you should not expect praise. For you have simply done your duty.”

John 12:26 “If anyone wants to be my disciple, he must follow me. For my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them.”

5. **PERSONAL:** Could you put your name in place of James’ in James 1:1? Are you a servant of Jesus?
6. Read Genesis 35:22b-26a and Exodus 28:21. Who are the twelve tribes? “Here are the names of the 12 sons of Jacob: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher.”
7. Where are they now according to James 1:1? Scattered everywhere, among the nations.
8. Using your dictionary, what is the meaning of these words?

persevere “To persist steadfastly in a purpose of undertaking; continue in spite of difficulties” (HOLT).

test “Examination; trial; critical evaluation. Questions and exercises to judge the skill, knowledge, and intelligence of a student. Something which tries or measures a person or thing” (HOLT).

trial “Hardship, temptation, etc., that tries one’s endurance.”

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10. How can you know what God wants you to do? Verse 5: “If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him. He will gladly tell you. He is ready to give wisdom to all who ask him. He will not scold you.”

11. What does Proverbs 9:10 say about wisdom? “For the respect and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding.

Read James chapter 1, verses 6 – 15.

1. When you ask something from God, what does James say you must believe? Verse 6: “When you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer you. A doubtful mind is like a wave of the sea. It is driven and tossed by the wind.”

2. **HARD:** Our faith is tested so we become more like Jesus. How does 2 Peter 1:5-8 describe someone growing in faith? “But to obtain these gifts, you need more than faith. You must also work hard to be good, and even that is not enough. You must know God. If your treasures are in Heaven, your heart will be there, too.”
3. Jesus wore a crown of thorns so we could receive forgiveness of our sin and eternal life with Him. What does James tell us our crown is for believing and trusting in Jesus, and staying faithful to Him? Verse 12: “A man is happy if he doesn’t give in when he is tempted. Then later he will get his reward. He will get the crown of life God has promised those who love him.”
4. How is everyone tempted? Verse 14: “Temptation is the pull of man’s own evil thought and wishes.”
5. What happens when we give in to temptation? Verse 15: “Evil thoughts lead to evil deeds. Then evil deeds lead to the death penalty from God.”
6. Our faith in God’s care grows every time we obey God and do what is right. And how can we do what is right in God’s eyes? See Psalm 119:9 for your answer. “How can a young person stay pure? By reading your Word and doing what it says.”