

Family Theme | **Living Out Our Faith**      Date | **August 3, 2025**

Study Text | **James 1:26—2:13; Luke 10:25–37; Matthew 25:31–40**

**Read the Word:** James 1:26—2:13; Luke 10:25–37; Matthew 25:31–40

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how we can show love and care for those who are vulnerable and needy.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth: Genuine Religion Ministers to the Vulnerable (James 1:26—2:13)**

**APPLY:** God expects us to help those who are truly vulnerable and needy.

- What types of people in our community are truly vulnerable? What are their needs?
- Why is it important to see the vulnerable as people made in the image of God? How might that change our approach to ministry and loving our neighbor?

**APPLY:** Avoid the sin of partiality. Welcome the needy and vulnerable like we welcome those who “have it all together.”

- What does partiality look like in churches today?
- How does a focus on the gospel help us overcome any feelings of partiality?



**Key Truth: Genuine Religion Shows Love to Neighbors (Luke 10:25–37)**

**APPLY:** A vulnerable neighbor can be anyone we come in contact with.

- When have you unexpectedly come across someone truly in need? How did you respond?
- What type of attitude is needed to help meet the needs of others?

**APPLY:** Be willing and prepared to help those in need.

- What might it cost us to help those in need? (Time; money; inconvenience; etc.)
- Why is it important to see people as people and not as problems? How can we move past feelings of inconvenience when we see someone in need?



**Key Truth: Ministering to the Vulnerable Is Ministering to Jesus (Matthew 25:31–40)**

**APPLY:** Minister to Jesus by ministering to the vulnerable and needy.

- What are specific actions we can take to minister to the vulnerable in our community?
- How can meeting someone’s physical need open the door to help meet a spiritual need?
- Ministering to others often takes us out of our comfort zones. What are some tips you’ve learned that can help people in uncomfortable situations?
- Some people serve others to feel good about themselves. As Christians, what should be our main motivation for serving others?

**Build a Foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary students.

- What is faith? (Choosing to trust God in every situation)
- Why is it important to be a doer of God's Word and not just a hearer?
- Why is it important to remember every person is God's special creation?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **James 1:22**



**Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Temptation does not come from God, but He always provides a way to resist it (James 1:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13).

**Everyday Extras:**

As a family, brainstorm a service project you can do together. Suggestions include picking up trash at your local park, making blessing bags for those in need, offering to clean the toys in preschool classes at your church, making cards to encourage people who are in the hospital or skilled nursing facilities, etc. Talk about the blessings you have as a family and how our actions can show God's love to others.

**Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned the Devil tempted Jesus a third time by saying he would give Him all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would bow to him. Jesus knew the Devil was lying and used God's Word to resist the Devil's tricks. **The Bible Is for Everyone**, and we can use God's Word to keep us from sinning as well as help others keep from sinning.