



# HOW CAN I SHOW GOD THAT I LOVE HIM?

**BIBLE STORY:** Do Good Works (James 2)

**BIBLE TRUTH:** God helps me obey Him.

**BIBLE VERSE:** Faith without works is dead. *James 2:26b*

Your preschooler is learning that God helps her obey Him. She learned, “Faith without works is dead” (James 2:26b). Reinforce this truth this week by finding ways to demonstrate how to obey God out of love for Him.

James, who was most likely the brother of Jesus, wrote a letter to the Jewish Christians who were scattered across the world. Many of them faced serious persecution. Yet, he encouraged them to be strong and kind in the midst of hard times.

James 2 instructs Christians to show evidence of our faith through our works. Although we do not gain salvation through good works, our works provide proof that we belong to Christ. James explains that we show our love to God through our obedience to Him. He told Christians not to treat anyone differently, not to show favoritism. James said they should love the person who has a few things as much as the person who has many things. He instructed them to take care of the poor. He reminded them that God judges everyone the same.

James said that if you believe in Jesus (have faith), but don't do good to people, your faith is no good. He said to show what you believe, by what you do—good actions. Your belief without doing good actions is not belief at all. Faith without works is a dead faith.

This in no way implies that we can earn our salvation. Placing our trust in Jesus is what saves us from an eternity separated from God. Good works are just proof that we are what we claim to be when we say we trust Christ as Savior. Look for ways to live out your faith in front of your child this week.

