



HOW DO FAITH AND ACTIONS WORK TOGETHER?

BIBLE STORY: Faith and Works (James 2)

BIBLE TRUTH: God calls us and enables us to live out our faith by following His commands.

BIBLE VERSE: For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. *James 2:26*

BONUS VERSE: God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

We are saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. Nothing we do can take away our salvation. Our rescue from sin isn't dependent on what we do. However, our lives should reflect the salvation that we have as a free gift. When we are saved, God changes our hearts and lives, allowing us to live in such a way that others can see the gospel demonstrated in us.

This week, using a variety of activities and games, we explored the idea of faith in action. **God calls us and enables us to live our faith by following His commands.** Our Bible story came from the book of James, in which we find a challenge to walk out our faith in practical ways. Our works prove or demonstrate what is true in our hearts. Jesus is our servant King, so we serve others out of thankfulness for what Christ has done for us.

Spend time with your child this week talking about practical ways to live out his or her faith. Are there elderly people in your neighborhood who need yard work done? Does your child know of a new kid at school who needs a friend? Is there a homeless shelter in your community that needs volunteers? Use these opportunities to help your child understand that believers can put their faith to work to help others and point them to Jesus.

