

## DAILY LIVING - TEACHINGS FROM JAMES

### LESSON 6: BECOMING A GLORY-GIVER ☆

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**After completing this lesson, the children will realize that they need to give the credit, praise, or glory, to whom it is due, especially to God.**

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#### TOPICS

Christian Living, Gratitude, Honor God, Humility, James, Praise

#### AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

**Who Gets the Glory? (Activity)** [Click here](#)

#### OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISE (5 MINUTES)

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#### MEMORY WORK (12 MINUTES)

**"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." James 4:14 NIV**

**VerseaPuzzle (Puzzle)** [Click here](#)

#### SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 MINUTES)

##### Introduction:

In our memory verse, we were reminded that we are only here for a little while. What does this have to do with giving glory to God? Let's see what James tells us about our life, and giving glory to God.

##### Read James 4:13-17

##### Discussion Questions:

1. What were the people saying about their future in this passage? *(They were planning to go to a city, spend some time there and make money.)*
2. What did James say we know about tomorrow? *(We don't know what will happen.)*
3. Why does James compare our life to a mist? *(Our life is short compared to eternity, but however many days we have, we belong to God.)*
4. How is saying, "Tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there and make money," in verse 13 different from saying, "If it is the Lord's will we will live and do this or that," in verse 15? *(The first saying does not even mention God, making it seem like they are in control of everything. However the second saying gives God the credit, or the glory, for providing and giving all things.)*
5. When we claim we can do whatever we want, instead of giving God the credit, what are we doing according to verse 16? *(Boasting and bragging.)*
6. What does James say that such boasting is? *(Evil.)*
7. Is making plans for the future bad? *(No, it is not bad to make plans, but you need to realize that God is in control and you need to give Him the glory He deserves.)*
8. Why does James end this section with verse 17? *(Because now that we know we need to give God glory, if we don't do it, we will be sinning. So...we need to start working on that!)*

Do you see how this passage is tied together? People in James' time were boasting and bragging about their plans. They didn't mention God in any of it. James then goes on to point it out to them that their lives will be short, and it's only because of God that they are still even alive. Now James expects his listeners to change, if they don't and continue to boast and brag about what they are doing, they will be sinning. Same applies to you!

#### CLASS EXERCISE (12 MINUTES)

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#### APPLICATION (10 MINUTES)

Like the examples used earlier, we need to give credit, or glory, to who deserves the credit. We might need to give the credit to our parents, our teachers, our friends, our teammates, but we especially need to give it to God. We learned from James, that when we do not give credit or glory to the proper person, and give it to ourselves instead, it is a sin.

If you have time, let the kids brainstorm a little and make two lists on the board. On one side, give examples of people who deserve credit for helping us. On the other side, list different things God does for us where He deserves the glory.

#### NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to find out how to become a person of prayer. When should you pray? Why should you pray? Who should pray?

#### CLOSING PRAYER (2 MINUTES)

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