

KIDMUNITY | God's Word, My Life

Lesson 09: Doing What the Bible Says

Large Group Script

Bottom Line:

God's Word is for doing, not just hearing.

Memory Verse:

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22**

Supplies Needed

- Large Bible (to hold up)
- Slide with James 1:22 (memory verse)
- 2 sets of 10–12 plastic cups
- 2 blindfolds
- Hand mirror
- Mixing bowl, spoon, flour, sugar, bag of chocolate chips, recipe card (props only)

Welcome & Hook: Blind Builders Game

“Let's start with a game called *Blind Builders!* I need four volunteers.”

(Choose kids, pair them up, blindfold the “builders,” hand them the cups.)

“Here's the challenge: the person wearing the blindfold is the builder. They're the only ones who can touch the cups. Their partner is the coach. The coach can't touch the cups — they can only give instructions with their voice. You'll have 90 seconds to build the tallest tower you can. Everybody else, cheer them on!”

[Run the game. Keep it light and fun with commentary.]

(Time's up.)

“Wow, that was tough! Without being able to see what you're doing, it's really hard to make corrections or fix mistakes. Great job to both teams — give them a hand!”

Transition to Scripture

“Now, let's see what the Bible says about this same kind of idea — not just building towers, but building your life. In James, we read about two kinds of people. One hears God's Word

but doesn't do anything with it. The other hears God's Word and does what it says. Let's listen carefully and see which one James says leads to blessing."

Bible Teaching: James 1:22–25

(Bring out a hand mirror, look into it as you read.)

"Here's what James writes in the Bible:

'Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.'"

Mirror Illustration

(Look into the mirror, pretend to notice messy hair or food in teeth.)

"James says there are *two ways* people respond to God's Word:

- The first is to **hear it, but not do anything with it**. James says that's like looking in a mirror and then walking away and forgetting what you look like. That's silly! Why do we look in a mirror? Not just to admire ourselves — but to fix something. The whole point is to notice what's wrong and correct it.
- The second way is to **hear God's Word and do what it says**. That's like seeing what's wrong in the mirror and actually fixing it. And James says when we do this, we'll be blessed."

Cookie Illustration

(Bring out the recipe card and ingredients.)

"Here's another picture. Imagine you're at home and your mom or your older brother or sister says, '*Hey, do you want some chocolate chip cookies?*'"

(Pause for reaction.)

“Of course you do! Who wouldn’t?”

So they pull out the flour, sugar, chocolate chips, the mixing bowl, and the recipe card. Everything is sitting there on the counter. You’re ready for cookies.

But then — *ding!* — their phone goes off. They leave the kitchen. Ten minutes pass. Twenty minutes. You look, and everything is still just sitting there. The recipe’s there. The ingredients are there. But there are no cookies!

How frustrating would that be?”

(Let kids respond.)

“Exactly! Because the point of a recipe isn’t to read it — it’s to follow it and enjoy the cookies.

That’s what James is saying about God’s Word. If we only hear it but don’t do what it says, nothing changes. But when we *do* what it says, it’s like baking the cookies — we get to taste the results, the blessing of living God’s way.”

(Optional: show baked cookies as a reveal.)

Bringing It Home

“The Bible isn’t just a bunch of inspired passages or ideas to make us smarter. It’s not helpful if we only *know* it. God’s Word is about *doing* it.

Think about the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the religious leaders in Jesus’ time. They knew the Scriptures inside and out. But there was something missing — they didn’t *do* it. They could quote it, but they didn’t live it.

Don’t be like them. Don’t just be hearers of God’s Word — be doers of God’s Word.

Remember our Bottom Line today:

- Don’t just look in the mirror — **fix your crazy hair.**
- Don’t just talk about making cookies — **make the cookies (and eat them too!).**

God’s Word is for doing, not just hearing.”

Memory Verse

(Hold up the Bible. Show the verse on the slide.)

“Let’s read our memory verse together: James 1:22 — *‘Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.’*”

Let’s say it again — this time with motions:

- *Listen* (cup your ear),
- *Do what it says* (march in place or give a thumbs-up).”

Wrap-Up & Challenge

“This week, don’t just hear God’s Word — live it out. Think of one way you can *do* what the Bible says. Maybe it’s choosing honesty, showing kindness, helping without being asked, or forgiving when you’re hurt.

Let’s pray together:

‘God, thank You for giving us Your Word. Help us not to just hear it but to do what it says. Show us one way this week to live out Your truth. Amen.’”