

# KIDMUNITY | God's Word, My Life

## Lesson 09: Doing What the Bible Says

### Small Group Guide

#### 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*

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## Activity One: Read It and Do It! (K-1st Grade)

### Introduction for Leaders

This simple, high-energy game helps kids understand that God doesn't just want us to *hear* His Word; He wants us to *do* it.

It's just like "Simon Says," but instead of Simon, the leader says, "*The Bible says...*" Kids must listen carefully and only follow directions that start with "*The Bible says.*" This teaches them to pay close attention and obey what God's Word tells us to do.

### Supplies Needed

- None  
(Optional: music to play between rounds or when eliminating players)

### Activity Instructions

1. Gather kids in an open area where they have space to move.
2. Say:  
"We're going to play a game called *The Bible Says!* You have to listen carefully. Only do the actions if I say '*The Bible says...*' first. If I don't say '*The Bible says,*' then stay still."
3. Play a few practice rounds so everyone understands how it works.
4. Once they've got it, begin the real game!

### Round 1 – Practice Round (Simple and Fun)

- “The Bible says clap your hands.”
- “The Bible says spin in a circle.”
- “Touch your nose.” (Don’t say “The Bible says!”)
- “The Bible says jump once.”
- “Sit down.” (No “Bible says!”)

Let kids laugh and reset between rounds.

## Round 2 – Themed Round (Fun + Meaningful)

Include motions that connect to what the Bible teaches:

- “The Bible says fold your hands like you’re praying.”
- “The Bible says show kindness – give someone a thumbs up.”
- “The Bible says forgive – give yourself a big hug.”
- “The Bible says be thankful – wave your hands in the air.”
- “The Bible says be still – freeze like a statue.”
- “The Bible says love your neighbor – smile at someone near you.”
- “Jump up and down!” (No “Bible says!”)

After a few rounds, let the kids who stayed in till the end cheer, then invite everyone back to sit together.

## Teaching Connection

“Wow, you were great listeners! Some of you caught when I didn’t say ‘*The Bible says*’ – and that’s what made you good at this game.

The Bible tells us in James 1:22, ‘*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*’ That means God doesn’t just want us to *hear* His Word – He wants us to *live it out!* When we listen and do what the Bible says, we show that we love and trust God.”

## Discussion Questions

### Kindergarten / 1st Grade

- What happened when you did something *without* “The Bible says”?
- Why is it important to listen carefully to God’s Word?
- What are some things the Bible tells us to *do*?
- What’s one way you can follow what the Bible says this week?

# Activity Two: Mirror, Mirror

## Introduction for Leaders

This activity helps kids understand what James meant when he said the Bible is like a mirror. When we read God’s Word, it shows us what’s in our hearts – things we need to change or make right.

The goal is for kids to identify a simple, real way they can “do what it says” this week.

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## Supplies Needed

- Handheld mirrors (1 per group or 1–2 per small group)
  - Dry erase markers or washable markers
  - Paper towels or wipes
  - Optional for older kids: index cards and pens
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## Activity Instructions

### Step 1: Set the Scene

Hold up a mirror. Say:

“James says reading the Bible but not doing it is like looking in a mirror and forgetting what you look like. Why do we use mirrors? To see what’s out of place – and then fix it.”

### Step 2: The Object Lesson

1. Pass a mirror around your group.
2. Ask: “When you look in a mirror, what kinds of things do you check or fix?” (hair, teeth, dirt on face, etc.)
3. Now hand out dry erase markers. Have each child write or draw something *on the mirror* that represents a wrong attitude or action (e.g., unkind words, selfishness, fear, lying, complaining).
4. Hold the mirror up again and say:

“When we read the Bible, it shows us things like this – things that need to change. But if we only look and never do anything, it’s like walking away with a messy face.”

### **Step 3: Wipe It Clean**

Have kids use paper towels or wipes to clean the mirror.

As they do, say:

“When we obey God’s Word, it’s like wiping away what doesn’t belong. God helps us live clean and right before Him.”

### **Step 4: Live It Out**

Ask: “What’s one thing you could ‘do’ this week because of what God’s Word says?”

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## **Teaching Connection**

“The Bible is like a mirror – it shows us what’s going on inside. But if we walk away without doing what it says, nothing changes. When we obey what we read, God helps us grow and live the way He wants.

Don’t just look in the mirror – fix what needs fixing. Don’t just read the Bible – live it out.”

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## **Discussion Questions**

### **Kinder / 1st Grade**

- Why do we look in a mirror?
- What happens if you see something messy and don’t fix it?
- How does the Bible help us know what to fix in our lives?
- What’s one thing you can do this week to live out what the Bible says?

### **2nd / 3rd Grade**

- Why do you think James compared the Bible to a mirror?
- What’s something God’s Word might show you that needs to change?
- How does it feel to “wipe away” what doesn’t belong?
- What’s one way you can do what the Bible says this week?