

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: CONSISTENCY

SCRIPTURE: James 1

FINISH LINE: God's unchanging Word guides our actions

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: Dry erase board, mirror, dry erase marker, post it notes, memory verse cards from week one

DIRECTIONS: Write out the entire verse someplace everyone can see it. You could use the cards you made week one, write out the verse on post it notes, or use a dry erase board or mirror. After you have written it out, say the verse all together. Then start removing words from the verse. After you have removed 1-2 words, say it again. Keep repeating until all the words are gone but you can still say the verse from memory!

MEMORY VERSE: "You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands."
Psalm 119:4-6

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

SUPPLIES: None

DIRECTIONS: Without explaining what you are doing, suddenly do a string of miming motions one time through. (Example: raise your right arm twice, then touch your nose, then spin in a circle two times, then raise your right foot etc.) It should be challenging, but not impossible. **JUST MAKE SURE TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU DO SO YOU CAN BE CONSISTENT BECAUSE YOU WILL REPEAT THIS SAME STRING OF MOTIONS LATER.** Then ask everyone else to stand up and see if they can remember how to "mirror" your actions exactly. Most likely, they will not be able to. Afterwards, do the same series of motions again, but this time, tell everyone to pay close attention. Do the series of motions a few times so they can learn it from you. Then, see if they can do it on their own. If needed, point out where they might not be doing something right and help them learn your actions until you can do it correctly and consistently all together.

DISCUSS: Were you able to do all of the actions perfectly the first time through? How did the person leading help you learn the actions? How did you learn how to "mirror" my actions? How is God's Word like a mirror? (*It shows us where we are sinning and where our lives or actions do not match what God says is best.*) If we looked at God's Word like a mirror and trusted it, what would we do if we saw a place where our actions did not match His Word? (*We would want to fix it and follow His Word.*)