

Take Home Sheet

Carry on the conversation at home and build faith with us!



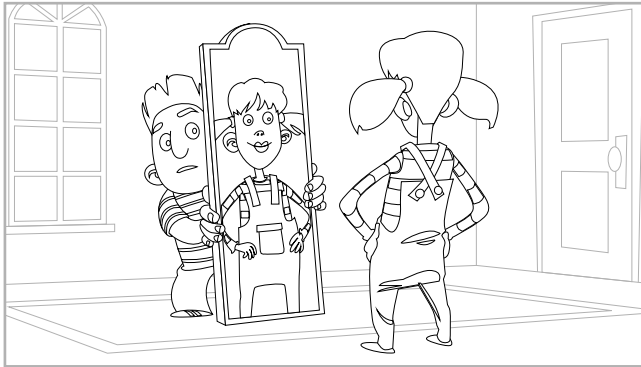
Truth that changes me:

We need to listen carefully to the Bible **and** do what it says.



Faith in Kids looks like:

Children who love to hear God speak in the Bible and to put his words into practice.



Look at the picture from today's story – you could colour it in, then choose a path to follow:

- "Talk together" gently starts a conversation about today's big truth.
- "Open the Bible" encourages you to read and apply the truth together.

Talk Together

Read: "A person who hears God's teaching and does nothing is like a man looking in a mirror. He sees his face, then goes away and quickly forgets what he looked like. But the truly happy person is the one who carefully studies God's perfect law that makes people free." *James 1:23-25a*

Use the picture and the verse to answer:

- What should we do when we hear God's word?
- What will we be if we do this?

James says that listening to the Bible is like looking in a mirror. It shows us what we are really like and how we need to change. If we have real faith, we will want to change to be more like Jesus. Can you tell me...

- 3 times it is good to look in a mirror.
- 2 people who tell you God's word.
- 1 way you could listen better to God.

Live it out: Look in a mirror and see if you need to make any changes. Is your hair a mess? Is your face clean? Like a mirror, looking into the Bible helps us to spot what is wrong in our lives and to begin to change, with God's help.

A prayer to pray: Dear God, thank you that you speak to us through the Bible. Please help us to listen and to obey what we hear. Amen.

Open the Bible

Read James 1:19-25 and use the picture to talk about some of the following questions:

7s and under

- What do we use a mirror for? What mistake can we make with one?
- Why is God's word like looking in a mirror?
- How can you listen to God this week?

8s and over

- How is a mirror a little bit like the Bible?
- God doesn't just want us to know things, he wants us to do things differently because of what we know. Why do you think that is?
- When do you find it hard to live the way that God wants you to?

Live it out: When in your week do you listen to God? This week, keep a record of all of the different times and ways that you hear God's word. Do you read it to yourself? Do people read it to you? Do people explain it to you? Listening to God is more important than listening to anyone else because his word saves us and makes us free.

Pray: Thank God for his word and that he speaks to us clearly in it. Say sorry that sometimes we don't listen well - to people or to God. Ask God to help you act on what you hear him say.