

Take Home Sheet

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



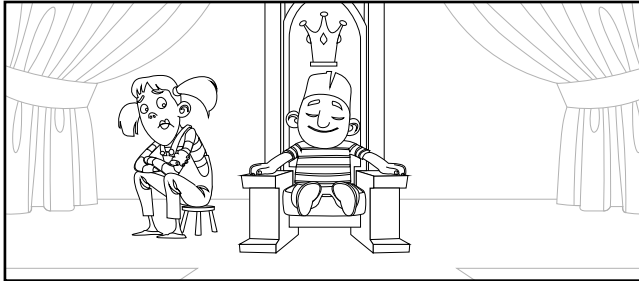
Truth that changes me:

God loves everyone and wants us to do the same.



Faith in Kids looks like:

Children who love everyone whatever they are like, and don't show favouritism.



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: "Never think that some people are more important than others. Suppose someone comes into your meeting wearing very nice clothes and a gold ring. At the same time a poor man comes in wearing old, dirty clothes. You show special attention to the one wearing nice clothes. You say, 'Please sit here in this good seat'. But you say to the poor man, 'Stand over there', or 'Sit on the floor by my feet!'" *James 2:1b-3*

Use the picture and the verse to answer:

- How is the rich man treated?
- How is the poor man treated?
- How do you think each person feels?

God says he has chosen the poor in the world to be rich. God doesn't choose people because of how they look or how rich they are. God loves and welcomes everyone! Can you tell me:

- 3 ways to show someone they're loved.
- 2 ways you could welcome someone if they joined your group.
- 1 thing that surprises you about God's welcome.

Live it out: How do you make choices? Which cake to eat? What to wear? This week, talk about why you make the choices you do. We have seen that God doesn't choose people in the same way that we choose things. How is that good news?

A prayer to pray: Dear God, thank you that you love and welcome everyone. Please help me to show the same love and welcome. Amen.

Open the Bible

Read James 2:1-9 and use the picture to talk about some of the following questions:

7s and under

- What does James say we are never to do?
- Who does God love and welcome?
- Who might we give special attention to at church? Is that right?

8s and over

- What does God choose the poor for? *2 things.*
- How does the church in the story show special attention to the rich man? What might this look like in our church?
- Why is it important that we welcome everyone equally?

Live it out: This week see if you can spot times that one person is treated differently from others. Can you tell why they were treated differently? Do you think this was right? Sometimes it is, e.g. giving a seat to a person who can't stand. Other times it is wrong. God loves all people and welcomes everyone, paying special attention to people who need extra care. How is that good news?

Pray: Thank God for his love and welcome which does not show favouritism. Say sorry for not showing the same love and welcome to everyone. Ask God to help you to be more like him in the way you love in the future.