



**GO DEEPER**

**MORNING MOMENTS**



**Read:** James 1:22-25

**Discuss:**

- What is the purpose of a mirror?
- Why is it so important to follow God's instructions?
- What happens when you choose to follow God's Word?

**Remember This:** Obeying God's Word means doing what it says

**CREATIVE CONNECTION**



This activity requires 2 people. Decide which person is going to be the "leader." The leader will perform simple movements in place and the partner's job is to be the "mirror," and copy the leader like a mirror's reflection. For example, if the leader waves his right arm, the "mirror" waves his left arm in the same way, duplicating the movement as if he is looking into a mirror. God's Word is our mirror.

**TABLE TALK**



How is reading the Bible like looking into a mirror? Let's say you are on your way to school, and before leaving you take a look in the mirror. You see a stain on your shirt – it's big – but you leave without changing. If you don't change, what was the point of looking in the mirror in the first place? This may seem silly, yet this is how we sometimes act with the Bible. When we look into the mirror of God's Word, and we learn that what we are doing is wrong, we should not walk away and forget what we have read. God tells us to change. What are some things God's Word might show us that we'd need to change?

**HUMBLE HEARTS**



Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

**P**raise God for His Word

**A**sk God to help you to want to read His Word

**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you do not obey His Word

**T**hank God for guiding you

SCRIPTURE	BOTTOM LINE
<p><b>MATTHEW 7:24-27</b> Wise Man vs. Foolish Man</p>	<p><b>FOLLOWING JESUS MEANS OBEYING GOD'S WORD</b></p>
<p><b>READ THIS</b></p>	<p>Obeying God's Word is one way we follow Jesus! When we obey God's Word, the Bible, people are able to see something different about us. Jesus' ways are different and when we follow Jesus we start to look different too! This week, let's go deeper and discover some of God's Words that we can obey!</p>
<p><b>MEMORIZE THIS</b></p>	<p>"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." <b>Romans 12:2 (NLT)</b></p>
<p><b>IN ACTION</b></p>	<p>When you read God's Word, ask yourself, "What is God telling me I should do?" Then find a way to do it that same day!</p>

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**Materials Needed:**  
Bible or Bible App

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**Read:** Ephesians 6:1-3, Colossians 3:20, Philippians 2:4

**Discuss:**

- What does God's Word say we should do for our parents?
- What are some of the things your parents ask you to do every week?
- What promise does God give with this command?

**Remember This:** Obeying God's Word means obeying your parents



### CREATIVE CONNECTION

Play a game of "Mother May I." One person will be the "Mother" and stand with their back facing the "child(ren)." They will then choose a child (at random, or in order), and announce a direction. These follow a pattern, such as, "Brian, you may take 'x' giant/regular/baby steps forward/backward." The child responds with "Mother may I?" Mom then states "Yes" or "No", and the child obeys. If the child forgets to ask "Mother may I?", he/she goes back to the starting line. The first one to touch Mother wins.

*When finished, talk about if it was easy or hard to obey "Mother." How was your attitude when you were told, "No"? What should our attitude be with our parents?*



### TABLE TALK

- What does it mean to obey?
- When you feel like having a bad attitude, how can you make choices that show love?
- What's one way that you can obey and show respect to your parents this week?



### HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

**P**raise God for giving you life

**A**sk God to help you obey your parents or those who care for you

**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you do not obey your parents or those who care for you

**T**hank God for your parents or those who care for you

**Materials Needed:**  
Bible or Bible App, Envelope, Paper, Tape, Markers, Toothpaste, Plate/Napkin

## GO DEEPER



### MORNING MOMENTS

**Read:** James 3:1-10

**Discuss:**

- What does James compare the tongue to?
- What kind of harm or trouble can our tongues do?
- What good things can our tongues do?

**Remember This:** Obeying God's Word means being careful with your words



### CREATIVE CONNECTION

Get an envelope and decorate it to look like a face, or at least a mouth. You could even create, cut out, and glue a paper "tongue" to your envelope. Come up with positive words or phrases that you want to describe your own attitudes, or kind and encouraging things to say to others. Write these good words inside the envelope's mouth, and look at them when you feel tempted to use unkind language. Before speaking we should ask ourselves and God if what we are about to say is holy, truthful, positive, uplifting (Philippians 4:8).



### TABLE TALK

Bring a tube of toothpaste to the dinner table. Have your child squirt out some of it onto a plate or napkin. Next, ask them to place the toothpaste back into the tube. This is impossible, isn't it? The same is true of our words. Once we speak something, we can't just take it back. Remember Philippians 4:8, "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." When we think on these things we are more likely to also speak these things!



### HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

**P**raise God for His Word

**A**sk God to help you speak words that are true and good

**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you do not use good words

**T**hank God for His loving forgiveness

**Materials Needed:**  
Bible or Bible App, Bag  
of Random Items

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### MORNING MOMENTS

**Read:** Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:8-11

**Discuss:**

- What is the Great Commission?
- How did Jesus leave the earth?
- What is the Gospel?

**Remember This:** Obeying God's Word means sharing about Jesus with others



### CREATIVE CONNECTION

Gather as a family. Place different items in a bag. Take turns selecting an item from the bag without looking. Brainstorm together how you could use the item to tell someone about Jesus. Examples of items include baseball glove, pencil, toy, phone, etc. Have fun being creative! The important thing is for us to tell others about Jesus. Sharing the gospel doesn't require any special tools. We can share the gospel anywhere and at any time. The main thing is to keep our minds on Jesus so we will want to tell people about Him!



### TABLE TALK

Ask your family to think of people who need to hear the gospel. Think about people you know, and even people you don't know, who need to hear the truth about Jesus. Before leaving the dinner table, spend time praying for the people that God brought to your minds.



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Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:  
**P**raise God for His Word  
**A**sk God to help you share His Gospel with others  
**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you had the chance but did not tell someone about Jesus  
**T**hank God for His gift of Salvation that is for everyone

**Materials Needed:**  
Bible or Bible App,  
GPS or Map App

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### MORNING MOMENTS

**Read:** Psalm 77:12, Psalm 119:105-106

**Discuss:**

- What do you think are some things that might distract you or stop you from reading the Bible?
- What are some ways you can remind yourself to read the Bible daily?
- Why is it important to read the Bible?

**Remember This:** Obeying God's Word means reading the Bible



### CREATIVE CONNECTION

Parents, program a destination into your GPS in your car or phone and take a drive (or this can be a walk if using your phone) with your family. Make a few wrong turns and hear the corrections made by your GPS trying to reroute you to the correct route. Take time to talk about how God's Holy Spirit uses the Bible to help direct us, and correct us if needed, to guide us along God's best plan for our life.



### TABLE TALK

- Where do you like to be when you are reading the Bible?
- What can you do if you find something difficult to understand when reading the Bible?



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