

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

James 2:14-26

Session Summary

James made clear to his audience that even the demons believe that there is one God—but they do not love God. An intellectual understanding is simply not enough. Our love for God is revealed in our love for our neighbors. Faith, in other words, is expressed by the good works we do for others. James was not bashing the rich for being imperfect; he was rebuking them for blaspheming Jesus by not repenting of the ways they had treated the poor (Jas. 2:6-7). One of the signs of true saving faith—a faith that justifies—is love for our neighbor regardless of their status in society.

Conversation Questions

- Who are our neighbors that God calls us to love?
- What are practical ways we can show love for our neighbors?
- How do we make sure we don't show favoritism to any particular type of people?
- If someone were to judge our faith by our works, what would they say?

Family Challenge

If your faith is shown by your actions, how can your family make some necessary changes this week? Brainstorm in the space below how you each will live out your faith practically. Finish your time together by praying and asking the Lord to work through your family and strengthen your faith.