

Youth Teaching Resources

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The Trouble with Kings

“You’re the Man!” — 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15a

Paying the Price — 2 Samuel 18:1-33

Redeeming a Shaky Start — 1 Kings 2:1-12, 3:3-14

Prayers for Now and Later — 1 Kings 8:1-53

Serious Church

Real Religion — James 1:17-27

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YOUTH Teaching Guide

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TEACHER PREPARATION: YOUTH AND THIS LESSON

It is easy for our students to claim that they are Christian. It is a label that they can wear without much persecution or being questioned about. When you start to dig deeper and ask your students what it means to be a Christian and what Christians are supposed to do, their answers become a little more wishy-washy. Many times our students want the label of being a Christian but find it difficult to live up to what it means to be a Christian. We need to help our students realize that their faith is more than just words they say and things that they do on Sunday and Wednesday.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Fellowship

Begin your session by showing the clip “Harry Sees His Parents” from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*. If you are unable to show the clip, summarize it the best you can and then facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What does Harry see when he looks into the mirror?
- 2) Why does Harry see this?
- 3) What would you see if you looked into the mirror?
- 4) Why would you want to see this?
- 5) If the mirror showed what you would look like doing the work of God, what would the mirror reveal about you?

Information

Transition to the next section of the session by reading James 1:17-27. Allow the students to ask any initial questions they have about the text. As you answer their questions, you may want to provide some of the information from THE BIBLE LESSON, printed in *Baptists Today*.

When the students have had an opportunity to share their initial thoughts, continue the discussion by facilitating a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What must works of faith begin with to still be of God?
- 2) What do one's desires give birth to? What do God's desires give birth to?
- 3) What must we do to accept gifts from God?
- 4) How are we to examine ourselves? What should this lead to?
- 5) What does true faith look like to James?

If your group would like to continue their discussion on this passage, share some of the insights provided in "Digging Deeper" and "The Hardest Question" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide).

Transformation

Conclude your session by walking your students through the ancient process of *Lectio Divina* using the scripture passage from today. At each point during the practice, briefly pause and allow the students to share their reflections. When you have completed the practice, allow you students time to journal their responses to this time of prayer.

Close with a prayer asking God for forgiveness for all of those times when we say one thing and do another or do nothing. Pray that we may have the strength and courage to live up to the faith that we speak.