

LESSON: BECOMING PERSEVERANT

After completing this lesson, the children will be challenged to persevere, no matter what activity they are doing, because they will become mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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AS KIDS ARRIVE

God's Promise (Word Puzzle) -Attached

MEMORY WORK (10 minutes)

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." James 1:12 NIV

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION

Introduction:

Explain to the kids that we have learned that we need to 'persevere', but ask them if they know what that big word means. Then ask them why we should persevere. The dictionary describes the word 'persevere' as, "to persist in or remain constant to a purpose, idea, or task in the face of obstacles or discouragement." Basically, no matter what difficulties we face, we need to keep doing what we were doing, until we have accomplished our goal!

We can find out why we should learn to persevere from James 1:2-8 and verse 12. Let's read these verses now.

Read James 1:2-8 and verse 12

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the trials that James is talking about?
(Problems, sickness, or anything we go through that tests our faith.)
2. When we experience those trials, we are supposed to consider it pure what? *(Joy.)*
3. Why should we consider them "joy?" Hint: verse 3 *(Because it develops perseverance, which will one day make us mature and complete, not lacking anything.)*
4. Verse 5 gives us a solution for a lack of wisdom. What is it? *(Ask God.)*
5. Why are we supposed to believe and not doubt that God will give us wisdom if we ask? Hint: verses 6-8. *(If we doubt, we are double-minded and unstable and will not get it.)*
6. If we love God and if we stand firm and persevere under those trials, what will God give us?
(Crown of life.)
7. What are the hardest trials you face today, that take a lot of perseverance?
(Allow for answers from several students.)

APPLICATION

When we are faced with difficult times, should we give up or persevere? If we choose to persevere and pass the test and love God, you will become more mature. One day you will be complete and you will receive the crown of life that God promised! Remember these four things:

1. Love God, because when we love God, we are His children.
2. If we need wisdom to help us persevere, all we need to do is ask, and not doubt, and He will give it to us.
3. Facing trials happens every day, but we must persevere (and not turn from God) until the end.
4. Eternal Life is our reward, also known as the Crown of **Life**.

