



Family Worship Guide: The Sin of Partiality

Read Together

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory... ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. (James 2:1, 8-9 ESV) [For older kids, consider reading James 2:1-13]

Main Idea: God does not play favorites based on money, skin color, or where you live. Neither should we.

Preschool Takeaway: God loves everyone in the world the same and He want us to be kind to everyone. When we are unkind to someone, God is very sad. The Bible tells us that God wants us to treat others like we would like them to treat us. How would you like to be treated?

Kids Takeaway: We are no better or no less than anyone else. God created ALL of us in His image. If we are created by God, in His image, then He thinks we are all special. Have you ever felt like you were not as special as someone else? How did that make you feel? It is our responsibility to treat everyone the same, with love and respect!

Students Takeaway: We are unable to achieve any standing with God on our own actions, achievements, physical abilities or appearance, social status or worldly possessions. So, to believe the gospel is to believe that Jesus paid it all and all to Him I owe. And all people stand in the same position before God—people who are born dead in their own sin and in need of Him. So how could I ever look at someone else and show any partiality on the basis of their earthly status, possessions or physical appearance? It contradicts the gospel for anyone who says they believe it to ever look down on anyone...ever.

Couples: Ask yourself tough questions and honestly evaluate your lives and parenting. Are you raising kids to be partial to particular groups of people either for their wealth, nationality, or skin color?

Pray Together

A. Adore – Take a moment and reflect that God is the God of all nations and praise him for that!

C. Confess any sins the passage highlighted.

T. Thanksgiving – Give thanks to God for the people in your life.

S. Supplication – Ask God to bring unity to his church and biblical justice to our communities.

Sing Together

Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because he first loved me!

Serve Together

Consider and make plans to open your home for a dinner with International Students this fall.

Bible Story of the Week

God Saves a Centurion

If there was ever an enemy to the Israelites, it was Roman centurions. They were Gentiles, and the military force that took away their homeland. But God is not partial. Peter was about to be amazed by God.
(Acts 10:1, 34-48)