

## Pray as you begin . . .

READ together, taking turns with each verse, trying a different translation like the NLT or Message:

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:  
Greetings!

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

James 1:1-8

## Family Connect:

April 5

James 1:1-8

**SHARE** with each other what you see in the verses:

Who is the letter to and who wrote it?

Do we all face trials? What is a trial? What can this testing produce?

What is wisdom and who do we ask to get it?

What is the difference between belief and doubt?

## SONG:

Sing together Easter Songs all week long. Introduce them to your favorites OR go to *Spotify* or google *Seeds of Easter* by Seeds Family Worship. They will know most of them from years past in Sunday School. You can search Youtube for Children's Christian Easter songs.

## MEMORIZE: Verse 2

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds.

Put it to a familiar tune or add motions to it. Have the kids put it together.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Pick one or do all of them! Use them to springboard in what fits for your family!

**TRIALS GALORE...** Make a list on paper or whiteboard the various trials each member of the family are facing. Each day make a point to pray for the family member in regard to their trial(s) they are facing.

**PERSEVERE...** Pick a household task that might prove difficult for your kid(s). Walk them through one step at a time until the project/task is completed. Allow some frustration to build but not bury them. If they get "stuck" have them ask for help or a simpler way of doing it. Offer the solution freely. Talk about how we need to persevere (or stick to) even if something is hard. Some ideas could be folding an entire load of laundry cleaning up the kitchen after supper, washing the car, or simply doing their schoolwork when they would rather play.

**HOLY WEEK READINGS...** Decorate an area in your home where you will gather together to listen to the readings. You could include a Bible, candles, small bare tree branch laced with white lights, etc.

Pray as you end . . .