

# Closer

## James 4 | Friend of God

### Big Idea

When we live for Jesus, we care more about what God thinks than what people think.

### Conversation Starters:

Get ideas flowing by sharing some of your own ideas too!

Use these questions to get your kids thinking about the Big Idea.

- What's something you like that your closest friend doesn't like?
- What happens when your friend doesn't like something that you think is really cool?
- Have you ever changed your opinion because of someone else's opinion?
- Have you ever changed your opinion because of what God thinks?

### Video:

Watch this week's video.

### Pray & Discuss:

After the video take time to talk about it together.

- What was today's God Story about?
- What main idea stood out to you the most?
- What was the Life Story about?
- **Pray:** Dear God, please help us to only care about how you see us and not how others see us. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

### "God Thinks" Activity

Supplies:

- God Thinks activity page
- Markers

Prep: print the activity page.

- Ask your child if they know the Big Idea? (When we live for Jesus, we care more about what God thinks than what people think.)
- Ask: How do we know what God thinks about certain things?
- Give your child the activity page.
- Together, read through the scenarios and verses.
- Ask them how they would react in each scenario.
- Take time to pray for the situations when they know what they "should" do, but don't know if they could because it is hard.



# Additional Activities

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## Key Verse Activity

Supplies:

- Key verse sign

Review the key verse together. Discuss:

- Is there anything in that verse that you don't understand?
- What do you think the verse is saying?
- What do you think is the most important part of that verse?  
(There is no right answer!)

As a family, create your own actions to the verse. See if you can learn it together and then randomly throughout your week, stop what you are doing and say the verse together!

### Key Verse:

*You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient.*

Colossians 3:12