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# The Vegetarians

We show our faith in God by putting our love for him into action.

## BIG IDEA

God loves our faith in action.

## KEY VERSE

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. | James 2:14-17 (NLT)

## 1 | Hangout

### SUPPLIES

- None

### INSTRUCTIONS

a. Discuss:

- Is there anything you've noticed other students doing to try to stand out at your school? Do you do anything to stand out? Why or why not?
- Sometimes people stick out by being faithful to a religion—whether they want to or not. What made Daniel and his friends stand out?
- What "religious" practices make people stand out today? Are there things we do—or don't do—as Christ-followers that make us stand out?



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## 2 | Hear

### SUPPLIES

- Bibles

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Ask: How did Daniel and his friends' faith in action show their love for God?
- Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Guide the students to look up James 2:14-17.
- Read the verses together. Share this fun fact: James is the brother of Jesus!
- Discuss:
  - Why do you think James wrote this passage?
  - How is it relevant to us today?
  - In what ways do we do what it says in verse 16?
- Note that sometimes "religious" people do good works just for the sake of doing good works. Instead, we want to shape our lives so that we do good works because of the love of Jesus and our commitment to following him.
- Discuss:
  - How are those two approaches different?
  - How can we remind ourselves why we do what we do?

## 3 | Huddle

### SUPPLIES

- None

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Ask:
  - What does faith in action look like for you today?
  - When we say we love and follow Jesus, how does that shape the way we live?
- Guide the students to look up Matthew 5:14-16.
- Read the verses together.
- Discuss:
  - What does it look like for our lights to shine?
  - How do we point people towards Jesus by how we live?
- Pray about the things the students shared and discussed.
- Challenge one another to find practical ways to put your faith in action this week.