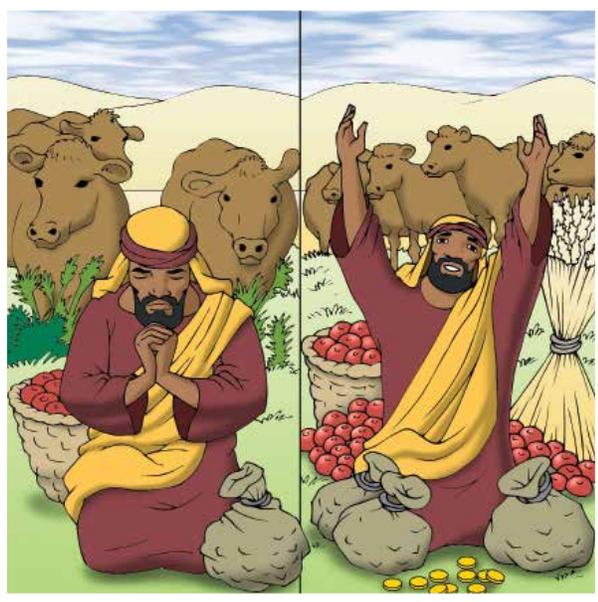


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**Key Verse:**

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (James 1:5)

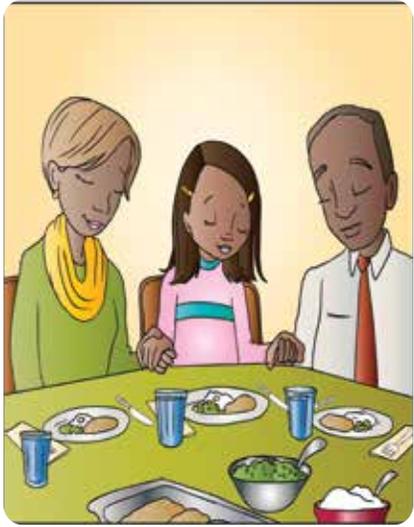
Believe and Know

James wrote a letter to the Jewish believers. It went something like this: *My brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. When your faith is tested, you have an opportunity to grow. When your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. If you need wisdom, ask God and He will give it to you. When you ask, believe and do not doubt. The person who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from God.*

If a believer is poor, he should take pride that God has made him spiritually rich. If he is rich, he should be glad that God has shown him that he may be spiritually poor. The rich person will die like a wildflower dies in the grass. The sun rises and becomes hotter and hotter. The heat makes the plants very dry, and the flower falls off. It is the same with a rich person. While he is still taking care of his business, he will die.



Trust and Believe



Londyn and her parents had been through a tough time lately. Both of her parents had been off work for six weeks and money was pretty tight. She knew her parents did not want her to worry, but she could not help it.

"How long will the government be shut down? How long before you go back to work?" Londyn asked.

"We don't know. We hope soon—but if we don't, we are not worried about it," Dad replied.

"Really? Some of my friends said that their parents are looking for other jobs and they might have to move," Londyn commented.

"Mom and I have some money saved, so we are okay right now," Dad said.

"You and Mom seem so calm," Londyn remarked.

"Every night, we pray and ask God to help us to trust and believe in Him. We are taking this time to grow closer to Him and trust Him to take care of our needs," Dad explained.

"I'm going to pray that God will help me to believe too. I'm also going to pray that you and Mom go back to work really soon," Londyn said.

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! It can be hard to keep going when you face difficulties. What would you do if you were born at a time when slavery was the practice? How would you feel if you didn't really know when your birthday was? How about being accepted into a school and then when they realized you were an African American, they said you couldn't come? These are just a few of the trials that George Washington Carver faced. But they didn't stop him. Even though there were difficulties, he became a scientist and inventor that developed hundreds of products, using peanuts, sweet potatoes, and soybeans.

Decode the Message

Decode (figure out) a message related to today's lesson by writing on each dash the letter that comes between the combination of letters in the alphabet. (The letter combination is found under the dash.) (For example, z-b=a; l-n=m.) See if you can decode the message without looking back at the Scripture passage.

h-j

e-g

z-b

m-o

x-z

n-p

e-g

x-z

n-p

t-v

k-m

z-b

b-d

j-l

r-t

v-x

h-j

r-t

c-e

n-p

l-n

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z-b

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j-l

f-h

n-p

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v-x

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h-j

u-w

d-f

r-t

f-h

d-f

m-o

d-f

q-s

n-p

t-v

r-t

k-m

x-z



Match the Sentence Parts

To complete the statements from today's lesson, match the first part of each sentence in Column A to the second part of that sentence in Column B by drawing a line between the two. The first one has been done for you.

Column A

1. When you ask,
2. If a believer is poor,
3. If you need wisdom,
4. When troubles come your way,
5. When your faith is tested,

Column B

- a. you have an opportunity to grow.
- b. ask God and He will give it to you.
- c. believe and do not doubt.
- d. consider it an opportunity for great joy.
- e. he should take pride that God has made him spiritually rich.

