



Children's Bulletin

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James IRL: No Favorites

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James 2:1-13 (New International Readers Version)

¹My brothers and sisters, you are believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. So treat everyone the same. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes. And suppose a poor man in dirty old clothes also comes in. ³Would you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes? Would you say, "Here's a good seat for you"? Would you say to the poor man, "You stand there"? Or "Sit on the floor by my feet"? ⁴If you would, aren't you treating some people better than others? Aren't you like judges who have evil thoughts?

⁵My dear brothers and sisters, listen to me. Hasn't God chosen those who are poor in the world's eyes to be rich in faith? Hasn't he chosen them to receive the kingdom? Hasn't he promised it to those who love him? ⁶But you have disrespected poor people. Aren't rich people taking advantage of you? Aren't they dragging you into court? ⁷Aren't they speaking evil things against the worthy name of Jesus? Remember, you belong to him.

⁸The royal law is found in Scripture. It says, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." If you really keep this law, you are doing what is right. ⁹But you sin if you don't treat everyone the same. The law judges you because you have broken it. ¹⁰Suppose you keep the whole law but trip over just one part of it. Then you are guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹God said, "Do not commit adultery." He also said, "Do not commit murder." Suppose you don't commit adultery but do commit murder. Then you have broken the law.

¹²Speak and act like people who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom. ¹³Those who have not shown mercy will not receive mercy when they are judged. To show mercy is better than to judge.

**Take notes by drawing or writing
key words from the sermon.**

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How can you grow in your relationship with Jesus? Draw or write your answer.

