

OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



The Bible is a Mirror - Lesson Plan and Bible activity sheet

- Good for any age from Early Elementary on up •

Main Point: Read the Bible and do what it says.

Bible Story Suggestion: James 1:22-25

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do." James 1:22-25, *NIV*.

Instructions: Once you've gathered the hand mirror and slime as described in the video, there are a couple of ways to present the object lesson.

- **Variation 1.** It's fun to surprise the kids with slime hanging from your nose as you begin reading the James passage. But because you undoubtedly have activities that precede the object lesson, it's nearly impossible to pull this off without help. You'll want one person to handle the preceding events, and another who suddenly shows up to perform our icky lesson. Read the Bible passage with the slime dripping from your nostril. Then, explain the point of the passage in your own words, emphasizing the need for kids to **READ** the Bible and **DO** what it says.
- **Variation 2.** In this version, there is no element of surprise—the kids will see the slime hanging from your nostril as soon as you get their attention. Begin by asking, "Does anyone notice a bit of a problem I'm having with my appearance?" (Point to your nose.) Hold up your hand mirror and ask, "How might this help?" Make it clear that a mirror is used to show us the truth about our appearance and any change we might need to make. In your own words, describe how the Bible shows us changes we need to make to become the sort of person God wants us to be. Read the James passage (above). Teach your kids the motto, "Read the Bible and Do What It Says."

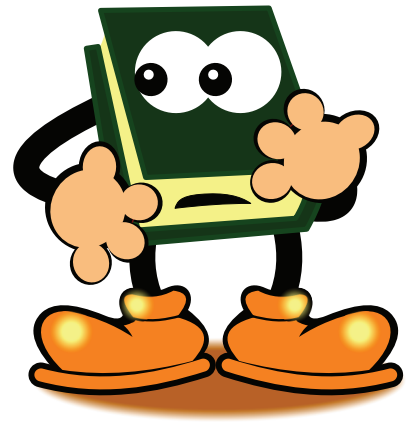
Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video: <https://youtu.be/Ge7j2wKwuDU>

Activity Page: Is It In the Bible? • Best for good readers.

• **Solution:** There are only two correct Bible verses in the game: John 6:53 (Jesus' statement regarding eating His flesh and drinking His blood. Many disciples left when He said this) and Job 19:17 (his breath offended his wife). Near misses: It's the *love* of money that is a root for all sorts of evil (1 Timothy 6:10); and *faith* that moves mountains (Mark 11:23, Matthew 17:20). Really, it's the God we put our faith in.

Possibly a Bad Idea: The Internet has a ton of simple slime recipes, for those of you brave enough to hand out barrels full to a room full of highly-strung yoots.

Is It In the Bible?



Which sayings from the list below do you think are found in the Bible?

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| Cleanliness is next to godliness._____ | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| God helps those who help_____ themselves. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My breath is offensive to my wife._____ | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Money is the root of all evil._____ | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| God works in mysterious ways._____ | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The serpent tempted Eve to eat_____ the forbidden apple. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Three magi, or wisemen, brought_____ gifts to the baby Jesus. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I tell you, unless you eat the flesh_____ of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Jonah was trying to get away from_____ God when he was swallowed by a whale. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Prayer can move mountains._____ | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Your Teacher has the solution.