

**Note for Parents**: You are doing an awesome job!!! There's obviously a lot of things that could be fighting for your attention and the attention of your family, but it says a lot about you and your dedication to being a Godly parent that you are taking time to do this quick study with your family. This is where ministry really happens! Thank you from everyone here at Robinson Ave.

**Instructions**: Pray together to start. Tonight's scripture comes from James 1. Read them as a family. Some thoughts on the scripture and discussion questions have been provided below. These are there if you want to use them, but feel free to go wherever the conversation takes you. The important thing is to simply sit and talk about the Word of God for a little while. This is your class so lead it as you see fit. Close in prayer.

## Scripture: James 1:1-18

**Thoughts:** James discusses how difficult circumstances are actually an opportunity for us to grow up or to mature in our faith. He talks about how challenges produce perseverance (1:3). When we go to Him in prayer, we need to have faith (1:6). Sometimes in trials and temptations, it is hard to trust God's plan for your life, but James tells us He has a great reward for anyone who fully relies on Him during their trials (1:12,17). James is calling for us to be confident in our faith when times are tough. He is not the one making it hard, but He is going to work through it.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Has there been a time you were struggling to hear back from God when you need Him most? Describe that time.
- 2. How do you respond when you go through hard times? Do you get angry, sad, or frustrated? Do you immediately go to God?
- 3. What does being confident in your faith look like in the midst of your struggles?