



ABOUT THIS SERIES

Following Jesus means we don't live by the same values, priorities, or patterns as the world around us. In this final part of James, students will see that real faith shapes the way we make plans, handle money, wait on God, and pray through life's highs and lows. **Built Different** is about learning to live with a countercultural faith that trusts God instead of chasing control, comfort, or temporary security. Because Jesus is changing us from the inside out, our lives should look different in the way we surrender, endure, and depend on Him.

WEEK 1 – Open Hands

Text: James 4:13-17

Main Point: Real faith isn't about control. It's about surrender.

Big Idea/Summary: In James 4:13–17, students will see that life is too fragile and uncertain to live like we are in control. This lesson will challenge students to make wise plans while holding them with open hands, trusting God with their future.

WEEK 2 – What You Can't Keep

Text: James 5:1-6

Main Point: Don't live for what you can lose.

Big Idea/Summary: In James 5:1–6, students will be challenged to examine what they are building their lives around. James warns us that money, comfort, and possessions are temporary, so students will be invited to live for what lasts instead of chasing what they can lose.

WEEK 3 – Still Waiting

Text: James 5:7-12

Main Point: Real faith trust that God is still working, even when life feels slow.

Big Idea/Summary: In James 5:7–12, students will learn that waiting is not wasted when we are waiting with God. This lesson will encourage students to patiently endure frustration, uncertainty, and hardship because God is still working even when life feels slow.

WEEK 4 – Pray First

Text: James 5:13-20

Main Point: Prayer isn't our last resort; it's our greatest weapon.

Big Idea/Summary: In James 5:13–20, students will see that prayer is not a backup plan for desperate moments but a daily expression of faith and dependence on God. This lesson will invite students to bring every season—suffering, joy, sickness, sin, and restoration—to God in prayer.