

Life Applications

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer,
he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.
For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres,
being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts,
he will be blessed in his doing.*

James 1:22-25

Life applications put Sunday school lessons into practice. With these as part of the lesson plan, teachers and students make a commitment to live God's word every day. In many respects this is what Sunday schooling is about. It is what life is about. And it is not as hard as it sounds.

Chose one thing that is related to the lesson.

Talk about it. Pray about it together.

Try to do it in the week ahead.

Encourage each other in the doing.

Be blessed in the doing.

And share the outcome with everyone next week.

Hezekiah – Facing Ridicule!

The Rabshakeh ridiculed Hezekiah and belittled God (2 Kings 18:28-35). So did Sennacherib, king of Assyria (2 Kings 19:9-13). It hurt Hezekiah deeply, but notice how he handled it. He held his peace and did not retaliate (2 Kings 18:36). He sought the support of another faithful man: Isaiah, the prophet (2 Kings 18:37-19:7). He trusted God and laid his complaint before Him in the Temple (2 Kings 19:14-16ff).

- Using King Hezekiah's response to ridicule as a model, develop an action plan with your students for dealing with ridicule in their lives.
- Encourage your students to share their experiences. If they have faced ridicule, how did they feel? What did they do? Did they get through it okay? Based on their experience, what advice would they give to someone else who is facing ridicule?

Does Hezekiah's response to ridicule give them any new tools to work with?