

# **First Century Fellowship**

## **Lesson: Are You Both a Hearer & Doer of the Word?**

### **Summarized Content:**

- REVIEW: God gives blessings and curses based on our actions/obedience to Him.
- Hearing God's Word is essential to understanding it.
- Doing God's Word (what you heard) is essential to pleasing God and obeying Him.
- We hear and do what God says because we love Him!
- Hearing and doing God's Word is part of following Christ.
- God wants to yoke us with Him so that we walk in His ways rather than man's ways.
- When we are yoked with Christ, the burden is light and we have peace.
- If we hear God's, but don't do what It says, we are fooling ourselves into thinking that we follow Christ. Action is a necessary part of the deal!
- Doing things God's way requires us to be humble before Him and to yield (give in) to His will (ways) in our lives.
- When we are yoked with Christ, we CAN do all things with His strength and guidance.
- Sometimes the doing part is challenging, but we must remember that we can do all things through him who strengthens us.

### **Scriptures:**

- **Matthew 11:28-30 (Hearing and doing)**
- **Matthew 13:18-23 (Parable of the Sower)**
- **Luke 6:46-49 (Hearing and doing is like being a wise man..)**
- **James 1:22-23 (Be a doer)**
- **Phil. 4:13 (I can do all things...)**

### **Activities:**

#### **Exploring God's Word:**

### **Review the summarized content.**

To provide children with an example of “hearing” and a different example of “hearing and doing”, **play Simon Says** for a few minutes. Which people win at this game – hearers or hearers & doers?

### **Read the scriptures listed above in order.**

**Look at the laminated pictures.** Ask the children: How is each picture related to hearing and doing? They can talk with a partner about each picture and then share out with the whole group about a few of the pictures.

### **Understanding God’s Word (choose from the activities below):**



**Hear & Do Game:** Take turns rolling 3 dice. Go to the scripture on the Scripture Board of the number you roll. Read the scripture out loud. Tell what you would **DO** based on what you **HEARD** the scripture say. You can even choose to act out what you would do rather than say it.



**Walking Like Jesus Page:** Give children each a picture of a giant footprint. In the footprint, ask children to write things they can **DO** as a result of hearing God’s Word. They can color the picture once their writing is completed.



**I Can Do All Things Collage:** Remind children that one of God’s blessings is found in Phil. 4:13. The way this verse, like all of God’s blessings, is activated in our lives is when we have **FAITH** in God’s power, **FORGIVE OTHERS**, and **OBEY GOD**. Have children color and cut out the small paper template, glue it on a piece of cardstock, and add the 3 ingredients (**FAITH**, **FORGIVE**, & **OBEY**) using cut out paper letters around it as reminders. Magazine pictures can also be glued onto the collage to personalize the meaning of the scripture for the children.



**Read It! Do It! Coloring Page:** Have children color the Read It! Do It! page. They can add a small list of **DOING VERBS** along the side of this sheet. For example, “read”, “share”, “encourage” are words that could be listed here along with many others.