

# TRUE FAITH

## CENTRAL TRUTH

Saving faith leads to living in a way that honors the Lord.

## KEY QUESTION

### ← Why does James tell his readers about Abraham?

Through the example of Abraham and Isaac, James shows us that obedience to God proves that our faith in Him is genuine. Abraham's act of responding to the Lord—even when it would be costly—was proof of his sincere faith in the Lord.

## KEEP IN MIND

- Students may feel as though James and Paul's writings are contradicting each other. However, use the **Exploration Tip** to guide you as you help them see that the New Testament writers are very much in alignment. James is simply teaching that our works are a result of saving faith in Jesus, not the cause of it.
- James uses the examples of Abraham and Rahab in his teachings about faith. Rahab was a prostitute, and we recommend exercising caution and wisdom if questions arise. Loop in ministry leaders and parents as needed. Though this isn't directly addressed in the session, Rahab is named in Jesus's genealogy—showing us that God is able to redeem our stories.

## APPLICATION

- What is one way that you can serve someone this week as a demonstration of your faith in Jesus?

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** As believers, our saving faith ought to lead us to live in a way that honors the Lord.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Help students to identify ways that their words and actions can point others to Jesus this week.

## 7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?