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James 1:9-18. Persevering under trial.

Dear Agent,

Thank you for your help in cracking the codes of the letter last week. We now know that the letter was written by a man called James, to Christians in some of the first ever churches.

We know that, when we struggle, we can ask God for wisdom to help us to know how to deal with the situation and that when we suffer for Jesus, we can still have joy because we know that God is using that to make us better people that love Him better.

Today's mission means cracking James 1:9-18. Everything is detailed in this mission pack. Don't forget to listen to the person at the front for clues.

As ever, when your investigation is complete, please present your findings to the Agent you received your mission from to receive your points - and we all know points make prizes.

Good luck.

Code Breaker:

Humble circumstances - Not having lots of possessions.

Humiliation - Losing your pride.

(Not always a bad thing, if you see yourself as better than you really are).

Persevere - Keeping at something even when it's tough.

Trials - Difficult situations.

Enticed - Being tempted by something we think will make us happy.

Conceived - Created.

Sin - Rejecting God's perfect rule.

Deceived - Believing a lie.

Have a look at verses 9-12 and have a go at these questions.

What should believers in humble circumstances do? _____

Think: Why does James say these people have a "high position"? _____

Think: Why might a rich person find trials hard? _____

What has the Lord promised to those who love him? _____

What do you think that is? _____



What kinds of things tempt you? Draw or write them here.

Does God tempt us? Yes / No

What does James say tempts us? (verse 14)

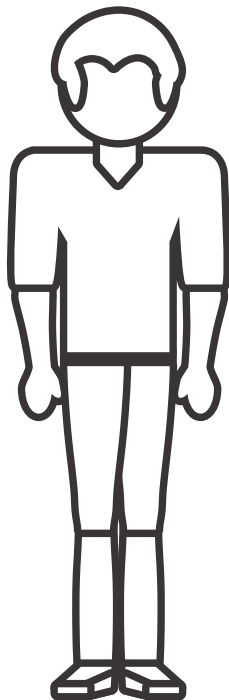
Fill in the blanks:

Then, after _ _ _ _ _ has conceived, it gives birth to _ _ _; and _ _ _ , when it is full-grown, gives birth to _ _ _ _ _.

What does James say gives us life? (verse 18)

Think: What is the word of truth?

Can you disguise the spy?



Crack the Code

Count the number of letters through the alphabet to work out the hidden message. (e.g 1=A 2=B 3=C etc.)

2 12 5 19 19 5 4 9 19 20 8 5 15 14 5

23 8 15 16 5 18 19 5 22 5 18 5 19

21 14 4 5 18 20 18 9 1 12

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 (Or email a picture of it to secret.agents@stpetersconisbrough.org if you have done church at home!)



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12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

13 When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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