

# Scripture Reading

## James 4:13-15

<sup>13</sup> You should know better than to say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to the city. We will do business there for a year and make a lot of money!" <sup>14</sup> What do you know about tomorrow? How can you be so sure about your life? It is nothing more than mist that appears for only a little while before it disappears. <sup>15</sup> You should say, "If the Lord lets us live, we will do these things."

Memory  
Verse  
Challenge

Memorize the highlighted verses. Who will be first to commit these verses to memory?

## Roll the Year Out Activity

**Directions:** Find a comfortable spot to spend some time as a family. Have each family member roll the dice provided and answer the question that corresponds with the number rolled.

1. What is one way you saw God help you this year?
2. What's a favorite Bible story or verse from this year?
3. Share a prayer God answered in 2025.
4. What is something you want to pray more about in 2026?
5. What's one way you want to grow in your faith this year?
6. Say a short prayer for the family for the new year.

**BONUS:** Lucky families who receive the green and yellow dice are eligible for a prize! Post a picture of your family holding your dice and new devotionals on Instagram and tag @herosquad\_asm. We'll mail your kids a wintery gift to combat the cold!

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# MISSION MANUAL

ISSUED FOR  
WINTER MISSION  
God is on a Roll

### Activity Instructions

**Step 1:** As a family, read this quarter's Scripture passages (back) and "If the Lord Lets Us" (below).

**Step 2:** Use the Family Discussion Questions (right) to start applying the Scripture to your lives.

**Step 3:** Take the Memory Verse Challenge and complete the family activity (back) to start the new year on a roll!

## If the Lord Lets Us

As a military family, you know better than most how quickly plans can change—deployments, moves, sudden orders.

James reminds us that even the best plans are never fully in our control.

Maybe some things didn't go as you expected this year.

Maybe there were blessings, and maybe there were battles.

But through it all, God never lost sight of your family.

As we step into a new year, James's words in this passage aren't meant to discourage planning—for our families, for

spiritual growth, for service—but to realign our hearts with humble dependence on God, who sees what we can't.

"If the Lord lets us..."

Adding this simple phrase to our plans is not because we're unsure of God's goodness—but because we trust that his will is better than ours.

We say, "If the Lord lets us," because the truth is: he has brought us through before, and he will again.

So, take some time to pray as a family, asking the Lord to give you open hands and deep trust that

### Family Discussion Questions

#### Eagle Squad

- Who knows what will happen tomorrow, us or God?
- Can you think of a time this year when a plan changed? How did that feel?

#### JV Squad

- What's one plan or event from this year that didn't go the way you expected?
- Can you think of a time when God's plan turned out better than your own?

#### Varsity Squad

- In what moments this year did you feel like God was present or guiding you—even if things didn't go as planned?
- What are some goals, dreams, or plans you have for this new year? Have you invited God into those plans?



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