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Let's play favorites!

Do you have a favorite food?

Is it chocolate?

Is it fruit?



Is it something
else?

Yum!



Do you have a favorite toy?

A favorite superhero?

A favorite teddy?

Yippee!



We all have favorite things.

These things are worth more to us, and we treat them better, because they are our favorites!

It's fine to play favorites like this...



... unless we play favorites
with people.



What happens if we play favorites with some people and treat others not so well?



It makes those not-well-treated people feel sad and lonely and like they are worth less than others. It's a big problem.





This isn't a new problem. It's a very old problem. And it's such a big problem that a long time ago, in the Bible, when a church leader called James wrote to some Christians, he wanted them to think hard about it.

So he told them a story...



Imagine (wrote James) that it's a Sunday and you're all in church. And then, just before the service starts, in walks a really rich man, wearing a gold ring and fine clothing (because that's what rich people wore in James's time).





Here's what they did...