

JOB

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Message	We trust God even when bad things happen to us.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Because of Job's faith, he continued to trust God.■ We trust that God knows and does what is best for us even in uncertain circumstances.
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Job



There was once a man called Job who lived in Uz. He was honest and obeyed God's commandments. God blessed Job with seven sons and three daughters. He was very rich. Richer than any other man living in the area.

One day Satan said to God, "Job has everything a man could want. Do you think he would still be God-fearing if You took away all of his wealth?" So God gave Satan permission to test Job. God agreed that Satan could take away all of Job's possessions, but he was not allowed to harm Job in any way. This test would tell whether Job truly loved God, even in a difficult time.

A messenger came to Job and told him, "Thieves have taken all your oxen and donkeys from the fields and killed all of your servants. I was the only one to escape." A second messenger arrived and said,

"Fire has fallen from the sky and burned your sheep and servants. Only I managed to escape." Another messenger rushed up, and told Job, "The Chaldeans have taken your camels away and killed your servants."

Then another messenger arrived and said, "Your sons and daughters were having a party. During the party a storm arose and the house was destroyed. All your children are dead."

Job stood up, tore his clothing, shaved his head, and fell to the ground, "I had nothing when I was born and I can take nothing with me when I die.

The Lord gives and the Lord has taken away. Praise the name of the Lord!" Job passed the test He did not turn away from God.

But Satan was not satisfied. Again he spoke to God and said, "Job will not remain God-fearing if you take away his health " So God gave him permission to take away Job's health. Satan was not allowed to take away Job's life though.

Within days, Job's body was covered in boils from head to toe. His wife asked him, "Are you still clinging to your faith? Turn your back on God." Job said to her, "We have accepted all the good things from God, so therefore we must also accept the bad things." He did not say one word against God. Job remained God-fearing. Three friends came to comfort Job; they hardly recognised him anymore. Seven days and seven nights they sat with him. They sat in silence and felt very sorry for him. Then Job began to speak again. He cursed the day he was born. If he was dead he would not have to suffer so much misfortune.

His friends thought that he must in some way be responsible for his own misfortune. They said, "God is just. He does not allow the innocent to suffer."

They told Job he should repent and ask for forgiveness. Then God would look favourably on him again. Job was not aware that he had done anything wrong. He began to argue with God. He challenged God and demanded justice and wanted Him to acknowledge that he had done nothing wrong. A storm came and God replied to Job's accusations. "Where were you when I created the world?"

God asked him. "Were you there when snow was made? Can you make lightning?"

Is there anything that can compare with this?" God wanted to show Job that He alone had created everything and that He Himself looked after His whole creation.

Then Job realised again how great God was. God ruled over the world with wisdom and with kindness, even if Job was not always able to recognise God's goodness. Job placed himself in God's hands. He brought a sacrifice to God and prayed for his friends. Job had again passed the test. God was pleased and blessed Job with twice as much as he had before.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....
Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before. Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials like a blanket, a pillow, ...

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What does God permit Satan to do? (To test the faithfulness of Job)
- What is the 1st test? (Thieves take all his oxen from the fields and kill all his servants.)
- What is the 2nd test? (All his children are killed by a storm during a party.)
- What was Job's response?
(The Lord gives and the Lord has taken away. Praise the name of the Lord!)"
- What happens last? (Job becomes very sick.)
- How does Job react? (Job places himself in God's hands. He brings a sacrifice to God.)
- What is the end? (God is pleased. He blesses Job with twice as much as he had before.)

Have the children repeat...

- Because of Job's faith, he continued to trust God.
- We trust that God knows and does what is best for us.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Sometimes the circumstances make us doubt and pull us away from God.
- What can this be? (Sickness, failure, misfortune...)
- When we wrestle to remain close to God, He is with us always.

Repeat the Message

We trust God even when bad things happen to us.