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BIBLE STORYLINE

How Job's Story Ended

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Lesson Overview

Today, we're going to continue learning about Job. Remember, Job was the really rich guy who had been blessed with a lot of stuff and a lot of kids. But, one day, that all changed. Job's faith was tested when all of his precious possessions were taken away. That's where we pick up the story today. When all that bad stuff happened to Job, he was very sad and confused. He didn't understand and so he had some questions for God. Job even had friends who wondered why all this bad stuff happened to Job. Their answer was that Job must be a bad guy who deserved to be punished. But, Job knew that wasn't true. He loved and obeyed God. So, when Job asked God why this all happened, God's answer might be surprising. Actually, God didn't give Job answers at all. He responded with some questions of his own. See, God was proving a point to Job and his friends. God is God. He's the boss and he knows what he's doing. Our job is to trust him, not question him. In the end, God took care of Job and he was blessed with more than he had before.

Big Idea

God knows the answers to the toughest questions.

Key Question

Why should we trust God's answers?

Memory Verse

Job 28:23 "God alone understands the way to wisdom; he knows where it can be found,"

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: If you could ask God any question, what would it be and why?**(Tip: Maybe you'll ask God why the sky is blue or why he made hippos. What really matters is knowing that God is the boss.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because God loves us and knows what's best.** (No matter what happens, on good days and bad, God loves us. He is always there for us and will help us whenever we're in need. Remember, he created us, so he knows what's best for us. Our job is to trust in him and let him show us the way forward.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Who loves us? Why can we trust God? **4th-5th** Share a time God showed his love for you when you were having a bad day.
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Psalm 147:3-5. Describe all that this passage says about who God is and what he does. Why should you trust God with your life?** (Answer: God heals a sad heart and heals a sick body. He created everything in the whole universe. He is the strongest and smartest. No one compares to him. That's why we can trust God. He knows everything and he loves us!)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: JOB PAPER SACK PUPPET

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Job template (page 5). Have them cut out each section and have them color.
- Give each kid a paper sack. Have kids glue the top part of Job's face to the flapped section of the bag. Have them glue the lower part of Job's face onto the sack itself, just below the flap so that it looks like Job's mouth can move like a puppet.
- As they work, remind the kids that even though Job went through hard times, he still trusted God.

Supplies needed: Job template (pg. 5, 1 per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Paper sacks (1 per kid), Glue

OPTION 2: JOB'S STORY HANGMAN

Instructions:

- Draw a hangman puzzle on the whiteboard. Use the following words or phrases from below to see if the class can figure out the word/phrase before they get a hung man.

Words or Phrases:

1. Job was a rich man
2. Trust God
3. Job had questions.
4. God is the boss.


Supplies needed: Whiteboard and markers

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Job Spend a Long Time Wondering About _____

Job wanted to know why all those bad things were happening to him. And, he had 3 friends who were wondering the same thing. But, the friends decided to offer their own explanation rather than asking God's opinion. The friends told Job that all of this was happening because he must have done something wrong. Job knew that wasn't true. He had been obedient to God.

God Reminded Job Who the _____ Was

At the end of the story, God finally spoke up to answer Job's questions. Well, kind of. God answered Job's questions with some questions of his own. God asked, "Who makes the rain?" "Who made the earth and everything on it?" God reminded Job who was boss. And then Job stopped asking. He trusted God and let him be in charge. But that's not the end of the story.

Job Ended Up with _____ Than He Ever Had

Remember everything Job lost at the beginning of the story? All the sheep and camels and oxen and donkeys? Well at the end of the story the Lord blesses Job with 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 oxen, and 1,000 donkeys.

God Knows the _____ to the Toughest Questions

You'll probably have lots of questions for God in your lifetime. Some of those questions might get answers and some of the might not. But one thing is for sure: God knows all the answers!

Answers: *God, Boss, More, Answers* Parent Signature: _____

Questions:

1. *If you could ask God any question what would it be and why?*
2. *What explanation did Job's friends give him for his misfortunes?*
3. *What was God communicating to Job by his own questions?*
4. *Read Psalms 147:3-5. Describe all that this passage says about who God is and what he does. Why should you trust God with your life?*
5. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

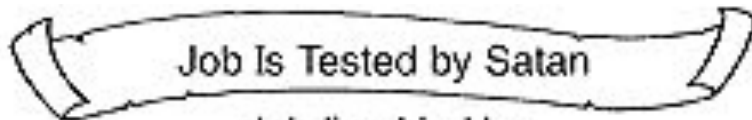
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Key Question

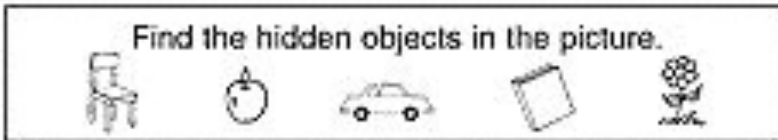
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Job lived in Uz.
Job feared God. He did what was right.





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