

# Old Testament

## Job trusts God

**Job 1:1-22; 2:1-10; 42:10-17**

Younger Verse

When I am afraid, I will trust in You. Psalm 56:3

Older Verse

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Teachers: This unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever felt like someone wasn’t being fair? In today’s story, at least 3 terrible things happen to a good man. Listen and see if you can tell me what they are, and what the man’s attitude was.

Bible Story

***Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do NOT read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.***

A man named Job (J ō b) lived in the land of Uz. He was an honest man and always tried to do right. He honored God and stayed away from doing wrong. Job had 7 sons and 3 daughters. He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, and lots of other animals. He was the greatest man in the country.

One day the angels came to show themselves before the Lord. Satan also came with them. The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the Lord, “I have been wandering around the earth. I have been going back and forth in it.”

Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? No one else on earth is like him. He is an honest man and does not do wrong. He stays away from evil.”

But Satan answered God, “Job honors God for a good reason. You have given him many good things. What do you think he would do if all his nice things were gone?”

The Lord said to Satan, “All right, then. Everything Job has is in your power. But you must not touch Job.” Then Satan left the Lord’s presence.

One day, a messenger came to Job with some bad news. “Some people attacked us and took all your oxen and donkeys. I am the only one who escaped.”

Lesson Goals

**See how to do right even when bad things happen**  
**Trust God during hard times**  
**Understand what it means to be patient in tough times**

The messenger was still speaking when another messenger came in. He said, "Lightning fell from the sky. It burned up the sheep and the servants. I am the only one to survive."

Suddenly another messenger came in. He said, "Your sons and daughters were having a feast when a great wind came in and struck the house. The house fell in and all your sons and daughters are dead."

When Job heard this, he got up. To show how sad he was he tore his robe and shaved his head (they did this back then).

Then Job did an amazing thing. He worshiped God. He told God that he knew that God had given him nice things. He knew that God could take them away too.

In everything that happened, Job did not sin. He did not do wrong or turn from God.

Well, Satan was not pleased that Job did what was right. He had another idea.

Again, Satan came to see God. Again Satan told the Lord that he had been wandering around the earth. The Lord pointed out Job. He bragged on how honest and good Job was.

Satan told God that Job would curse God's face if he were sick.

God wanted to show Satan that Job would do right. So he let Satan do as he wanted. But he told him that he could not kill Job.

So Satan left, and he put painful sores all over Job's body. They went from the top of his head to the soles of his feet.

Job's wife said to him, "Are you still trying to stay innocent? You should just curse God and die!"

Job answered, "You are talking foolishly. Should we only expect good things from God and not trouble?" In all this Job did right. He did not sin.

If we keep reading the book, we'll find out that 3 friends came to talk to Job. They talked about why God let these things happen.

Finally God tells Job and his friends to trust Him. God then heals Job and makes him wealthy again.

Job had double what he had before. He had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels. He also had 7 more sons and 3 more daughters.

Job had lots of things happen to him. He still loved God and trusted Him to take care of him even when everything he had was gone. Everything Job loved was gone. He went from a rich man to a homeless, sick man.

Sometimes it's easy to want to blame others for bad things that happen. Job is a lesson in how we must trust God and not give in when people want us to do something wrong. He kept doing right, even when it seemed like everyone deserted him.

You know, something like this happened to Jesus too. You see, he was in Heaven before He came to earth. He left a beautiful place with God to be with us on earth. Did he live in a beautiful palace on earth? No. Remember, He was born in a stinky barn!

Lots of times people tried to trick Jesus into doing wrong. Did He sin? No. Jesus never did anything wrong.

Even when people spit on Him and hammered nails in Him, he did not get angry or upset. Instead, He asked God to forgive them! Jesus did something for them and us that was amazing. He died in our place! He died for us, so that if we trust and believe in Him, we will go to Heaven. What a miracle! Would you like to know more? See me.

#### Learning Activities

Your kids may have many questions about this story. Chances are that they

have never heard it and the lesson will be far from what they are used to hearing. Another verse that may be helpful in dealing with “Why bad things happen to good people” is James 1:13 which states that God does not tempt us to do evil. It is our choice. Take time to help your kids understand what it means to be a Christian and that life can be hard. We must trust God and be patient.

For fun, Try acting out the story. Name one person to be Job. Find 3 messengers too. Take turns dramatizing the story.

**Memory Verse  
Activities**

Many people think of patience when they think of Job. He remained honest even when everything was going wrong. Help the kids say the verse together. Ask them if they see how it reminds them of Job. Ask them how they feel when they get in trouble. Do they try to be patient and do right? What kind of lesson can they learn from Job?

**Prayer Time**

Pray and ask God to help us with troubles we have. Be specific (if you can).

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

If you have a place that has a stove, bake some cookies and wait patiently for them to get done. Remind them about what it means to be patient, honest, and do right.

Planning for Lesson 82  
David sings songs  
Psalm 23, 100, 118:24

Preschool Lesson  
For  
Job

(Teachers: this lesson is very long and may be hard for the small children to understand. We will go over the basics with them.)

A very long time ago there lived a man named Job (J ō b). He was a very good man that loved God very much. He was a man with many, many things. He had lots of sheep (make baaa noise), camels (make a hump on your back) and other animals. He also had 10 children. Job was one of the greatest people in the whole world.

One day a messenger came and told Job that ALL of his animals were gone. Then another messenger came to tell him very sad news. All 10 of his children were killed in an accident.

Job was very sad. Back in that time, if you were sad, you would tear your clothes and sometimes shave your head to show others that you were sad. Job tore his clothes and shaved his head.

Even when all the bad things happened, he did not get mad at God. He knew that God was taking care of him and would help him during this hard time. Job was very sad and he talked to God and asked God to help him during this hard time.

Even when times were very hard for Job, he never did wrong or blamed God or someone else for the problems. He still loved God and knew that God would take care of him.

Soon, Job got very sick. He had sores all over his body. The sores were on the top of his head and the bottoms of his feet. The sores hurt him. Even then, he kept loving God and asking God to help him. He knew that he could trust God and God would take care of him.

Sure enough, one day God answered Job and thanked him for being so good during the hard times. He told Job's friends that Job had done what was right and good.

God healed Job and gave him even more animals. Job also had 10 more children. Job thanked God for being with him and helping him through the hard times.

God loves us too. Sometimes sad things happen to us or our family. During the hard times, we must trust God and know that He will help us.

Sing, "God is so Good."

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## Hands-On Activities For Job

For fun, Try acting out the story. Name one person to be Job. Find 3 messengers too. Take turns dramatizing the story.

Bring baby powder and baby wipes. To reenact the lesson, put powder spots on everyone to resemble the sores on Job. Talk about what others must have thought when they saw the sores. Now wipe them off with the wipes.

Job had 3 friends that were not really the best friends a person could have. Instead of helping Job and believing him, they thought all the problems were because Job had done something wrong. They tried to convince Job that God was punishing him. Later in the lesson we learn that God does not punish us or do us harm. Basically, these 3 friends were not true friends. Ask the kids to think about their friends. Are they true friends or will they say bad things behind our back. Ask the kids to describe a true friend. Guide them to realize that it is important to have friends that trust in God and love Him.

Job had lots of sheep, camels, donkeys and oxen. Smaller kids will love making animal noises. If it is possible, play a fun game (it will be noisy). Assign everyone to be a certain animal (one out of 4 choices). Now, when you say "Go," everyone must make the animal noise or motion and all the same animals must find each other and become a group together. It will prove to be very fun and entertaining!!

It is easy to want to blame someone else when bad things happen. Sometimes, bad things do just happen and other times we may have made bad choices that caused the bad things to happen. If we have done wrong, instead of blaming others, we must accept responsibility and tell God we are sorry for our mistakes. God promises to forgive us and help us do right. When bad things do happen, we can trust in God. We can pray to Him for help. God promises He will be with us during hard times and good times. He may not fix the situation like we think, though. Remember, Job did not get well instantly. We must trust God during the hard times and know that He will be with us always.

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