

FAMILY TIME WITH JESUS...KIDS AND PARENTS

JOB, A MAN WHO LOVED GOD

Scripture: Job 1-2 and 42:7-16

Verse: “The Lord your God goes with you, He will never leave you nor forsake you.”
Deuteronomy 31:6

Concept: Whatever Satan tries to do in the way of discouraging or harming us can only serve to strengthen and build us up as long as we keep faith in Jesus, holding on to Him and believing He will bring victory over Satan.

Job was a man who loved God and worshiped Him. God had prospered Job greatly. He had a great many animals. Job had many servants who worked for him too. He owned many things. Job was a very rich man.

Job believed in God. He loved God very much. He always asked God to help him do the right thing. He was thankful to God for all that he had.

Satan went to God and told him that he thought the only reason Job worshiped God was because of all the things God had done for him. He said that if these were all taken away, God would turn from God. So God allowed Satan to test Job and see if that would be true.

One day many of Job’s animals were stolen. There was a big fire and other animals were killed. One of Job’s servants ran to hi. “Job, you don’t have any more animals!”

Another servant ran to Job. “Job, you don’t have anything – everything is gone!” Job’s wealth was gone! Most of his servants and family were taken from him. Job was poor and lonely.

Job cried. He was sad, but he said, “God gave me everything I had. Nothing was really mine anyway.”

Poor Job! His troubles got even worse! Job became very sick. He had sores all over him.

Some people said to him, “Job, why don’t you hate God? You are sick, and you don’t have anything anymore!” But Job said, “God has given me much. It is gone, but I still love God.”

In the end, God blessed Job for his faithfulness to God and blessed his life even more than what he had previously.

Discussion:

1. How did Job feel toward God through all of his trials?
2. Could Satan do things God didn't allow?
3. Discuss with your children how trials can make us strong or destroy us, depending on our attitude.
4. Why was Job better off in the end than the beginning? Talk about times you remained faithful to God in a bad situation.

A FAMILY ACTIVITY:

As you discuss the story of Job, talk about perseverance: what it means to persevere, how Job did this. Following your discussion, use the word perseverance to see how many words your family can make from the letters in this word. You might also find other Scriptures that talk about perseverance.

Have the children make a poster about Job (use butcher paper or poster board). After they color and draw their picture, have them add some Scriptures (references) which talk about perseverance in hard times. Some verses are as follows that you may use:

Psalm 112:6,7

1 Peter 5:10

Matthew 28:20

James 5:11

2 Timothy 1:12

Romans 8:39

James 1:12

James 1:3,4

1 Peter 4:12,13

2 Timothy 2:3

Philippians 4:12

Psalm 16:8

Romans 8:28



**JOB WAS FAITHFUL TO GOD.
“MAY THE NAME OF THE LORD BE PRAISED!”
Job 1:21b**