

HEROES OF THE FAITH

Ordinary Men and Women . . .
Super Ordinary Power



JOB LOSES ALL AND STILL TRUSTS GOD

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Memory Verse:

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in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Lesson Goals:

#1 - Understand how ordinary Job was

#2 - Discover what faith led Job to do

#3 - Desire to let God do extraordinary things in the life of the ordinary student

Audience:

Young, un-churched learners

Adaptable for all ages, including adults (See **For more training** on Activities page)

Scripture to Study:

Job 1-42 (as background)

Job 1:1-2:10

Job 42:1-17

James 5:11



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Our hero: Job

His Heroic Feat: Trusted God

Trusting God may not sound very heroic, but let's look at the facts and see what you think when you have heard the whole story!

Job wasn't related to any of the men we have already talked about. We really don't know much about who he was except that he probably lived some time after the flood, when the earth had begun to be repopulated again. We do know that Job was a rich man. "He owned 7,000 sheep and 3,000 camels. He owned 500 pairs of oxen and 500 donkeys. He also had a large number of servants. He was the most important man among all of the people in the east." (Job 1:3 NIV)

Job also had a family, a wife, seven sons, and three daughters. The Bible also tells us that Job, "was honest. He did what was right. He had respect for God and avoided evil." (Job 1:1 NIV) He even wanted to avoid evil where his children were concerned. After they would get together and have big dinners at each others homes, Job would make a sacrifice the next morning for each of them.

In the story of Job, God lets us in on something that neither Job, nor his family or friends know about. A conversation takes place in heaven! This conversation happens between God and Satan. You see, Satan has access to God because he must have permission from God. On one particular day, the Lord brought up the name of Job, "Have you thought about my servant Job? There isn't anyone on earth like him. He does what is right. He has respect for me and avoids evil." (Job 1:8 NIV) Satan's response was venomous, "Sure he does. Job respects you because you protect him from me and because you give him everything he needs. Remove it all and he'll curse!" So God decided to hand over to Satan all that Job had, but Satan couldn't touch Job.

As a result Job lost everything, sheep, camels, oxen, donkeys and his children, all in one day! Can you imagine? What would you do if this were you? Do you know what Job did? He tore his robes and shaved his head as a sign of his grief and sadness and "then he fell to the ground and worshiped the Lord. He said, 'I was born naked and I'll leave here naked. You have given, and you have taken away. May your name be praised.'" (Job 1:20b-21 NIV) Even after all that happened, Job didn't sin by blaming God and he didn't curse God.

Satan wasn't finished with Job, though. He came before God again and God said, "You tried to turn Me against [Job]. You wanted Me to destroy him without any reason. But he still continues to be faithful." (Job 2:3 NIV) Satan responded, "He's still faithful because he has

his health. Take away his health and he'll curse you." God again handed Job over to Satan with the understanding that he wouldn't take Job's life.

As a result Job's body was covered with painful sores, from the bottom of his feet to the top of his head. Job was in constant pain and rather than encourage her husband, Job's wife suggested he curse God and die! Job held on to his faith and replied, "'You are talking nonsense! When God sends us something good, we welcome it. How can we complain when he sends us trouble?' Even in all this suffering Job said nothing against God.'" (Job 2:10 MSG)

And then it got worse! Can you imagine? Three of Job's friends heard about Job's troubles and came to comfort him. The best thing they did was sit with him for seven days and nights without saying anything and then the accusations came. Each of them was sure that Job had sinned, and sinned BIG, for all of this to have happened and they told him over and over again. At times Job wished he had never been born, then he said that even if God killed him, he would still trust in God. (Job 13:15) At other times Job thought God might be punishing him for something, and then he declared that he had a defender in heaven. "After I leave by body," Job said, "and my skin has been destroyed, I know I will still see God. I will see Him with my own eyes. . . And I cannot tell you how excited that makes me feel!" (Job 19:26-27 ERV) When Job's three friends realized that they couldn't convince Job of any sin in his life, they finally gave up trying to accuse him.

And then God spoke! For 129 verses through Job 38, 39, 40 and 41 God makes it clear that He is God, the maker of heaven and earth! In response, Job understands God in a way that he did not before his suffering and said, "In the past I heard about you, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. And I am ashamed of myself. . . I promise to change my heart and my life." (Job 42:5-6 ERV)

God expressed His anger with Job's friends because they didn't say what was right about Him the way Job did. "Job prayed for his friends, and the Lord made Job successful again. God gave him twice as much as he had before. . . Job lived to be a very old man who had lived a good, long life." (Job 42:10, 17 ERV)

YOU CAN BE A HERO, TOO!

When you live a life of faith in Jesus Christ, you don't have to leap tall buildings to be a hero. Job trusted God.

What does it mean to trust God? It means to place your life in His hands, to follow Him wherever He leads, to obey Him no matter what the world around you says. Job's life had been protected by God and even under that protection, God allow Satan to tempt Job. Our memory verse says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV) Like Job, you will never go wrong submitting to God in obedience. Things may not make sense, but God can be trusted!

NEXT WEEK
100 Year Old Abraham
Has a Son

PRE-SCHOOL!

LESSON

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In the story of Job, God tells us something that He doesn't tell Job, or his family or friends. A conversation takes place in heaven between God and Satan. God talks about how great Job is and the devil says that Job is good only because of all the things God has given him. So God let Satan take all that Job had.

Job lost everything in one day! Job lost his sheep, camels, oxen, donkeys and even his children. Do you know what Job did? He showed that he was really sad and "then he fell to the ground and worshiped the Lord." (Job 1:20b NIV) Job told God, "You gave me everything I have and you can take it whenever you want." Even after all that happened, Job didn't sin by blaming God.

Satan came before God again and told God that Job was still faithful only because he was healthy. This time, God let Satan make Job sick.

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Job was sick for months. Friends came to comfort him, but blamed him for doing wrong instead. And then God spoke! Job told God, "In the past I heard about you, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. And I am ashamed of myself. . . I promise to change my heart and my life." (Job 42:5-6 ERV) Then "the Lord made Job successful again. God gave him twice as much as he had before. . . Job lived to be a very old man who had lived a good, long life." (Job 42:10, 17 ERV)

ACTIVITIES!

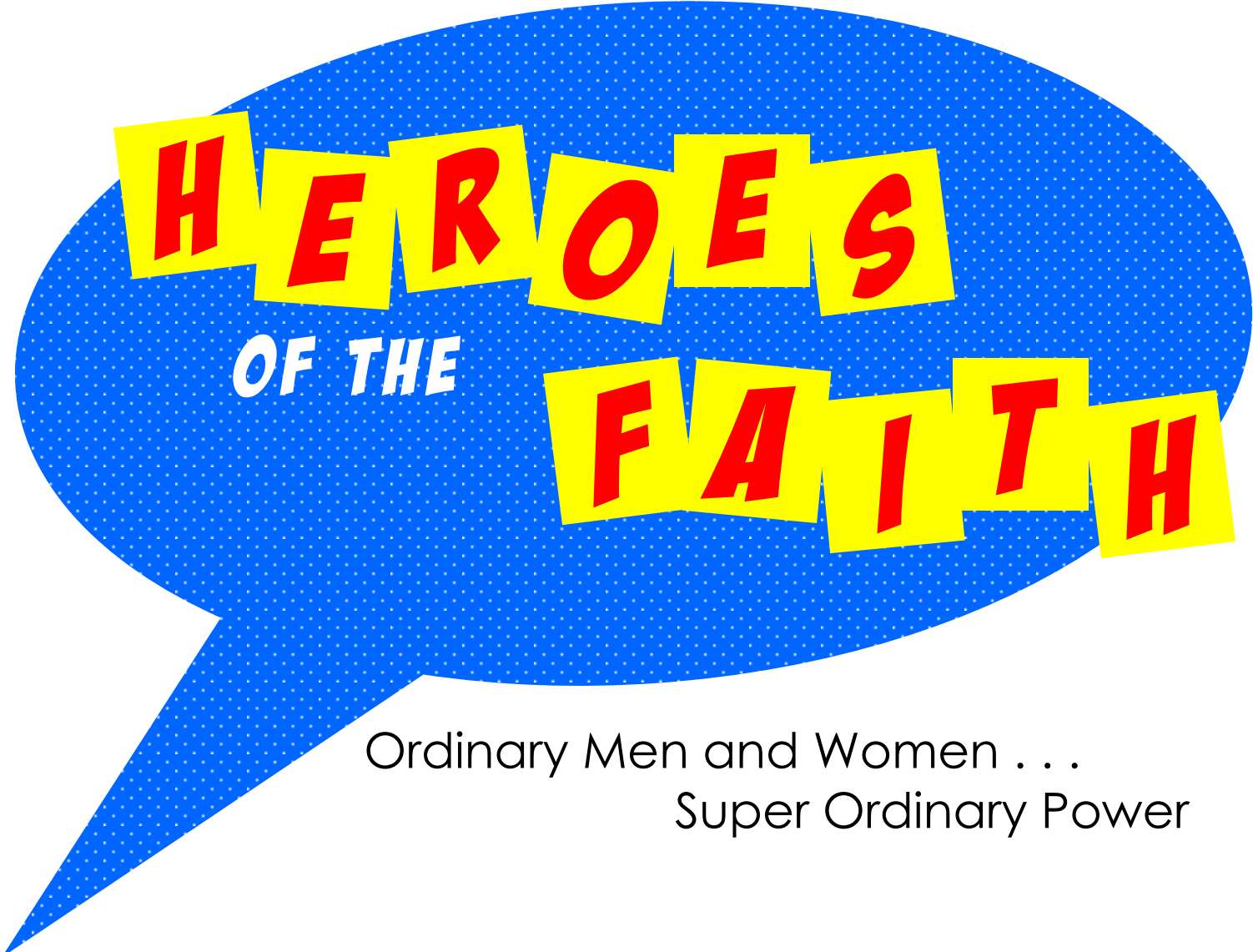
- Memory Verse Activity - Sing the song, "Trust the Lord," from Proverbs 3:5-6 to help memorize the verses or make up a tune of your own.
- Make paper plate masks of sheep, camels, oxen and donkeys.
- If you haven't started a "Heroes Banner" do so. On a long strip of brown craft paper, write the heading "Heroes of the Faith." Add each hero, being sure to make note of his heroic feat. (Be sure that you allow enough space for all 52 heroes!)
- Listen to Michael Card's "Job Suite."
- Sing "Faith," "Trust and Obey," "Indescribable," "How Great is Our God," "Every Move I Make" (Job 13:27), "My Savior, My God," "Blessed Be Your Name," or other songs related to the lesson.

For more training:

- Discuss the conversations in heaven between God and Satan. Then, read John 8:44 and talk about Satan's accusations. Read John 10:27-29 and talk about God's protection of the believer.
- Discuss Job's ultimate response to God as found in Job 42:2-6. Talk about salvation, for those who don't know God, and repentance, for those like Job, who already follow God. Look up and read 1 John 1:9.
- Read Job 38-41. Talk about who this God is that we follow!
- Job's friends thought they were wise. Read about wisdom - Job 28:23-28.

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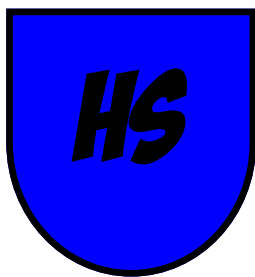
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Our Hero: _____

What did our hero do that was so heroic? _____

What can you do to be a **Hero of the Faith**? _____



What power do Heroes of the Faith possess?

Do you have the power? _____

What did God say about Job? Read Job 1:8, 2:3. _____

Can the same be said of you? _____

HIDDEN

MESSAGE!

Can you crack the code to find the Hidden Message?
In each blank, write the first letter of each word pictured below.

Trust in the _____ with all your _____



and lean _____ on your own understanding;



in all your ways _____ to Him,



and _____ will make your _____ straight.



Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

WORD

SEARCH!

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Answer Page

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