

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part Two



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Job

Last week we learned that Mordecai bowed only to God. This made Haman hate him and all the Jews. Mordecai told Queen Esther to ask the king for help. When Esther realized she could lose her life if she went before the king uninvited, Esther prayed to God for help. Esther risked her life for her people. God saved His people from their enemies. God will save us from our enemies, too.

Job 1-2

Memory Verse:

Job was patient.
(James 5:11 NIV)

Read the Bible

READ: Job 1:18-21; 2:1-10 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Goals

1. Understand that Job was a godly man.
2. Recognize that Job honored God.
3. Learn that God gave Satan permission to do what he wanted with Job except kill him.
4. Understand that Job did not sin against God.

Begin With Prayer

A man named Job (Jōb) 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 seven sons and three daughters. He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, and lots of other animals. He was the greatest man in the country. (Job 1:1-3)

Job’s sons would take turns giving dinners. They invited their sisters to the dinner. When the dinner was over, Job would offer a sacrifice for each of them. He wanted them to be pure and clean before God. (Job 1:4-5)

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.” (Job 1:6-7)

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?” (Job 1:8-11)

The Lord said to Satan, “All right, then. Everything Job has is in your power. But you must not touch Job.” Satan left the Lord’s presence. (Job 1:12)

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.” (Job 1:13-15)

The messenger was still speaking when another messenger came in. He said, “Lightning fell from the sky. It burned up the sheep and the

Job — Bible Facts

1. Job offered sacrifice to God for each of his children.
2. Satan told God that Job worshipped him because God gave Job everything.
3. Satan took Job's riches and children.
4. Job did not sin against God.

servants. I am the only one to survive.” (Job 1:16)

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). (Job 1:18-19)

Then Job did an amazing thing. He worshipped God. He told God that he knew that God had given him nice things. Job 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. (Job 1:20-21)

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. (Job 2:1-3)

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. (Job 2:4-6)

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 2:7-8)

Job's wife said to him, “Are you still trying to stay innocent? You should just curse God and die!” (Job 2:9)

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. (Job 2:10) Job trusted God. God wants us to know and trust Him. He is faithful.

Review

1. **What did Job do?** (Job offered sacrifice for each of his children.)
2. **What did Satan tell God?** (Satan told God that Job worshipped Him because God gave Job everything.)
3. **What did Satan do?** (Satan took Job's riches and children.)
4. **What happened next?** (Job did not sin against God.)

Do You Know Jesus?

Jesus willingly gave up all that heaven has to offer to come to earth. He chose to die for our sins. Jesus died on a cross. (John 3:16) Three days later Jesus rose from the dead. If we believe and trust Jesus and ask Him into our lives, He will come and be a part of our lives forever. (Romans 10:9-10) If you would like to know more, talk to your teacher about it.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for us.
3. Ask God to help you to trust Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to trust God.

Application

Job was a godly man who honored God. God gave Satan permission to do what he wanted with Job except kill him. Satan took Job's riches and children. But Job did not sin against God. He trusted God. God wants us to know Him and to trust Him.

Planning for Next Week

Job's Friends — Job 3-12; 11:13-20

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Job 1:18-21; 2:1-10 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Bring pictures of animals. Make camels, sheep, donkeys and other animals out of construction paper. Use yarn to make the animal skin.

A very long time ago there lived a man named Job (Jōb). He was a very good man who 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 ten 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. Just as Job trusted God, God wants us to know and trust Him. He is faithful.

Prayer Time

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2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for us.
3. Ask God to help you to trust Him.

Memory verse for younger children

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Learning Activities

Memory verse activity — Bring copies of the patterns for each the letters of the Bible verse. Have each child cut out letters for the Bible verse on it. Have the children put the letters in order. Practice the verse.

Test your memory — Bring plastic toys to represent Job’s children and animals. Use them as you tell the story. Have the children retell the story.

Taste activity — Bring animal crackers for snack time.

Think about it — God said that Job was an honest man who did not do wrong and who stayed away from evil. Talk about the importance of those things: being honest, not doing wrong, and staying away from evil.

When Job learned he had lost his riches and his children, he did not sin against God. He said that it was God who had given and God who had taken. Then he worshipped God. Talk about the importance of trusting God no matter what our circumstances are.

Touch activity — Bring pictures of animals. Make camels, sheep, donkeys, and other animals out of construction paper. Use yarn to make the animal skin.

Make donkeys out of paper bags.

Run and play — Job’s sons would have special dinners and invite their sisters. Have a picnic and eat hot dogs.

Job had ten children. Have the children run around your area ten times. Then have them run in pairs, next in groups of three, etc. until you have groups of ten if possible.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to trust Him.

•**Sing** — Sing “Trust and Obey,” “Only Trust Him,” “Praise Him, Praise Him,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts and a copy of the Bible verse letters to those who were absent. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Memory Verse

Job
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James 5:11

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Job did

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Word Search

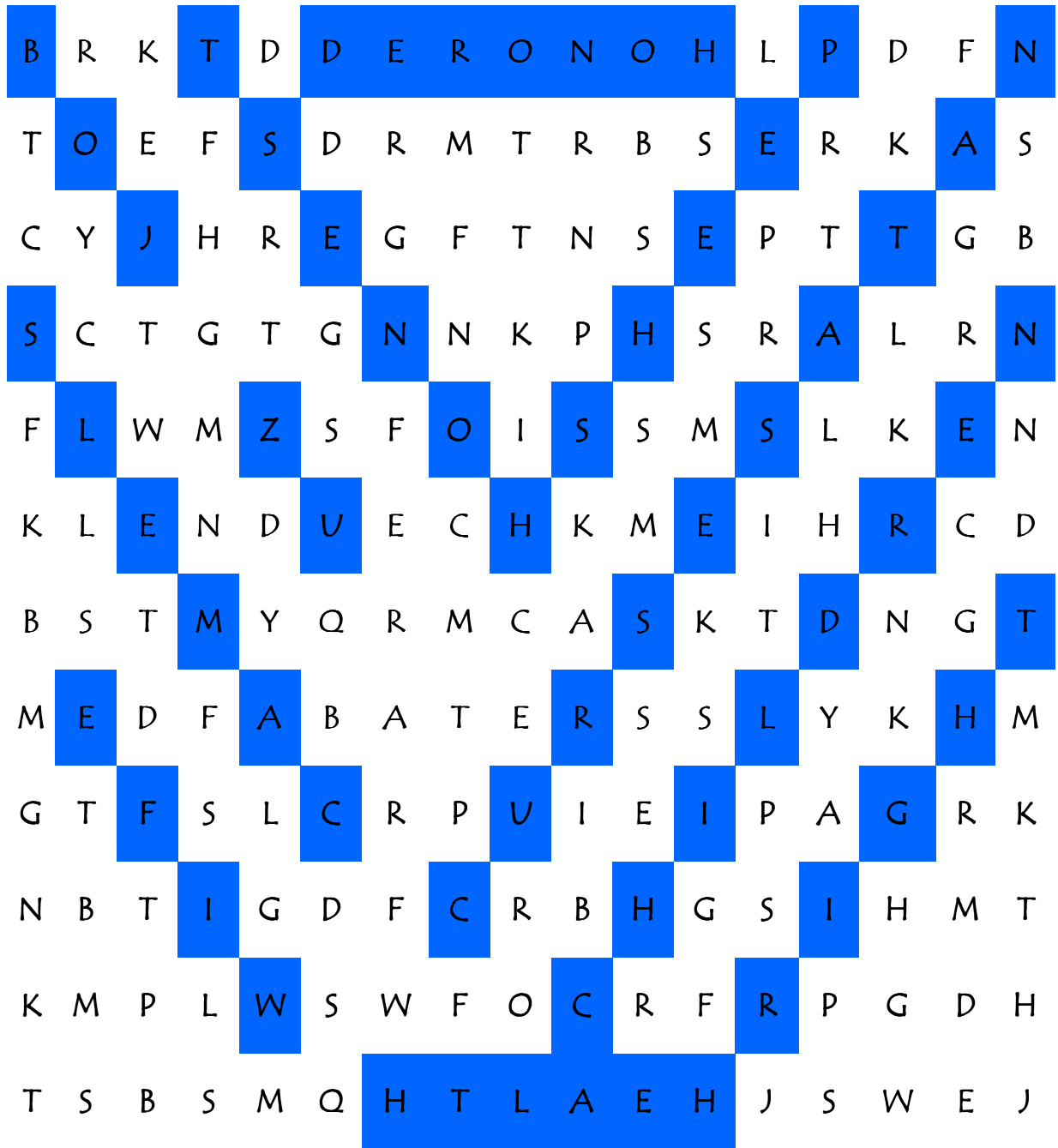
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JOB

CHILDREN

HONEST

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CAMELS

SHEEP

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PATIENT

SEVEN

SONS

THREE

DAUGHTERS

SACRIFICED

HONORED

HONEST