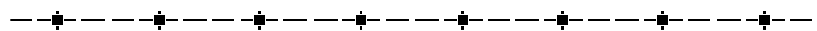


Old Testament

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Families of the Old Testament



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A Family Leader
Believes God

Job 1

Job 1, 42:12-16

A Family Leader Believes God
Job 1:1-22

Memory Verse:

You have heard that Job was patient. And you have seen what the Lord finally did for him.
James 5:11 Nlrv

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that Job obeyed God.
2. Understand that God allowed Job's circumstances.
3. Understand that Job was a humble man.
4. Understand that our circumstances should not dictate our love and loyalty to God.

In last week's lesson we talked about Noah. Noah was a man who pleased God. His obedience to God saved the life of his whole family. The sin of man had become so bad that God decided to destroy the earth and everything in it. But because of Noah, his family was saved.

Read the Bible

READ: Job 1: 1-5, 20-22 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Begin with Prayer

In today's lesson we will learn about Job. Job was also a man who pleased God. Let's find out how he continued to be faithful to God even though things in his life were really bad.

Job was a man who was respected in his community. Job was honest. He tried not to do bad things. Job respected God. He was wealthy. Job also had seven sons and three daughters. That's not all, he had 500 donkeys, 500 oxen, 3,000 camels, and 5,000 sheep. (Job 1:1-3)

Job had many things. But Job respected God and tried to make sure that he was right before God and that his children were right before God. He offered sacrifices to God just in case they had sinned against God. (Job 1:5)

Job was a good father. His children were married and had homes of their own. They would have dinners and all the brothers and sisters would attend. (Job 1:4) We can be sure they got along. It is a blessing when a family leader is a godly man.

One day the angels came before God. Satan was there, too. God asked Satan where he had been. Satan said that he had been traveling the earth. (Job 1:6-7) The Bible warns us, "Control yourselves. Be on your guard. Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to chew up and swallow." (1 Peter 5:8 Nlrv)

God asked Satan if he had noticed Job. God told Satan about Job. He said that Job was honest. Job did what was right. Job respected God and he avoided evil. (Job 1:8) Those are wonderful things for anyone to say about another person. This was God. God was saying those things about Job! Satan just responded that Job served God because of all the stuff he had and how God protected him. Then Satan said that if God took everything from Job, then Job would not serve God. Job 1:12 says, "The Lord said to Satan, 'All right. I am handing everything he has over to you. But do not touch the man himself.'" (Nlrv)

Satan left and took everything from Job. Job lost his donkeys, his camels, his oxen, and even the sheep he used to sacrifice to God. Job lost everything, even his children. All ten of his children died. (Job 1:13-19) How do you think you would feel if that happened to you? Would you be angry? Sad?

Job Bible Facts

1. Job was a rich, honest man who did what was right.
2. Job avoided evil.
3. God gave Satan permission to take Job's riches and his children.
4. Job did not sin against God and God blessed him.

"After Job heard all of those reports, he got up and tore his robe. He shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground and worshipped 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.' In spite of everything, Job didn't sin by blaming God for doing anything wrong." (Job 1:21-22 NIRV) Job obeyed and trusted God. It didn't matter what was happening. It didn't matter that he didn't understand. God wants us to trust and obey Him all the time.

It is easy to praise God when things are going well. God wants us to praise Him and trust Him even when things are not going well. Job's story has a happy ending. "The Lord blessed the last part of Job's life even more than the first part. He gave Job 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels. He gave him 1,000 pairs of oxen and 1,000 donkeys. Job also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first daughter Jemimah. He named the second Keziah. And he named the third Keren-Happuch. Job's daughters were more beautiful than any other women in the whole land. Their father gave them a share of property along with their brothers. After all of that happened, Job lived for 140 years. He saw his children, his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. And so he died. He had lived for a very long time." (Job 42:12-17 NIRV)

Review questions.

1. **What kind of man was Job?** (Job was honest; tried not to do bad things; Job respected God; and he was wealthy.)
2. **Why did bad things happen to Job?** (God allowed it)
3. **How did Job respond?** (In spite of everything, Job didn't sin by blaming God)
4. **What happened in the end?** (God blessed the last part of Job's life even more than the first part)

Do you know Jesus?

Jesus came to help understand God's love us. He came to deliver us from sin so that we could have a personal relationship with God. When we know God, it is easier to trust and obey Him, like Job did. We can know God by inviting Him to be a part of our lives. In order to know Him and be saved or delivered from sin, we must invite God to be a part of our lives. We have to confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead. (Romans 10:9-10)

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God that Jesus came to show us God's love.
3. Ask God to help you love and trust Him always.
4. Pray for those family members who may have difficult circumstances.

Application

"As you know, we think that people who don't give up are blessed. You have heard that Job was patient. And you have seen what the Lord finally did for him. The Lord is full of tender mercy and loving concern." (James 5:11 NIRV) Job obeyed and trusted God in spite of his circumstances. Job didn't know why bad things were happening to Him. Job praised God anyway. God wants us to do the same. In the end Job was restored. God blessed him even more. He had more children and even got to see his grandchildren. The Bible says, "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us strength to go on. They cheer us up and give us hope." (Romans 15:4 NIRV)

Planning for the next week:

Abraham (A Family Leader Follows God) — Genesis 11-15

Preschool Lesson

READ: Job 1: 1-5, 20-22 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Sing a song related to the story.

(Bring boxes of toothpicks. Show the children what 500 toothpicks look like. Tell them that's how many donkeys and oxen Job had)

Have you ever gotten bad news? What did you do? In today's story we will learn about a man who got really bad news. Let's see what he did.

Job was a man who others really liked and wanted to be around. Job told the truth. He tried not to do bad things. Job loved God. He was rich. Job also had seven sons and three daughters. That's not all. He had 500 donkeys, 500 oxen, 3,000 camels, and 5,000 sheep. (Job 1:1-3)

Job had many things. But Job loved God and tried to do what God wanted. He wanted his children to love God, too. Job worshipped and gave gifts to God just in case his children had done bad things. (Job 1:5)

One day God's angels came. Satan, the devil, came, too. God told Satan about Job. Satan said that Job was good because God was good to him. So God gave Satan permission to take things away from Job. (Job 1:6-12) Satan couldn't do anything to Job without God's permission. So Satan took away everything Job had. Servants came to tell Job about it. How do you think Job felt? What do you think he did?

Well, after Job heard all the bad news, he tore his clothes and he shaved his head. That was to show that he was sad and wanted help from God. Job worshipped God. "He said ... 'You have given, and you have taken away. May your name be praised.' ... Job didn't sin by blaming God for doing anything wrong." (Job 1:21-22 NIV) What was happening didn't matter. Job obeyed and trusted God. God wants us to trust and obey Him all the time.

Job's story has a happy ending. God blessed Job. He gave Job 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels. He gave him 1,000 pairs of oxen and 1,000 donkeys. Job also had seven sons and three daughters, daughters who were more beautiful than any other women in the whole land. Job lived for 140 years. He saw his children, his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. (Job 42:12-17) God loved Job and cared about him. God sent Jesus to show us that He loves us and cares about us.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God that Jesus came to show us God's love.
3. Ask God to help you love and trust Him always.
4. Pray for those family members who may be going through hard times.

Did you know? Preschoolers need a variety of activities.

Consider including a play time that will reinforce the story.

Consider dramatizing the story. Allow the children to be the runners who give Job the bad news.

Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity**— Provide cut outs of people. Write the verse on the cut outs. Be sure to include the reference. Practice the memory verse. Remind the children that Job had twenty children.
- **Test your memory**— Write numbers on cards. Ask the children to identify what the numbers represent. (500, 5000, 3000, 10, 7, 3—represent number of children and animals Job had)
- **Taste activity**— Bring something that tastes sour or bitter (like lemon). Give the children an opportunity to taste the item. Tell the children some food tastes bitter. Tell them sometimes things happen in life. Those things do not feel good, like when somebody dies. God wants us to trust Him even in the hard times.
- **Think about it** — Tell the children that God allowed the bad things to happen to Job. Sometimes we don't understand why things happen. We don't have to understand. We have to continue to trust God.
- **Touch activity**— Bring a monopoly game. Have the children set up eleven hotels. (If you do not have a monopoly game, the children can create homes out of construction paper.) Bring toy animals and set them up next to the homes. Tell the children that Job had ten children. They all had their own homes. Job was a wealthy man. Remind the children that Job respected God and avoided evil even though he had all those things.
- **Run and play**— Bring pictures of food. Have place settings for each of the children. Even if it is just pictures of place settings. Have the children run to different locations for dinner parties. Tell the children that Job's sons and daughters gathered for special dinners.
- **Listen**— Take time for silence. Ask the children to think about what Job must have felt like after he heard the reports that told him he lost everything. Remind the children that Job accepted God's will.
- **Sing** — Sing a song related to the story.

Memory Verse

You have heard
that Job was
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for him.

James 5:11

Word Art

Trace the letters.

Job was

honest

and did

what was

right.

Word Puzzle

K L A T N P O R E Q F D
T R N X I X U P M O A Z
K H A P E E H S T U O W
Y D G N F A M S G X O N
N E Z I K S E H E Q D H
F O C D R N T Y P Z D S
K R A T O E D L H I E N
U S M H R N P T K B S O
D T E S E M K C S A S S
S E L A Q L P E Y W E O
L H S N G Y O X Y R L E
T A E R U Z I E N S B p

HONEST

CAMELS

OXEN

RIGHT

DONKEYS

SONS

BLESSED

SHEEP

DAUGHTERS

Word Puzzle

K	L	A	T	N	P	O	R	E	Q	F	D
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Y	D	G	N	F	A	M	S	G	X	O	N
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HONEST

CAMELS

OXEN

RIGHT

DONKEYS

SONS

BLESSED

SHEEP

DAUGHTERS

ANAGRAM

1. PEHES—
2. SLMCEA —
3. EONX—
4. NRDLHCEI —
5. IHCR —
6. DADVEOI—
7. TSNHEO—
8. CYNTMMOIU—
9. DTCPSREEE—

ANAGRAM

1. PEHES— SHEEP
2. SLMCEA — CAMELS
3. EONX— OXEN
4. NRDLHCEI — CHILDREN
5. IHCR — RICH
6. DADVEOI— AVOIDED
7. TSNHEO— HONEST
8. CYNTMMOIU— COMMUNITY
9. DTCPSREEE— RESPECTED