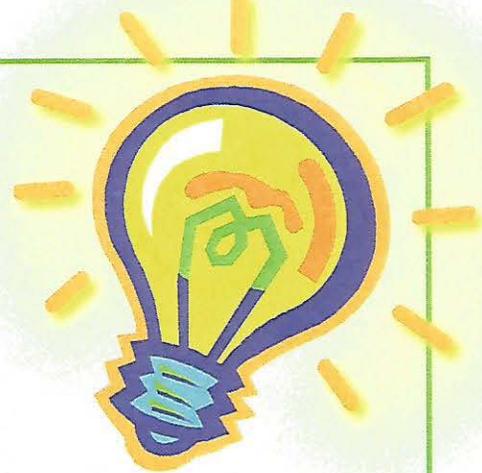


Lighting the Way



Lesson 6

Job and His Troubles

Theme: Faith – Trusting God even in difficult circumstances

Memory Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Job 1
Friday	Job 2
Saturday	Job 4:1-9; 5:8-19
Monday	Job 9:1-12, 32-35
Tuesday	Job 31:1-8, 35-37

Have you ever lost something that was really important to you? Maybe it was a video game, a book, or your favorite shirt. You thought a lot about the item. You looked for it and asked others to help you look. But it was missing for good, and this made you sad. If somehow we can magnify this feeling about a hundred times, maybe we can begin to understand how Job felt when he lost everything. We lose things because we're careless or forgetful. Job lost everything because he was good! Let's learn the whole story.

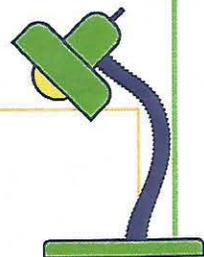
Job 1

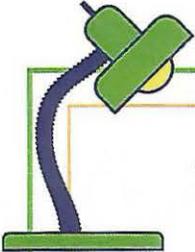
Satan thought Job served God because ...

- Job was wise.
- He wanted more riches.
- God had protected him.

What did Job *not* do when he realized all he had lost? He did not ...

- Bless God
- Blame God
- Worship God
- Sin





Job 2

What did Job's wife want him to do?

- Curse God and die
- Curse Satan and live
- Stop crying and be happy

How did Job's three friends act when they saw him?

A Good Man Loses Everything

Job lived a long time ago in the land of Uz. He was wise and wealthy, and he was a good man. You don't find people any better than Job. He had a large family of ten children, many animals, and many servants. Job was so careful to do God's will that he made sacrifices for all his children just in case they had sinned. In his day, Job was a great man of God.

God knew Job's heart and how he lived, and He was pleased with Job.

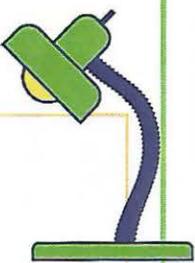
One day, God asked Satan if he had noticed Job. Satan is always on the lookout for a way to bring people down, so he was not happy about Job's good life. Satan thought Job served God only because God took care of him and gave him so much. Satan was sure that if Job lost his family and belongings, he would not serve God. Satan believed Job would curse God to His face.

God allowed Satan to take away all of Job's animals, servants, and children. In one day, Job lost just about everything! It would have been easy for Job to blame God and say bad things about Him, but he didn't. Job still honored God and said, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job Keeps Following God

Satan was sure Job would turn against God when he lost all his belongings, but Satan was wrong. Now he came up with a new plan. Satan said if Job lost his health, he would turn against God.

God allowed Satan to strike Job with sores all over his body. Job hurt so much that he took a piece of a clay pot and scraped himself with it. Job's wife saw him in this awful condition and suggested that he just get it over with. She said, "Curse God and die!" But Job did not listen to this

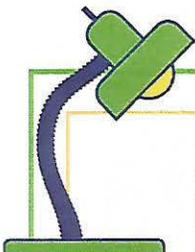


Job 4:1-9; 5:8-19

After seeing Job's condition, Eliphaz thought Job had brought trouble on himself because ...

- he had too much stuff.
- he had committed a terrible sin.
- he cursed God.

What did Eliphaz think God was doing to Job (Job 5:17)?



Job 9:1-12, 32-35

Name three actions Job mentions that show God's greatness and power.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

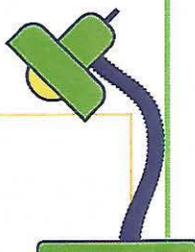
bad advice. Job would not turn against the Lord.

Three of Job's friends – Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar – heard about Job's situation and came to comfort him. Job was in such bad shape that at first his friends did not know who he was. When they realized it was Job, they cried. For seven days, Job's friends just sat with

him. They could see how much Job was hurting, and they wanted to help him. Poor Job wished he had never been born.

Finally, Eliphaz began to talk. He believed Job must have committed some secret sin and he was now paying for it. Job knew better. He knew he had not sinned in a way that would make God punish him so much. Job knew God was wise and powerful, but he didn't know why God was allowing him to suffer. Job wished for someone to stand between himself and God to help him understand what was happening.

Sometimes we bring trouble on ourselves by our wrong choices. We don't do God's will, and we suffer the consequences. But Job was suffering as a good man, not because he had done something bad. Sometimes bad things happen to good people because of Satan's evil work. Job's great example teaches us that we must serve God whether life is good or bad.



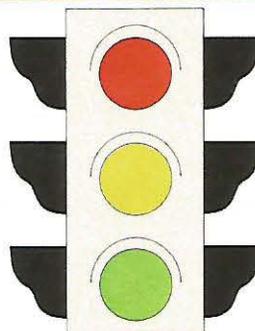
Job 31:1-8, 35-37

Circle the dots of all correct answers.

What does Job wish God would do about his situation?

- Look carefully at his life to see that he has done nothing wrong
- Hear and answer him
- Leave him alone

I try to obey even when I suffer for it.

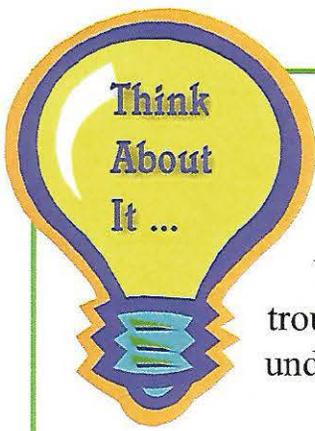


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — usually not

Yellow — sometimes

Green — all the time



At school one day, you are called into the principal's office. She tells you she is going to suspend you from school for a week and fail you for the year. This has been one of your best years in school! You have gotten A's and B's on all your tests and haven't been in any trouble at all. How do you feel? Who can you talk to that may help you understand? What can you do?

Shine a Light on the Bible Facts



Which book of the Old Testament is about God raising up judges to deliver Israel?

Fill in the blanks with the names of the 12 apostles:

Peter, _____, James, John, _____, Thomas,
Matthew, _____, _____,
_____, _____ and _____.

On a map inside the back cover, mark a \diamond on the major regions of Canaan: Negev, Hill Country, Coastal Plain, and Transjordan.