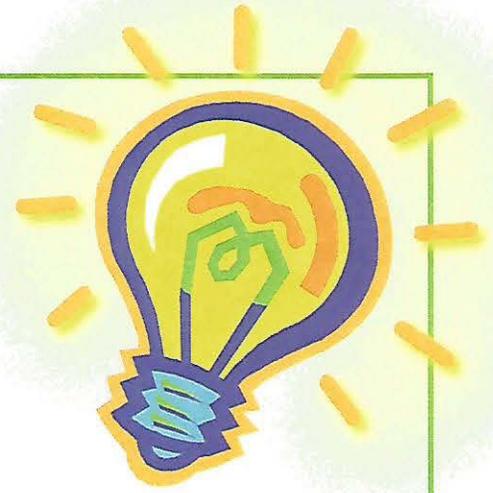


# Lighting the Way



Lesson 7

## Job Trusts God

**Theme:** Trust – Believing in God’s absolute authority and control

### 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 38:1-18
Friday	Job 38:19-41
Saturday	Job 39:1-12
Monday	Job 40:1-24
Tuesday	Job 42

**J**ob was hurting outside and inside. He sat in dust scraping his sores, thinking about his terrible situation. He was trying to understand what was happening and what God was doing. Job knew he had served God, so he wondered why had all this happened to him.

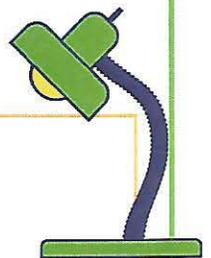
Job’s three friends tried to explain his situation. Their explanation was that Job had sinned and God was punishing him. Job disagreed with his friends. He knew they were wrong. Job wanted to talk with God to get the situation straightened out. He wanted to understand God

### Job 38:1-18

In what form did God appear to Job?

Write down four things in these verses that Job didn’t understand or control.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_





### Job 38:19-41

List four ways that God controls creation that Job cannot do?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

better instead of jumping to wrong conclusions.

A younger man, Elihu, came to talk with Job, too. Elihu said just about the same things the other friends had said. Job's friends did not really help him. They kept telling Job he had done something wrong and should admit it. But Job knew he was innocent.

At long last, God came in a whirlwind to speak to Job. Job had

been asking why all this happened to him. God did not answer Job's question, but God asked some questions of His own.

### God and Creation

God asked Job questions about the way the world was made and how it is run. He asked Job how water stays in the oceans and how the sun comes up each morning. God asked if Job could control the stars or clouds. God was teaching Job that God rules all parts of creation, and that He always knows what is happening in His world.

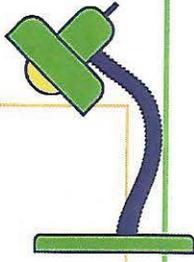
Job's troubles happened in the world God created and controls. Job didn't understand it, but God does. Job had to decide if he would keep trusting God even though he did not understand why everything he had was taken away from him.

Next, God asked Job some questions about huge sea monsters called Behemoth and Leviathan. God made and controls these monsters. Can Job control them? If not, shouldn't Job trust God who can control them?

God was teaching Job to trust Him in good times and bad, whether he is in a mansion or a pile of dust. We do not understand why God does everything He does. But we can trust Him to do what is best for us.

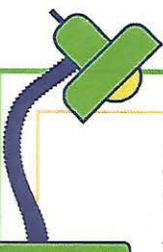
### God and Job

God knew all about Job. It was God who asked Satan if he knew Job and how good he was. Satan thought Job served God only because God gave him so much. He thought if God took away Job's blessings, Job



### Job 39:1-12

Why does God know more about mountain goats, wild donkeys, and wild oxen than Job?



### Job 40:1-24

Why does Job say, “I lay my hand on my mouth?”

- He was yawning.
- He realized he said things about God that weren’t right.
- He mumbled something so no one could hear.

would not serve God. God allowed Satan to strike Job and take away everything. Job knew he had done nothing to deserve this punishment, so he wondered why all this happened to him.

Sometimes Job acted like he knew more about God than he really did, so God taught him. Job didn’t know everything about running the oceans, sun, thunder, and rain. He also didn’t know about some of the harder things either, like why he was suffering! God knows what He is doing and will always do the right thing.

In the end, God made it clear that Job’s friends were wrong and Job was right. God was angry with the friends and told them to get Job to help them offer sacrifices. God then restored everything Job lost and even more. Job lived many more good years before he died. We learn from Job to trust God when life is hard, to trust Him even when we do not understand.

### Job 42

The book of Job ends after God and Job talk.

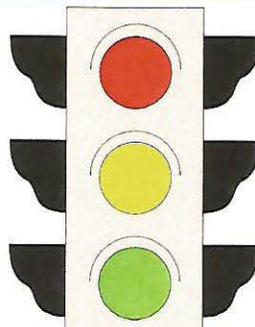
*Match the following to show how it ends.*

Friends	blessed Job even more.
Job	offered sacrifices.
God	prayed for his friends.

After talking with God, Job learned ...

- why everything happened.
- to trust God even though he did not understand.

I wish I was in control.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red** — often

**Yellow** — sometimes

**Green** — never



Do you understand why everything happens the way it does? Describe something that has happened to you, your family, or a friend that you do not understand, such as sickness, death, losing a job, or moving.

*Be ready to talk about these in class:*

- Have you asked your parents or friends questions so they could help you understand?
- Do you understand it completely now?
- Can you keep this from happening to you, your family, or your friends again?
- What did you learn from Job that will help you even when you don't understand?

## Shine a Light on the Bible Facts



Which book of the Old Testament is about Naomi and Ruth, and Ruth marrying Boaz?

Right here, right now, write from memory Galatians 5:22-23.

On a map inside the back cover, place a small  $\triangle$  on Canaan, Jerusalem and the Jordan River.