

Lesson 6: Suffering

Today's Bible Story

Long ago, in a land called Uz, there was a man named Job (pronounced like JOE with a B). Decent and upright, Job feared God and turned away from evil. His life was good, and he was a very rich man. But even with all this wealth, he still put God first.

One day, a group of angels came before God. Satan showed up, too. After hearing how Satan had been walking around upon the earth, God asked, "Have you seen my servant, Job? What a faithful and blameless man he is!"

Satan replied. "That's only because Job has an easy life. If you take away his blessings, he'll curse you."

"All that he has is in your hands," God said. "Just don't lay a finger on the man, himself."

So Satan went and took everything away from Job — animals, servants, home, and children. Sick with grief, Job tore his robe and shaved his head. But even still, he worshiped God. "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord," Job said.

Going before God again, Satan said, "Okay, maybe Job is still faithful to you. But if he were to get sick, he would curse you to your face." So God allowed Satan to bring illness to Job.

Although he was covered with sores, Job refused to speak a word against God. In fact, when his wife complained about their losses, Job said, "Shall we receive good from God, and not trouble?"

Job cried and prayed, but even in his pain, he didn't curse God. He asked that God would come and speak to him — and that is exactly what happened. God showed Job that no matter what happens in our lives, God is still in charge and we can trust him.



From Job 1:1, 2:1-13

Bible Rhyme

Long ago, in a land called Uz,
there lived a man who truly was
as good and decent as could be;
on this, the angels all agreed.

The man, named Job, was wealthy, too.
And day by day, his riches grew.
Then Satan said to God, "I'll bet
if Job is poor, he'll blame you yet!"

So, Satan took away Job's wealth,
as well as all his kids and health.
Yet never did Job curse the Lord.
And in the end, all was restored.

Job suffered in many ways. He lost his animals, his property, his family, and even his health. Even though he felt very bad, Job continued to pray to God. In his prayers, he expressed to God all the different emotions he was feeling.

Unscramble the letters below to write words that describe what Job felt:

_ _ _ R _ W R O Y R	_ _ _ E _ G A N R E
_ _ D _ E _ _ S A S N D S E	_ _ _ _ _ I P N A
_ _ _ _ _ S O L S	_ _ E _ _ _ _ _ S Q T E U S I N O
M _ _ _ E _ _ Y M E S I R	_ R _ _ _ _ R T U T S

After everything that had happened to him, Job still trusted in God.

Use the boxed-in letters from above to hear what Job said:

“I know that my lives!”

(to check your answer, look up Job 19:25 ESV)

Sometimes in church, we sing these words of Job in our own hymn of praise, remembering that no matter how bad life can get, God is always with us too!

In your church's Worship Book, look up the famous hymn that goes by this name. What number hymn is it? # _____

