

It's a job to be Job!—Overview Lesson:

HOOK: Raise your hand if you've ever had something bad or even terrible happen to you that wasn't your fault. You weren't being naughty. In fact, you were behaving nicely and doing all the right things, but still something "bad" happened.

WHO:

- That's exactly what happened to a man named Job. *(Write the name Job on the board. Point to each letter and spell it "J-o-b". Have the children say it with you. For the older students, point out that his name is the same spelling as the word "job", but is pronounced with a long "o" sound and is always capitalized.)*
- We learn about the true story of Job in the Bible—in the book of Job.
- Job was a good man. He feared God, stayed away from what was evil and did what was right.
- He was also very rich—he owned 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 donkeys. He had many servants and owned lots of land.
- Job was a father to seven sons and three daughters.

WHAT: One day, without warning, a terrible disaster struck Job. Just like that, his riches and his family were taken from him. All his animals were stolen or killed and his servants were killed. Yikes! Job also lost his sons and daughters who all died at the same time. Can you imagine how devastating that must have been for Job? Doesn't that sound awful?

After Job received all the terrible news, the Bible tells us this:

"Job stood up and tore his robe in grief (*deep sadness). Then, he shaved his head (*another way men sometimes showed sadness during Bible times) and fell to the ground to worship. He said, '...The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!' In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God."
Job 1:20-22 NLT

APPLY: Isn't that amazing? Even though Job lost all that he had, he didn't get mad at God. He didn't give up on Him. Job chose to not seek revenge from those who stole from him. Do you think Job's response to what had happened pleased God? How do you think you would have reacted to God and others? How do you think God wants us to react when "bad" things happen to us?

There is much more to the story of Job! This year we will learn a lot about God, Job, friendship and having faith—especially during the difficult times in our lives.

PRACTICE: Bible Verse- ***“In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.” Job 1:22***
NLT (*Help your students learn this verse by using hand motions while you say it, having them repeat it several times with you and, for the older kids, writing it on the board and then erasing words...*)

Prayer- “Dear Lord, help us to trust You in all things—good or bad—and to praise you no matter what.”

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(The Learning Continues—Job Overview Lesson)



What We Learned: Today we learned several things about the man Job in the Bible. He was a good man. He feared God, stayed away from what was evil and did what was right. And even when terrible things happened to him, he remained faithful to God.



Memory Verse: “In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.” Job 1:22



Parent/Child Activity: As you live life this week, talk to your child about some of the difficulties/challenges that come up (like not getting along with a friend, or your child falling and scraping his knee). Then, spend a few minutes at that moment or later in the day to ask your child, “How should we react to this difficult situation? How can we please God even when things are hard?” After discussing, pray the prayer below.



Daily Prayer: “Dear Lord, help us to trust You in all things—good or bad—and to praise you no matter what. Amen.”