

It's a Job To Be Job—Kids' Lesson #8
Job 3; Joshua 1:9 (NIRV)

HOOK: Have you ever felt so upset that you tossed and turned in your bed and couldn't fall asleep? Have you ever felt so angry that you couldn't even eat? Those are big feelings! When we feel like that we can talk to God—anytime, anywhere—and we don't even need a cell phone! Talking with God is what we call *prayer*.

BOOK: The Bible tells us that God is big and mighty; He made the world and everything in the world. How amazing that the great, big God who made us, also loves us and *wants* to talk with us everyday! Praying is one way that we get to know God. The more we get to know God, the more *we* want to talk to Him.

Job was having a pretty bad day. We know from the Bible that he had a lot of big feelings. Job felt angry, sad, tired, and hopeless. He was so upset that he couldn't eat or sleep. So, what did Job do? He talked to God! He even cried to God. Job had a lot of questions. Do you know it's okay to tell God how you feel? (Even Jesus felt sad sometimes!) It's okay to talk to God about your problems. It's even okay to ask God questions. Because He loves us so much, God is patient and always listens when we pray. God can handle our questions. Even though we may not get the answers we want, God promises He's with us no matter what.

LOOK: When I feel sad or angry, I try to look around for good things that remind me of God's love. Some of my favorite things are stars in the sky, laughing with a friend, holding little babies, and seeing pretty flowers. When I say, "Thank You God for good things," I remember how good God is to me! Reminders of God's goodness to me, help me feel strong and courageous. (Another word for courageous is brave.)

TOOK: Next time you're feeling angry or sad, think about good things that remind you of God's love. With God's help, you can feel strong and courageous.

PRAYER: "Dear God, You are so patient with me. You are bigger and stronger than anything that makes me feel sad or afraid. I know that I can always talk to you in prayer. Thank you for being with Job. Thank you for helping me to be strong and brave. Amen."

Bible Verse: "...Be strong and brave...I will be with you everywhere you go."
Joshua 1:9 NIRV

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(The Learning Continues—Job Lesson #8)



What We Learned: Prayer means talking with God. How amazing that we can talk to the God of the universe anytime, anywhere and about anything! When we talk to God, God reminds us of His goodness. God helps us to be strong and courageous (brave) in the midst of difficult times.



Memory Verse: “...Be strong and brave...I will be with you everywhere you go.” Joshua 1:9 (NIRV)



Parent/Child Activity: Share with a your child about a difficult time you experienced (age appropriate) when you prayed and received an answer from God. Then, with your child, write reminders of God’s goodness on slips of paper and place them in a basket or jar. Get creative! You can write things that God has made like animals and also things that God has done. Add to your jar or basket each day. At the end of the week, pray a sentence prayer with your child, thanking God for each sweet reminder.



Daily Prayer: “Dear God, You are bigger and stronger than anything that makes me feel sad or afraid. I know that I can always talk to you in prayer. Thank you for helping me to be strong and courageous. Amen.”