

It's a job to be Job—Kids' Lesson #11
Job 8-10, 1 Tim. 2:5

HOOK: Once there was a little girl with two apples—one in each hand. The girl's mom asked her daughter if she would share one of the apples with her. The girl looked at her mom and then took a bite out of both apples! The mom frowned, but just before she was about to tell her daughter how disappointed in her she was, the little girl held one of the apples out to her. "Here Mama, you have this one—it's the sweetest." The mom had thought at first that her daughter was being selfish, but really she was just trying to be thoughtful and give her the very best apple.

BOOK: Sometimes we think we understand a situation, but we really don't! In the book of Job, Bildad, another one of Job's friends, thought he knew why bad things were happening to Job. Bildad thought that he must have done something wicked to deserve such treatment, but the truth was that Job was not suffering because he had done something bad. Still, was Job perfect? Of course not! Only God is perfect. He is greater than we are and Job recognized that. Job says, "**God is so wise and so mighty. Who has ever challenged Him successfully?**" **Job 9:4 (NLT)**

LOOK: Because God is wise and mighty (which means powerful) and greater than we are, we can fully trust Him. He also loves us dearly and invites us to tell Him how we're feeling, even when we're sad, miserable or mad. We can be honest with God. He loves us so much that He sent Jesus to be our "go-between," our mediator. Through Jesus who took the punishment for our sins, we can have a relationship with our perfect God. We can tell God anything and His love for us will never change.

God also wants us to show love to others and enjoy peaceful relationships. One way we can do that is by assuming the best about people and not making judgments before we know the facts. For example, you may assume someone is unfriendly when really they are just very shy. Or, like the mom in the story, you may think someone is being selfish, but give him/her time—maybe they're just trying to decide which apple is the sweetest to bless you with!

TOOK: Next time you think you are super wise or smart or even powerful, think about God. One of the ways God shows His might/power is through creation. God created you and you know a lot of things. There are many people in the world who are very smart and very wise, but God is even more wise and smart. Now close your eyes and picture in your mind a mighty mountain or a powerful volcano. (*Give the kids 10-15 seconds to sit quietly and picture these things.*) Did you know that God is mightier and more powerful than anything ever created? It's true. So, trust God and what He's doing and show God's love to others by assuming the best of them.

Prayer: “Thank you, Lord, for your wisdom and might. You are greater than we are. You are perfect and You love us perfectly.”

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(The Learning Continues—Job Lesson #11)



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Memory Verse: “God is so wise and so mighty. Who has ever challenged Him successfully?” Job 9:4 (NLT)



Parent/Child Activity: One of the ways God shows His might/power is through creation. Go through a nature book or magazine with your child or find images on the Internet. Point out to your child a picture of a mountain or a volcano and comment that God is the Creator and He is mightier still! Then, find pictures of people of different ages and cultures. Remark how God loves His children and knows them completely. He knows what they are feeling and thinking. He is wiser and more powerful than anyone and any created thing.



Daily Prayer: “Thank you, Lord, for your wisdom and might. You are greater than we are. You are perfect and You love us perfectly.”

