

It's a job to be Job—Kids' Lesson #16
Psalm 31

Hook: Have you ever held a baby chick or some other baby animal? Let's each pretend that we have carefully scooped up a helpless baby chick into our hands. (*Act out for the kids how you would hold a fragile, helpless chick and invite them to do the same.*) If you had a baby chick in your hands you would be very gentle with it. You would use your hands to protect and feed it. And, you would probably use one of your hands to soothe it by petting it softly! With your hands you would care for the chick.

Book: The Bible tells us that God has hands, too, and by His hands amazing things happen! When the Bible talks about "God's hand" it doesn't mean a hand like this (*hold up your hand*). The phrase "God's hand" means something much greater. It means **"God's power," "God's will" and "God's protection."** We learn that His hand is mighty which means powerful and strong! God holds our lives in His hands. He has a plan for us and He protects us.

Look: In the Bible we read that God brought His people out of Egypt "by a mighty hand." In Psalms it says, **"But I trust in you, Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands..." (Psalm 31:14-15a)** We need God's powerful hand in our lives!

Took: This week, think of the Lord as you use the hands God gave you to do good things. Help your parents clean the house, take care of yourself by using your hands to brush your teeth and comb your hair and use your hands to care for your pet. When you do these things remember that God loves you and His hand on your life is powerful and for your good.

Prayer: "Lord, thank You for Your mighty hand in our lives. We can trust You because You are our God. Amen."

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(The Learning Continues—Job Lesson #16)



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Memory Verse: “But I trust in you, Lord; I say, ‘You are my God.’ My times are in your hands...” Psalm 31:14-15a



Parent/Child Activity: Take out a piece of paper and crayon and help your child trace her hand. Let her trace yours as well. Discuss how we use our hands. We pet, hold and protect our animals, pick up toys, help others, etc. Yet our hands are not as powerful as God’s. By His mighty hand He brought His people out of Egypt! God’s hand is on us, which means He is always with us, helping and guiding us.



Daily Prayer: “Lord, thank You for Your mighty hand in our lives. We can trust You because You are our God. Amen.”