

It's a job to be Job!—Kids' Lesson #19  
Job 32-37, Job 12:12, Lev. 19:32, 1 Tim. 5:1-2 NLT

**Hook:** *(Show the kids pictures of both old and young people cut from magazines or printed from the Internet. Hold up each picture one at a time and ask, "Is this person young or old/elderly?" If the kids say old/elderly, ask them, "How do you know?" They may tell you it's because the person has grey hair or wrinkles or they are walking with a cane. Let them know that the Bible tells us that another characteristic of an elderly person is wisdom.*

**Book:** *(Here is a pretend story to illustrate a truth from Job):* Olivia was excited that her grandparents were coming to town! To get ready for their visit, she helped Mom put fresh sheets on the bed and dust the guest room where they would be staying. Then, she set the dining room table with special napkins and put flowers on the table while Dad worked in the kitchen making their favorite meal. When Grandpa and Grandma finally arrived, everyone sat down—Grandma and Grandpa were given the best seats at the table—and ate dinner together. While they were finishing dessert, Olivia's dad asked Grandpa for some advice. Dad was having a little problem at work and thought Grandpa might have an idea of what he should do. (He remembered **Job 12:12, which says, "Is not wisdom found among the aged?"**) Grandpa listened as Dad explained his problem. "Hmmm..." he said, nodding his head as he thought about how to answer. Grandpa had lived a long time and had experienced many things in his life. He loved the Lord and God had given him a lot of wisdom over the years. So, when Grandpa gave an answer, Dad listened carefully and followed his advice.

**Look:** Olivia and her parents set up the guest room for the grandparents and prepared a special meal for them. They wanted to honor Grandpa and Grandma and make them feel special. When Grandpa gave Dad advice, Dad showed him respect and listened to what he had to say.

The Bible tells us to **"Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly..."** And, **"Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father...treat older women as your own mother."**

**Took:** Think about some of the elderly people in your life. Maybe your neighbor is old. Maybe you have a teacher or friend of the family who is old. Your grandparents are old compared to you and your parents! Now, think of how you treat them. Make the decision to always show the elderly in your life respect. Let's honor them and be careful to listen to what they have to say. This pleases both them and the Lord.

**Bible verse: "...Show respect for the elderly." Lev. 32:19a**

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(The Learning Continues—Job Lesson #19)



**What We Learned:** We heard a pretend story to illustrate in a kid-friendly way a truth from Job.

Olivia’s dad was having a problem at work and knew he could ask Grandpa for help. (He remembered **Job 12:12, which says, “Is not wisdom found among the aged?”**) Grandpa listened as Dad explained his problem. “Hmmm...” he said, nodding his head as he thought about how to answer. Grandpa had lived a long time and had experienced many things in his life. He loved the Lord and God had given him much wisdom over the years. So, when he gave his thoughtful answer, Dad listened and followed Grandpa’s advice.



**Memory Verse:** “...show respect for the elderly...”  
Lev. 19:32a



**Parent/Child Activity:** In our story today, Olivia and her parents set up their guest room for the grandparents and prepared a special meal. They wanted to honor Grandpa and Grandma and make them feel special. When Grandpa gave Dad advice, Dad showed him respect and listened to what he had to say.

Ask your child to name some of the elderly people in his life. Talk about what it means to respect someone. Then, help him come up with some tangible ways he can show respect to elderly people.



**Daily Prayer:** “Thank you, Lord, for the elderly people in our lives. Thank you for their wisdom. Help us to obey You by showing them respect. Amen.”