



<b>Materials I Need:</b>
<b>Legend:</b>  = Option 1, Appropriate for 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade  = Option 2, Appropriate for 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Memory Work:</b> “Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” Job 2:10b
<b>Aim Questions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How is Job described in Job 1:1&amp;8?</li><li>2. What are Satan’s accusations of God in 1:9-11 &amp; 2:4-5?</li><li>3. What disasters came upon Job’s life?</li><li>4. How did Job respond to these disasters in his life?</li><li>5. Why did God allow Satan to hurt Job so much?</li><li>6. What was the response of Job’s three friends to all his troubles?</li></ol>

## Hook:

**Review the “Fall” (Discussion).** Remind the children of how the world was before the Fall. Using some of the newspaper clippings or magazine photos available for the LOOK time activity (see LOOK time activities) which show trials, tragedies, or difficult situations, talk about what the introduction of sin into the world has caused. Because sin entered the world, we now have all these terrible things which can happen to us or to those we may know and love. Ask the kids if they have ever had anything bad happen to them or their family. Be prepared to hear some difficult stories. These may range anywhere from confrontation with a school bully to a death or dire situation in the family. What is our response when bad things happen? In today’s Bible Adventure, we will hear the heart-wrenching story of a man who had everything that was dear to him taken away. What do you think his response will be? *(Teachers: Please be sensitive to difficult situations in the home for some students, i.e. abuse, etc. Take time to talk with students individually if these situations are apparent or suspect.)*

**You are the Potter, Here is the Clay (Activity).** Give each child a lump of clay (available at craft stores), playdough or salt-dough. Children will now become the creators of something. Without assistance from the teachers or helpers, they are to make something. Provide things to decorate their creations, such as beads, shells, macaroni, string or pencils for scoring or making line designs. Will they make something useful such as a dish or simply a thing such as an animal or freeform? They are in control of what it will look like when it is finished. It may take them some time to decide what they will make. In fact, they may decide to squash what they began with and start over again. Talk to them about how we are like clay in the hands of God. He can do whatever He wants with us or to us, so that we turn out just how He planned.

**Sovereignty of God (Demonstration).** Goldfish in a blender. The thought that the switch could be thrown at any moment will be a strong visual representation of the power of the person in charge of the switch.

**Monarch for a Moment (Role-Play).** One of the male teachers becomes King for the moment. This person exercises supreme authority over all of his subjects (the students). They must obey his every command and yet are also entitled to his rewards. The King instructs his subjects to perform specific duties. These must be planned ahead of time by the teachers in order to make things run smoothly. These may be pleasant or unpleasant duties and can be dictated to different subjects without notice. Some suggestions of duties might be: washing the windows, vacuuming the floor, giving a back rub to the King, writing the memory verse on the board, sitting at a table and enjoying a treat, resting in the corner with a comfortable pillow, counting pennies, arranging certain objects in a certain manner, polishing shoes, decorating cupcakes, etc. Appoint several of the other teachers or helpers as “adversaries,” or “spoilers.” These people approach the King and ask permission to bother one of the King’s subjects. The King then may or may not grant permission. These people can perform activities which will make it more difficult for the subjects to perform their task. An example would be that they could come behind someone who just finished cleaning the window and put their handprints on the window, causing that subject to have to re-wash the window. The rules of play are strict, and all must play by the rules or they have to sit the game out (in the hallway so that they can’t see what is going on in the classroom). If you want a variation on this game, you could try allowing several of the students the opportunity to be the monarch or the adversaries, but the teachers will need to be right there available for coaching.

**That’s a Tragedy (Brainstorm/Discussion).** What are some of the worst things that happen to people? As ideas come to mind, write them on the board. Does God know when these things happen? Could He stop them if He chose? If God is good, what are some reasons why He might allow things like this to happen to people? Have you ever heard anyone ask why bad things happen to good people? Do you have an answer for them? The book we are about to study deals with this question. Do you think it gives the answer?

**Who Are You? (Activity/Discussion).** Pass out small pieces of blank paper. Have students describe themselves in two sentences. Have students tell what’s most important about who they are, not just what they look like. Have students introduce themselves. “My name is \_\_\_\_\_.” Then they should tell what they have written. Save these to look at again during TOOK time.

**Patience of Some Guy (Discussion).** Have you ever heard this common expression: “You have the patience of Job” or “He has the patience of Job”? What does a person mean when they say this? What is patience? Who was Job? Job is a Bible character, and today we begin the book of Job, which is about a period in the life of this man. Listen for reasons why he is well-known for his patience.



### **Book:**

#### **Presentation Ideas -**

- Job’s Possessions (Illustration/Overhead).** Job 1:1-3, 1JOB01.GF1.
- Job’s Family (Illustration/Overhead).** Job 1:1-3, 1JOB01.GF2.
- Satan Before the Lord (Illustration/Overhead).** Job 1:6, 1JOB01.GF3.
- Job Worships the Lord (Illustration/Overhead).** Job 1:20, 1JOB01.GF4.
- Job’s Sufferings (Illustration/Overhead).** Job 1:1-3, 1JOB01.GF5.

#### **Bible Adventure -**

Have you ever had to deal with a difficult situation in your life? Have you ever had something bad happen to you or to a family member? Sooner or later, trouble comes to all of us. It could be temporary, or it could be long-lasting. How do you react? Do you become angry or frightened? Do you ever accuse God of not caring?

Today we begin to looking at a very interesting book of the Old Testament, the book of Job. This is the story of a man who went through incredibly hard times; but more than that, it is a book that tells us some important things about God. From the book of Job, we can learn much about who God is and how He thinks.

The book of Job introduces us to a man named Job, who “was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned (turned away from) evil” (Job 1:1 NIV). That he was blameless does not mean that Job never sinned. It does mean that he was putting his faith in God and doing his best to live a life that honored God. God had blessed Job with seven sons and three daughters, now all grown. He owned thousands of sheep, camels, oxen and donkeys, and he had a large number of servants. He was known as one of the most wealthy men in that area of the world. Job regularly made sacrifices to the Lord, to cover any sins his children might have done during the week. It was important to Job that he and his family not have any sin between them and God.

The story then moves to another place and another scene. The place is heaven, and the angels were coming to present themselves before God. Among them was Satan, a fallen angel whom God had cast out of heaven for his rebellion. Satan’s name means “enemy,” and he is and was the enemy both of God and of God’s people. Satan told God that he had been walking back and forth on the earth. The New Testament tells us that Satan is like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can eat up (1Peter 5:8). God asked him if he had noticed Job, His special servant who feared and served Him, like no one else on earth.

Satan replied that Job loved God only because God had given him so many things to enjoy. Take all that away, Satan said, and “He will surely curse You to Your face.” Behind Satan’s words was an attack on God. Satan was thinking that no one could love God just because He deserves to be loved; all those people who put their faith in God to save them would turn away if there was nothing to gain from it. What was wrong with Satan’s way of thinking? This is very important. Satan forgot, or did not understand, that faith does not come from inside a person. It comes from God. God promises to keep that faith alive, no matter what His children go through (Psalm 37:23,24,28; Jude 24).

Now God was ready to prove His point. He allowed Satan to test Job’s faith by telling Satan that he could have power over everything Job owned, but that he was not to touch Job himself. Satan left God’s presence and began to work right away in Job’s life. First Job lost all of his oxen and donkeys when someone stole them. Even while a servant was reporting this news, another ran in and told Job that all his sheep had been killed by a fire from heaven. Still another servant ran in and told him that all his camels had been stolen as well. Then came the most awful news of all; Job’s children were all together in one of their homes when a great wind blew the house over, killing every one of them! What would you have done if you were Job? First he did what all of us would do; he expressed his great sadness in the way the people of that day did. But then he did something quite remarkable, “he fell to the ground and worshiped.” He recognized that because God had given him all those things, it was also God’s right to remove them. Job did not blame or accuse God for what had happened.

When Satan appeared before God’s throne again, God said that even though Job had everything taken from him, he still held fast to God and lived to honor Him. Satan still was not convince; Job had only begun to see trouble. If God would allow his physical health to fail, Satan said, then Job would turn his back on God. God gave Satan permission to make Job sick, but told him to spare Job’s life. So Satan went and caused Job’s skin to break out in very painful sores. They covered him from head to foot and made him so miserable he sat in the ashes and scraped at himself with a broken piece of pottery. Job’s wife looked at him and asked him why he was still holding on to his faith in God. She told him to curse God and die. Some people may have done this after going through such suffering, but not Job. Listen to the answer he gave to his wife, “Shall we accept good from God and not trouble?” Job was light-years ahead of most of us in his understanding of the sovereignty of God. We’ve talked about sovereignty before, but let’s review the meaning of the word. When we say God is sovereign, we mean that He is the absolute ruler and head of all things. Everything exists and remains through His power. Things that happen are by His command or by His permission. Job understood this. He understood that God has the right to do as He pleases, whenever and wherever He pleases. That is God. It would be easy to point a finger at Satan and blame him for what Job suffered, but the truth is that God allowed it. Why did he send this kind of test to such a godly man? To us it might seem unfair, even cruel, but God sees things from an eternal viewpoint. Here are some reasons to think about why God might allow suffering in the life of one of His children:

1. To get us away from trusting in things other than God for our satisfaction.
2. To show Satan, the angels, and us that God walks with us through all the times of our lives.
3. To keep us from focusing on our weakness and get us focusing on God's strength. Hard times can cause us to spend more time in God's Word and in prayer.
4. To help our hearts understand others when they are hurting. We are much better able to do this when we have gone through what they are facing.
5. To help us grow in faith and grow to be more like Jesus.
6. To show us our wrong thinking, so God can correct us.
7. To show that God deserves our worship and praise and love, not because of what He gives us, but because of Who He is.

The Bible tells us many more reasons why God might allow suffering in our lives. As we continue reading in Job, we find that though Job did not accuse God or say anything sinful against him, he still struggled with the process of suffering. When his three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, heard about his trouble, they came to comfort him. Their friend was so changed in appearance that they almost didn't recognize him. They cried and sat down on the ground with him. Job was so sad and uncomfortable that they did not even speak to him for seven days and seven nights.

The first question we tend to ask when we are hurting is "Why?" Job was no different than we are, and he had many questions about why God was allowing him to go through all these things. The remainder of the book of Job deals with these questions and finally with God's answer to His much-loved servant. Next time we'll explore some of those questions. We'll learn some important lessons on how we tend to look at God through our human eyes, and how God reveals Himself to us in ways that surprise and amaze us. God wants us to find our satisfaction in Him. He wants us to know that no matter what situation we may find ourselves in, He is worthy to be praised.



### Look:



**From Woe to Worship (Worksheet).** Review the passage, and record the response on **1JOB01.GF6**. Take turns looking up the verses covering suffering, and discuss the perimeters and reasons for suffering. Why do we worship? Review the content of the verses listed, and discuss why we are called to worship God. From today's passage, note the response of Job during these horrific times for him.



**God is Sovereign over all His Creation (Craft/Poster).** **1JOB01.GF7** can be copied onto cardstock, thus making this more like a poster. Bring in newspaper clippings and magazine articles or pictures showing happy and sad events. These can range anywhere from the birth of a baby to the floods or disasters caused by hurricanes, to the everyday events of robbery or murder we see in society. Use discretion in selecting age-appropriate articles in regards to violence. Paste the newspaper and magazine clippings, mixing the positive events with the negative, arranged in collage fashion on the cardstock. Be sure to leave the words exposed.



**A Lot to Lose (Worksheet).** Circle the things that Satan took away from Job, **1JOB01.GF8**.



**The Story of Job (Activity/Booklet).** Color and cut where indicated. Work only until Job's friends arrive. Save books to work on for two more weeks, **1JOB01.GF9 Pgs. 1-12**.



**When We Suffer (Bible Drill).** Have students race to find these verses, **1JOB01.GF10 Pgs. 1-3**. Have all students hold their closed Bibles in the air with one hand as each reference is read. Students must then wait for "GO" command. **DEBRIEF:** From these verses, discuss reasons why people suffer.



**House of Cards (Game).** Copy **1JOB01.GF11** onto cardstock for each student. Have students cut apart these cards. Allow them to work together or individually to build a house of cards. Job had all these things, but his world crumbled just as these card houses eventually do. What did Job do when this happened?

**Who Said? (Worksheet).** Fill in each blank with the name of the person who made the statement. Choose from the names provided. Use your Bible if you need help, **1JOB01.GF12**.

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**Took:**

**Real Life Jobs (Guest Speaker).** Invite a missionary or an elder to visit your classroom and tell of some of the difficulties he or she has encountered. Ask him to explain his responses to these difficulties and to tell how God used these events to change him. Option: Read the accounts of the trials and difficulties our own missionaries have experienced, **1JOB01.GF13**, or select a few short excerpts from a favorite missionary biography.

**Why do the Godly Suffer? (Worksheet).** Unscramble the words, and discover the character qualities developed through hardships and suffering. (Answers: 1) *submissive heart*, 2) *humility*, 3) *faithfulness*, 4) *dependent upon God*, 5) *merciful*, 6) *stronger spirit*, 7) *prayerful*, 8) *godly attitude*, 9) *compassion for others*, 10) *perseverance*, **1JOB01.GF14**.

**Job as a Role Model (Review).** With butcher paper mounted on the wall, outline one of the male teachers in the class (done before the students arrive). Upon review of the Scripture passage and Bible Adventure presented this morning, solicit comments from the class as to what kind of man Job was, as well as his reaction to the horrific events which befell him. This can be left up on the wall for future reference during our study of Job.

**Are They Opposites? (Discussion/Reading).** We can learn a lot from this passage in Job about God and Satan. Many people think of these two persons as equal opposites. They have a mental image of God as the “captain” of the “good” team and Satan opposing Him as the “captain” of the “evil” team. What clues do we find in Job that show us that these two, although very different, are not equal opposites? How do we know that the “evil” team will ultimately lose the battle? Teachers: Read some interesting comments on this subject by C. S. Lewis in “Mere Christianity”-- Chapter 2 of the second section, “The Invasion.” You may want to read the following short excerpts to your students:

“Goodness is, so to speak, itself; badness is only spoiled goodness. And there must be something good first before it can be spoiled.”

“...Christianity thinks this Dark Power was created by God, and was good when he was created, and went wrong. Christianity agrees with Dualism that this universe is at war. But it does not think this is a war between independent powers. It thinks it is a civil war, a rebellion, and that we are living in a part of the universe occupied by the rebel.”

**Who Are You Really? (Discussion).** Read Job 1:1, 1:8, and 2:3. Three times (twice by God Himself) Job is described in these words, “...he is blameless and upright; a man who fears God and shuns evil.” Now, look at the two-sentence descriptions that students made of themselves during Hook time. Do they wish these were different? Are they people like Job who would continue to worship God when the going gets rough? How would God describe them? If God were to describe them in two sentences, what would they want Him to say about them? Write these new descriptions. Share some of these. What can students do to make these things true of themselves?

# Job's Possessions



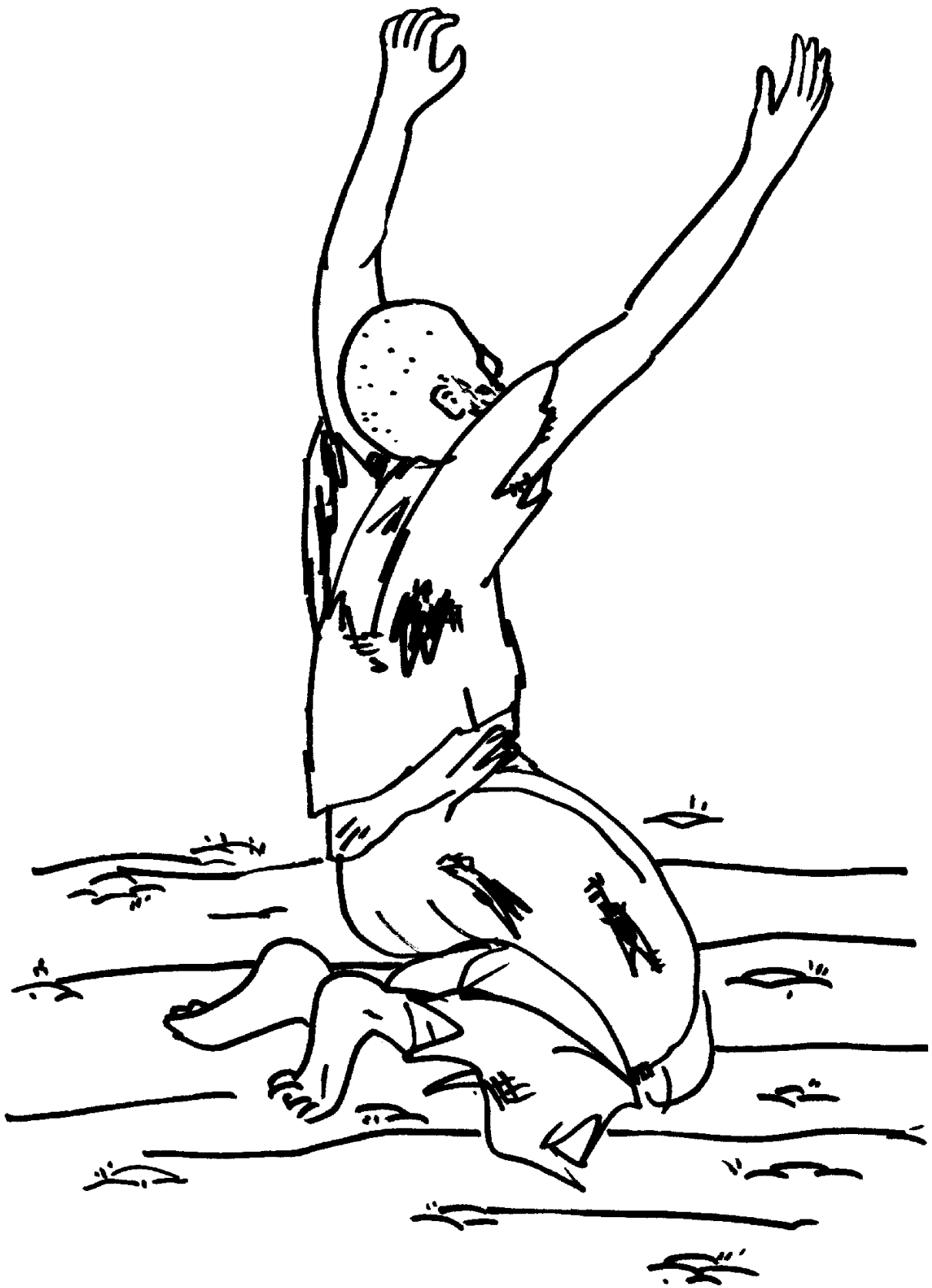
# Job's Family



# Satan Before the Lord



# Job Worships the Lord



# Job's Sufferings



# From Woe To Worship

## Scripture Review Worksheet

Record The Events:

Job 1:13-19

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Job 2:7

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Job 1:20-22

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Job 2:8-10

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Read the following verses that talk about suffering. Discuss: Why does God allow suffering?  
2 Tim. 1:8, 2 Tim. 2:3, 1Pet. 4:13, 1 Pet. 4:16, Rom. 8:17-18, Rom. 5:3-5, James:2-4

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Why do we worship God? Start with these verses, and then see how many others you can find which give us reason to worship.

Gen. 1:1, Gen. 1:27-28, Deut. 6:5, Deut. 6:13, John 3:16, John 4:24, John 10:28-30, Acts 4:12, Rom. 6:22-23, Rom. 10:13, Eph. 2:4-8, Tit. 3:5, Heb. 13:8, Rev. 11:15.

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God Is Sovereign

Over all His Creation

# A Lot to Lose

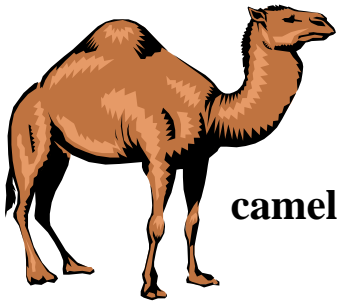
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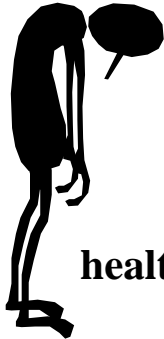


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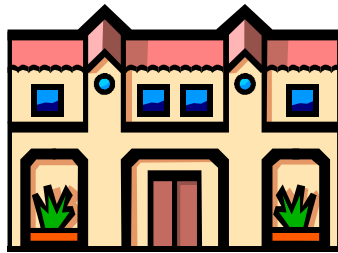


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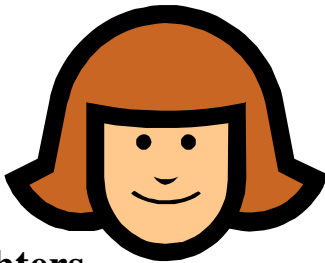
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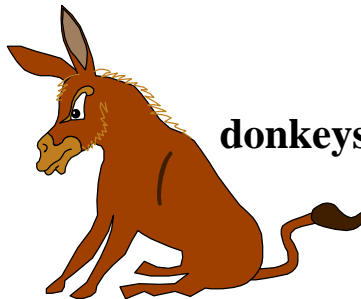
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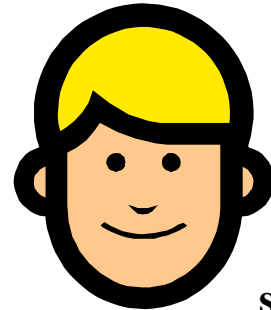
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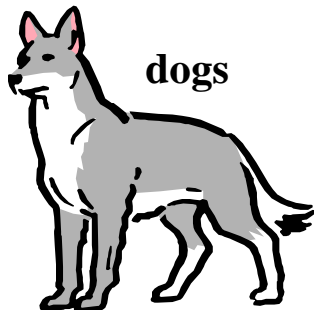
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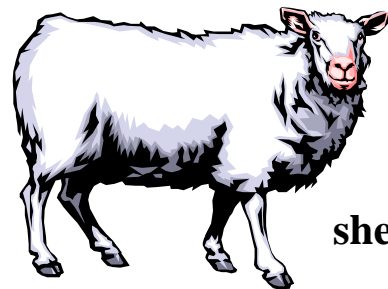
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Job got the message. He said, “Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.”

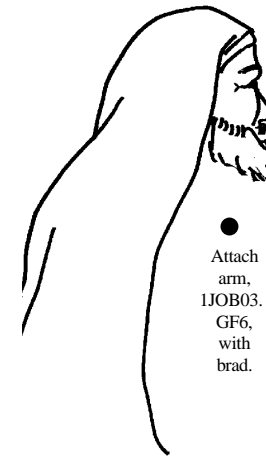
“My ears had heard of You but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”



God never gave Job an explanation for his suffering, but Job learned that God is God, and He can be trusted - completely. God had compassion on Job. He gave him ten more children and twice as many possessions as he had before. He lived to be a great great grandfather!



Job finally answered, "I put my hand over my mouth... I will say no more."



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Then God asked Job to consider the Behemoth and Leviathan - two of the largest and strongest animals in all of creation. If a man like Job could not control these creatures, how could he presume to question their Creator?

**“Do you hunt the  
prey for the  
lioness?**

**Do you watch  
when the doe  
bears her fawn?**

**Who let the wild  
donkey go free?”**

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**“Will the wild ox  
consent to serve  
you?**

**Do you give the  
horse his strength?**

**Does the eagle soar  
at your command  
and build his nest  
on high?”**

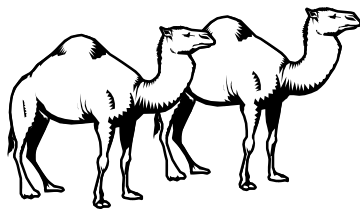
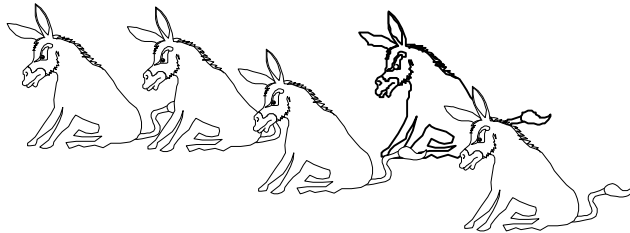
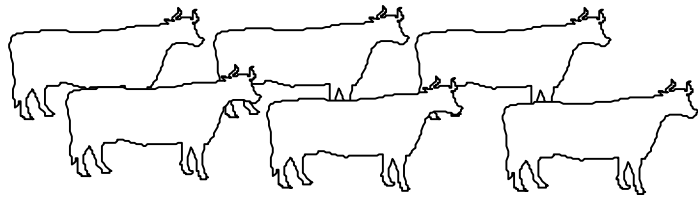
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One day the angels came before the Lord, and Satan was with them. The Lord said to him, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.”

Satan replied, “Does Job fear God for nothing?”

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**“Where were you when  
I laid the earth’s  
foundation?”**

**Have you journeyed to  
the springs of the sea?**

**Have you entered the  
treasury of the snow?”**

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**“Do you know the  
laws of the heavens?**

**Can you raise your  
voice to the clouds and  
cover yourself with a  
flood of water?**

**Do you send lightning  
bolts on their way?  
Do they report to you ,  
‘here we are’?”**

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Elihu, a younger man who had joined the group, became angry and finally spoke. He said that God speaks in many ways and He might be speaking to Job through his suffering. One thing was for sure. “It is unthinkable,” he said, “that God would do wrong, that the Almighty would pervert justice.”

Suddenly, the debate was over.

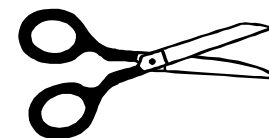
**“Who is this that darkens My counsel with words without knowledge?”**

The Lord was speaking to Job out of the storm.

You see, the man was very wealthy, and Satan thought Job only loved God because of all the good things God had given him.

“Take away everything he has,” Satan said, “and Job will surely curse you to your face.”

So the Lord allowed Satan to put Job to the test.



Zophar was the meanest of all. He suggested that Job had become rich by taking advantage of needy people. Maybe Job deserved worse! He said, “Know this; God has even forgotten some of your sin.”

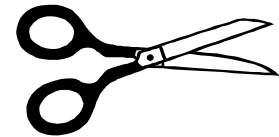
All the while, Job insisted that his friends were wrong about him. Sometimes, he observed, the righteous suffer and the wicked enjoy many blessings. Job became frustrated with the unfair judgment of his friends and wished to present his case directly to God. “Though He slay me,” said Job, “yet will I hope in Him; I will surely defend my ways to His face.”

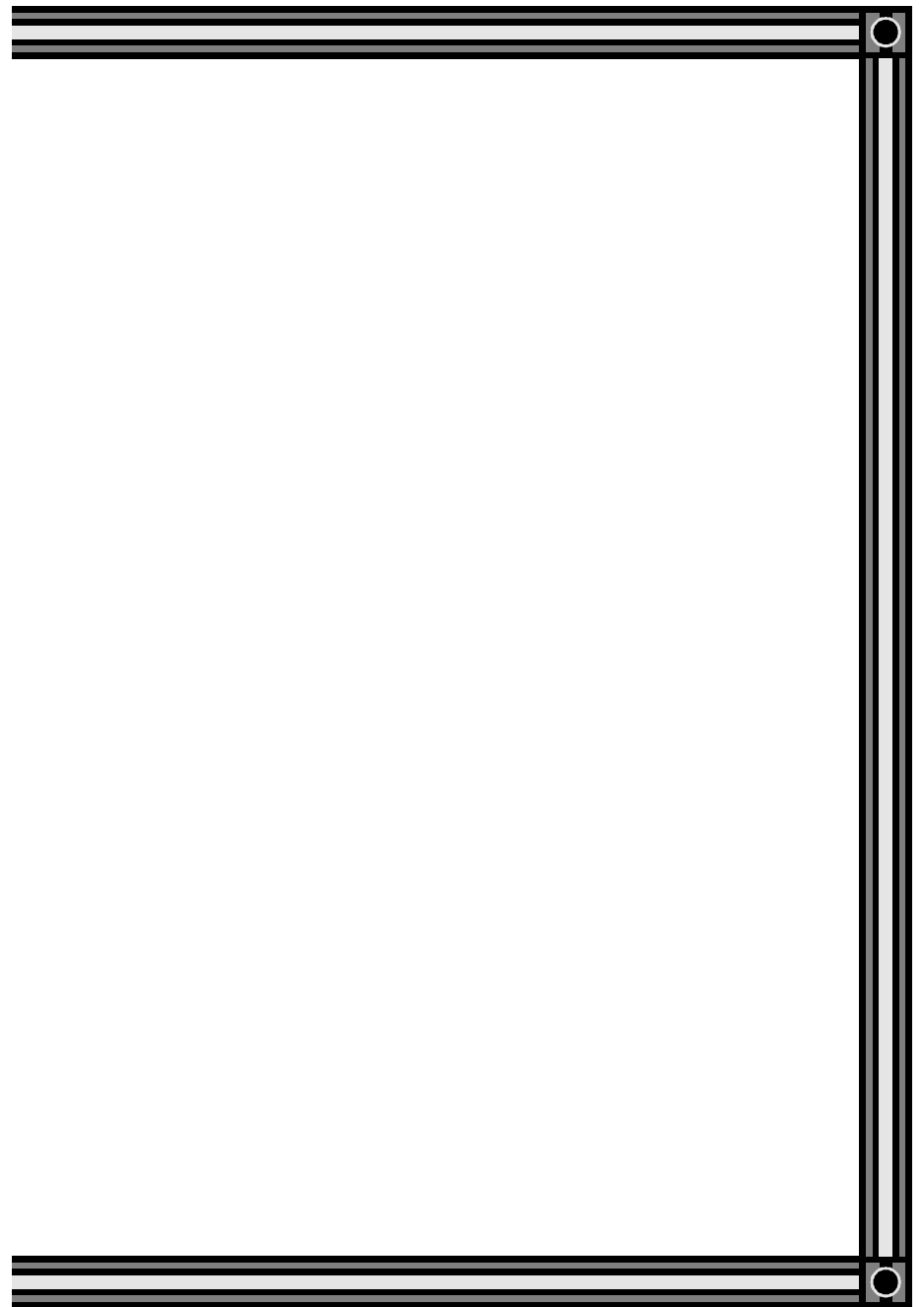
Eliphaz was sure that Job had sinned and was being disciplined by God. “As I have observed,” he said, “those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.”

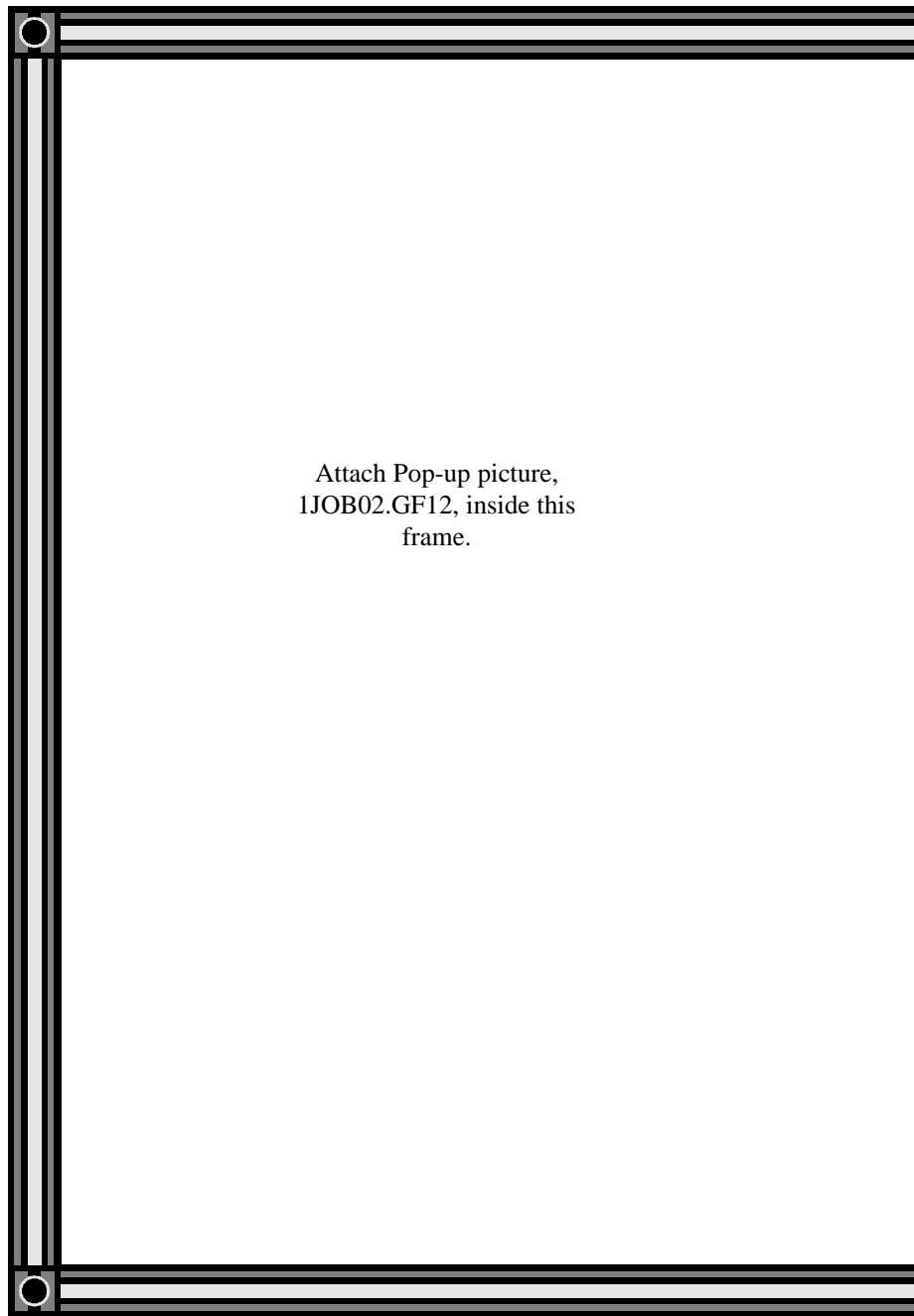


Bildad thought Job was being punished. He said, “Surely God does not reject a blameless man.” He went on to describe God’s judgment of wickedness in great detail.

Soon, Job’s oxen and donkeys were carried off by enemies.



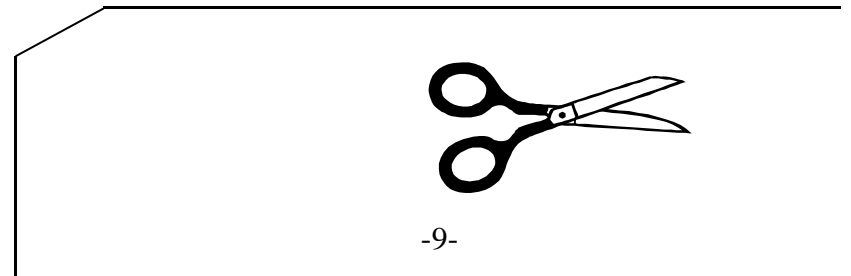




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Then Job's sheep and  
servants were hit by  
lightning and burned up.



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Finally Job broke the silence by saying that he wished he had never been born.



Then, **everyone**  
had a **lot** to say.

Job's friends, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, heard of his terrible trouble and came to comfort him. His suffering was so great that for seven days no one said anything.



All of Job's camels were stolen by raiding parties who killed more servants.

Next, came the worst tragedy of all. A mighty wind blew down the house where Job's sons and daughters were feasting together. They were all killed.

In his sorrow, Job tore his robe. Then he did an amazing thing. He worshipped and praised God.

He had passed the test!



But Satan wasn't satisfied, so he returned to God's presence. This time, he got permission to make Job sick, but God said Job must not die.

So Satan made Job miserable with sores that covered his whole body. Job suffered terribly, but still did not sin. When his wife said, "Curse God and die," Job replied, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"





- Exodus 4:11** “The LORD said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?’”
- Psalm 37:23,24** “If the LORD delights in a man's way, He makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with His hand.”
- Psalm 37:27,28** “Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever. For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off.”
- Psalm 121:4-7** “Indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm--He will watch over your life.”
- Proverbs 3:11,12** “My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent His rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those He loves, as a father the son he delights in.”
- Matthew 5:11,12** “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
- Matthew 19:29,30** “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for My sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.”
- Luke 22:31,32** “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”
- John 9:2,3** “His disciples asked Him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.’”
- Acts 5:41** “The Apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.”



- Romans 8:17** “Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.”
- Romans 11:34,35** “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?”
- II Corinthians 1:3,4** “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”
- II Corinthians 1:8,9** “We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.”
- II Corinthians 12:7-10** “To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
- Hebrews 10:32-36** “Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.”
- Hebrews 11:24-26** “By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”



**Hebrews 12:10,11**

“Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

**James 5:10,11**

“Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

**I Peter 1:6,7**

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

**I Peter 2:20,21**

“But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.”

**I Peter 3:13,14**

“Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.”

**I Peter 4:19**

“So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.”

**I Peter 5:10**

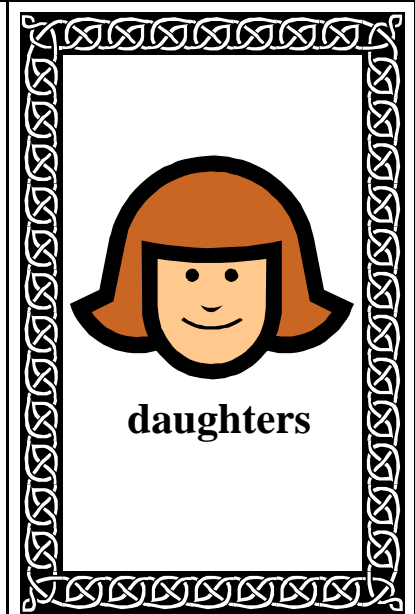
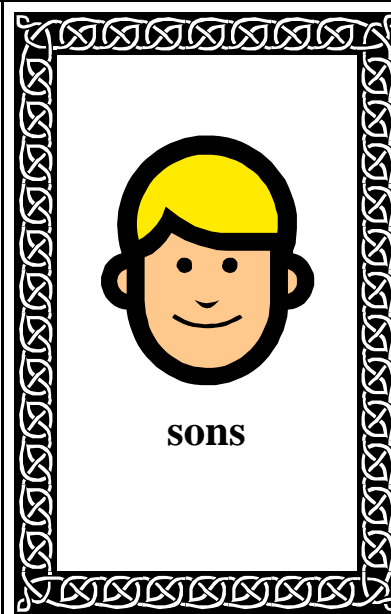
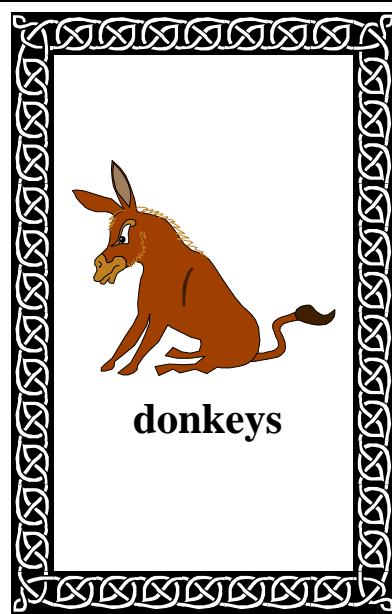
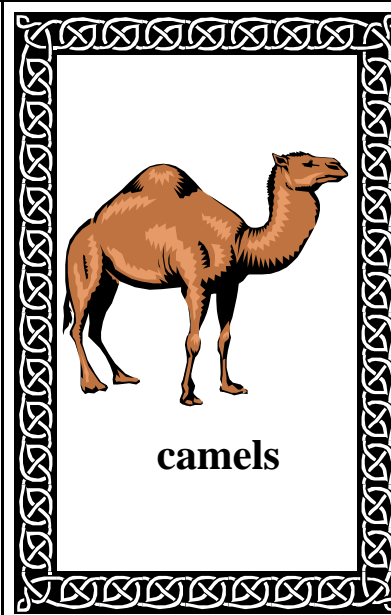
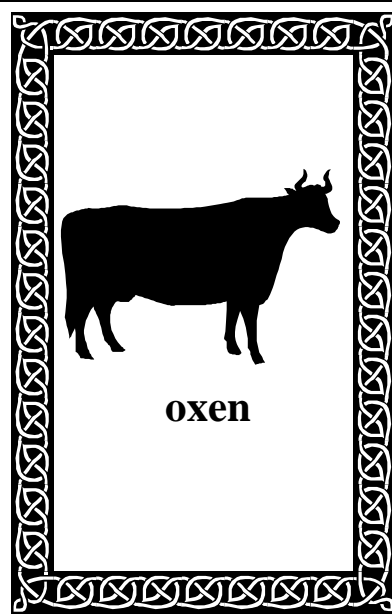
“And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”

**Jude 24**

“To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy.”

# House of Cards

Cut apart these cards. Work together or individually to build a house of cards. Job had all these things but his world crumbled just as these card houses eventually do. What did Job do when this happened?





# Who Said?



Fill in each blank with the name of the person who made the statement.  
Choose from the names below. Look in your Bible if you need help.

God	Satan	Job	Mrs. Job	Servant
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_____	Where have you come from? (Job 1:7)
_____	From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.
_____	Have you considered my servant Job? (Job 1:8)
_____	There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. (Job 1:8)
_____	Does Job fear God for nothing? (Job 1:9)
_____	You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. (Job 1:10)
_____	Stretch out Your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face. (Job 1:11)
_____	Everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger. (Job 1:12)
_____	The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and carried them off. (Job 1:15)
_____	The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants. (Job 1:16)
_____	It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you! (Job 1:19)
_____	Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart.
_____	The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised. (Job 1:21)
_____	He still maintains his integrity, though you incited Me against him to ruin him without any reason. (Job 2:3)
_____	Stretch out Your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse You to Your face. (Job 2:5)
_____	He is in your hands, but you must spare his life. (Job 2:6)
_____	Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!
_____	<b>Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?</b>

# Real Life Jobs

## **He Will Complete His Work by Phil & Denise Campbell**

For many years we lived and worked in Indonesia. We lived among the Bambam people learning their language and culture, developing an alphabet to write their language and training a team of Bambam people to work with us translating the Scriptures. In order to be able to get permission to live in Indonesia, I also taught part time at a university.

After a few years, we were able to begin translation and the Lord enabled us to finish translating the Gospel of Mark. It looked like all the years of preparation were paying off and we were on our way to providing the Bambam people with God's Word in their own language. Then one day we received news that made it look like everything was going to fall apart. The government of Indonesia said that we could no longer have the visas which gave us permission to live and work in Indonesia. We had to leave!

As we prayed, we were reminded that God had called us to this work and that it really is His work, not ours. We were reminded from Ephesians 2:10 that "we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." If the Bambam translation was a work that God prepared for us, then He'd open the door for us to continue. Sure enough, He opened a way that we had never imagined. We moved to southern Philippines and have been able to carry on the work by having Bambam men come work with us there. We can still go into Indonesia for visits to check the newly translated Scriptures and encourage the translation team.

And because I no longer have to teach at the university, it's turned out that we have progressed faster on the translation than we would have living permanently in Indonesia.

What have we learned from all this? We are God's instruments for doing His work. It does not help to worry or fret about the work. We just need to be faithful, and He will complete His work.

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## **God's Good and Perfect Plan by Tim & Leslie Widmer**

It is always good to reflect on God's faithfulness, and the first situation that came to mind was my pregnancy with Trav! We were faced with a situation where we had a choice to return to what we knew and what was "safe" for us. When we discovered my health and Trav's was in danger, our first response was go home to Spokane! As we prayed about it and asked God for peace and direction, we knew what would honor Him most by staying. By staying, we were able to show our faith in God was real. Our non-believing friends saw us rely on Him alone for strength and peace. It was a time where God drew us closer to Himself as we were very aware of our need of Him. When Trav needed surgery four weeks after being born, our faith had been so stretched that even though it was difficult for us, we knew God was continuing to orchestrate His good and perfect plan. We were reminded of the cost of serving God and following His lead. The cost dims in light of His greatness and love for us! God wants to do new things in our life to cause us to grow and see Him at work in our lives! Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

# Why do the Godly Suffer?



Unscramble the words below to find the character qualities developed through hardships.

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