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Psalm 119:105
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

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The Trial of Job

chapters 1-2

LONG, LONG AGO, IN THE LAND OF UZ, lived a man named Job. He was a righteous man who feared God and turned away from evil. Job was very rich, and he had 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 pairs of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and many servants. He was the greatest man in the east.

Job had 10 children: 7 sons and 3 daughters. They often had feasts together. Job worried about his children, often wondering if they had sinned and cursed God in their hearts. Job always offered sacrifices to God for his children.

ONE DAY, THE LORD SAID TO SATAN, "Have you noticed my servant Job, how there is no one like him on earth, a blameless, upright man who fears God and turns from evil?"

Satan answered, "Does Job fear God without any reason? Haven't You put a hedge of protection around him and everything he has? You have blessed him! But if You take everything away from him, he will curse You to Your face."

The Lord said to Satan, "Look! Everything Job has is in your hand, only don't hurt Job himself."

SOMETIME AFTER THIS, a messenger hurried to Job. He said, "All your oxen and donkeys were in the field, and the Sabeans came and took them! They killed your servants, and I'm the only one who escaped to tell you!" While he was still speaking, another one came, saying, "Fire came down from heaven and burned up all the sheep and your servants! I'm the only one who escaped!" While he was still speaking, a third one came, saying, "The Chaldeans have raided the camels and took them, and killed your servants, and I'm the only one who escaped!" And while he was still speaking, a fourth messenger came, saying, "Your sons and daughters were having a feast at their brother's house and a great wind struck the house and it fell down! All your children are dead, and I'm the only one who escaped to tell you!"

THE POOR MAN! WHAT WOULD HE DO? Job got up and tore his robe. He shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship God. He said, "I was born naked, and I'll leave the world naked. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." In all this, Job did not sin or charge God with any wrong.

AGAIN THE LORD SPOKE TO SATAN, saying, "Have you noticed my servant Job, how there isn't anyone like him on earth, a blameless, upright man who fears God and turns away from evil? He keeps his integrity, even though you encouraged Me to destroy his life without any reason."

Satan replied, "Skin for skin! A man will give anything he has for his life! If you touch his bones and flesh, he will curse You to Your face!"

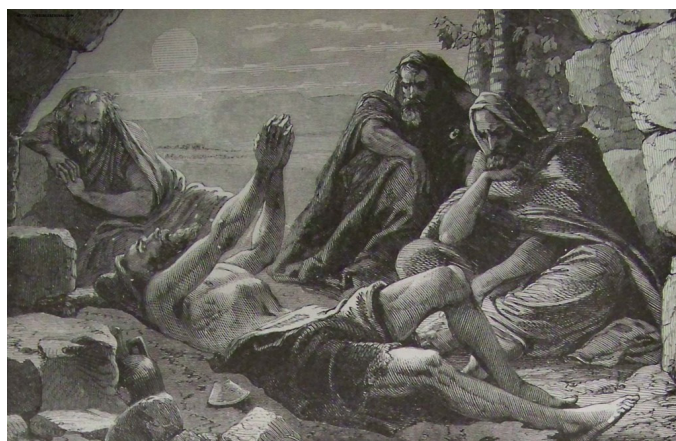
The Lord answered, "Look! Job is in your hand, only you must spare his life!"

SO SATAN STRUCK JOB WITH TERRIBLE SORES from the bottom of his feet to the top of his head. Job used a piece of broken pottery to scrape his skin as he sat in ashes. Job's wife said, "Do you still keep your integrity? Curse God and die!"

Job answered her, "You speak like a foolish woman! Should we receive only good from God and not evil?"

In all this, Job did not sin by speaking against God.

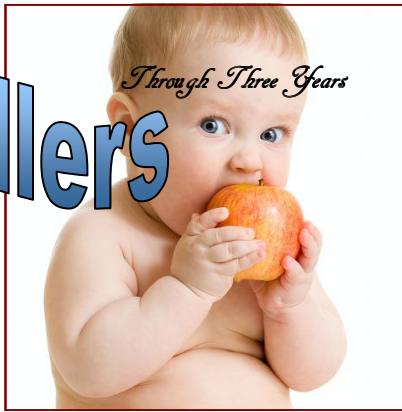
WHEN JOB'S THREE FRIENDS—Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar—heard of the evil that had come upon Job, they came together and showed him comfort and sympathy. They sat with him on the ground for seven days and nights without speaking, because they saw that Job was suffering so greatly.



See *Job: The Rest of the Story* on page 4.

Toddlers

Through Three Years



My Necessary Food

Your body needs food to grow and be healthy.

Mommy and Daddy feed you every day, because they want you to grow big and strong. They feed you healthy foods to help your body grow.

God's Word is food for your soul, the part inside of you that no one can see. When Daddy and Mommy read you Bible stories and tell you about Jesus, they are feeding your soul with God's Word so you can grow and be strong in faith.

When you pray, ask God to give your daily bread. God is the One who gives your food, even though it may come from the grocery store. Every day, God gives food for your body, and every day He gives His Word that is food for your soul. Remember to thank God for your daily bread.

I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. (Job 23:12)



Four-Six Years

Did you ever lose something that you loved? Did you turn the light on and look everywhere until you found the thing you lost? Maybe you found it behind a couch or under a table. And when you found it, you were so very happy!

Lost and Found

Jesus told a story about a woman who had ten silver coins, and she lost one of them. She lit a lamp, and she swept her house carefully searching for the lost coin. When she found it, she called her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me! I found the coin I had lost!"

In this story, Jesus was explaining that God finds people who are lost in sin. God loves people so much that He sent Jesus, the Light of the World. God searches very carefully, looking for those who don't believe in Jesus. God finds them and saves them through the preaching of the Good News about Jesus. The angels rejoice when one sinner repents and turns away from sin.

If you believe in Jesus, you have been found, just like the lost coin. Thank God that He has found you and that He gives you faith in Jesus. Trust Him to save you!

Tykes

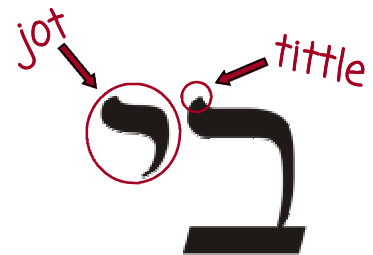
Ages Seven-Ten

English is a funny language. Read this sentence:

The Sunday School teacher said,
"My *job* is to teach the story of *Job*."

job (rhymes with Bob): task or work

Job (rhymes with robe): man who had many trials



Jots & Tittles and Tittles & Jots

Jesus said, "I did not come to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it. Not one jot or tittle will pass from the Law until all is fulfilled."

jot (rhymes with hot): a teeny-tiny letter called yod in the Hebrew alphabet

tittle (rhymes with little): a teeny-tiny part of a letter in the Hebrew alphabet

Jesus meant that we are not ever to change God's Law, not even a little bit. Our perfect holy God gave His perfect holy Law, and He meant what He said, even the teeny-tiniest part of the teeny-tiniest commandment. He does not want us to break His Law. In fact, the punishment for breaking God's holy Law is death.

English may be a funny language, but that isn't funny at all. We can't keep God's holy Law, because we fall into sin every day. We may not break God's holy Law by doing sinful things like stealing or killing, but we are fallen sinful humans, and we *think* sinful thoughts and we *say* sinful things and we *don't do* the good things that we should do.

Thanks be to God, Jesus did not come to destroy or change the Law, but He came to fulfill the Law for us. Jesus did what we could not do. He lived a perfect sinless life, and then He gave Himself to die on the cross in our place. When we believe and trust in Jesus, His perfection is given to us, and we are counted as sinless in God's sight. We are seen as having kept God's holy perfect Law ourselves, even though we are sinners who break the holy Law of God in thought, word and deed.

Tweens

Eleven-Twelve Years

God Almighty—who makes the wind blow—spoke to Job out of a whirlwind. Do you think Job was afraid? It would be a frightening experience to hear the wind speak with the voice of the Lord!

**Then the LORD
answered Job
out of the
whirlwind...**

Job 38:1



God's Spirit Is Like the Wind

Can we see the wind? No! We can observe the *effects* of the wind: we can *see* the leaves and tree branches moving, we can *feel* the movement of the air, we can *hear* the whistling sound that the wind makes, but we can't see the wind itself.

**Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you.
But when the leaves hang trembling,
The wind is passing through.
Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I.
But when the trees bow down their heads,
The wind is passing by.**

Christina Rossetti

Jesus said, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you can't tell where it comes from or where it is going. It is this way with every one who is born of the Spirit."

God's Holy Spirit is always moving like the wind, working in our hearts to show us the things of Jesus. The Spirit calls us by the preaching of the Gospel. The Spirit teaches us about Jesus and His death on the cross for us. The Spirit sanctifies us (makes us holy in the Father's sight) and keeps us in faith day after day. The Spirit comforts us with the peace that comes from knowing that our sins are forgiven.

The Holy Spirit lives within every one who believes in Jesus. Thank God for sending His Spirit—the Comforter—to us!

Job knows the Lord is wise and strong, and that no one can stand against Him. Because of this, he wishes he could appeal to God for mercy, for it seems to Job that sometimes God destroys the innocent along with the guilty. Job complains that the Lord is inaccessible. There is no way to reason with Him because God is not a man like Job is. He laments that there isn't a "daysman" between them, an arbiter or mediator with the authority to settle the case between him and God.

Teens

Jesus Is Our Daysman

We are in much the same situation as Job. We know that God is wise and strong, and always RIGHT. No one can stand against Him. We want to appeal to God for mercy, because we know we are guilty of breaking God's Law. We need peace with God, to know that He will not punish us for our sins, to know that we are not separated from Him eternally. We need a Daysman who has the authority to settle the sin-case between us and God.

Praise God! We have a Daysman, a Mediator, a Peace-Maker! Paul wrote to Timothy: "There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified at the proper time."

The God-Who-Became-Man Jesus stands in the court of judgment on our side. He has settled the case Himself, paying our debt with His own blood. He stands before the Father and says, "This child's sin debt is mine. See the perfect white robe that I have placed on Your child. I have paid the debt. This child is not guilty."

And the verdict will ring out as the gavel falls:

"NOT GUILTY!"



Our Mediator has ransomed us from the power of sin. Our Peace-Maker has made peace for us with God. Our Daysman has settled the sin-case in our favor.

How awesomely, amazingly cool is that?!

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2

AFTER ELIPHAZ, BILDAD AND ZOPHAR sat with Job in silence for seven days, they began to speak. The men had many long talks, wondering whether Job had sinned to cause all these calamities. They argued and argued about God, and said that the innocent don't suffer and that Job should repent of his wickedness and sins.

Job-

The Rest of the Story

EVENTUALLY JOB BECAME FRUSTRATED, claiming that he was righteous before the Lord. He wanted to go before Almighty God and plead his case. He complained that there is no mediator between God and man, no peace-maker to help him. Job had some questions for God and he wanted answers.

When Job and his friends finally fell silent, young Elihu—a fourth friend who had listened to their discussion—spoke up. He had waited to speak out of respect for the older men, but now he had had enough. He was angry at Job for justifying himself instead of the Lord. He was angry at Job's friends because they had no good answer for Job, yet they condemned him.

Elihu said that the Lord was not Job's enemy, that God was not punishing him. The Almighty God did not have to answer to Job. God was always right and humans must be humble before Him. Elihu praised God's greatness and majesty. He told Job to stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.

THEN THE LORD SPOKE TO JOB out of a whirlwind. He said, "Who is speaking about things he doesn't understand? Get ready, because I have some questions for YOU!" Then God fired question after question at Job:

*Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.
Who laid out the measurements of the earth? What are its foundations fastened upon? Who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
Who set limits for the sea? Or said to it, "You will come this far and no farther! Here is where your proud waves will stop."
Have you commanded the morning? Or caused the dawn?
Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or walked in the depths?
Have you understood the expanse of the earth? Tell it, if you know all this!
Do you know where light dwells? And the place of darkness?
Have you entered the storehouses of snow? Or seen the treasury of hail?
Who made it rain upon the earth, to satisfy the dry land and cause the plants to grow?
Can you cause the stars to move? Can you make it rain? Can you send forth lightning?
Will you hunt prey for the lion? Who provides food for the ravens?
Did you give the horse his strength? Does the hawk fly because of your wisdom?
Shall the one who finds fault with the Almighty instruct Him? He who argues with God, let him answer!*

Job answered the Lord: "Look! I am vile. What can I answer You? I will cover my mouth with my hand. I have spoken once, but I will not answer; twice, but I will go no further."

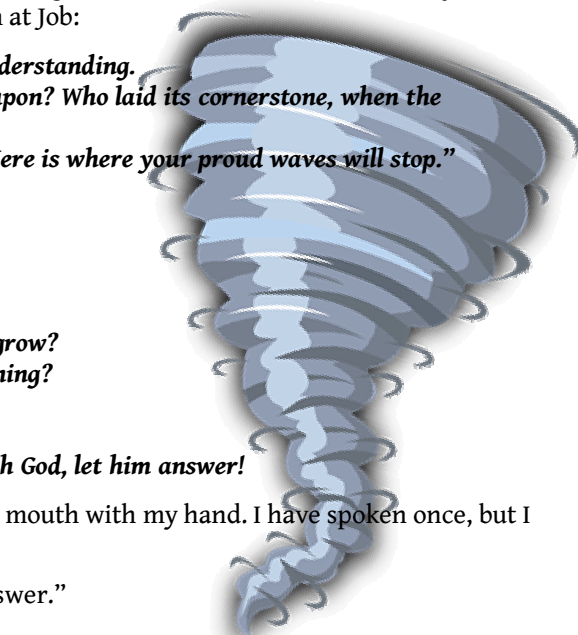
The Lord replied, "Get ready, because I have some more questions for you to answer."

*Will you nullify My judgment? Will you condemn Me, so you can be righteous?
Do you have an arm like God? Can you thunder with a voice like His?
Clothe yourself with majesty and excellence, dress yourself with glory and beauty!
Humble the proud and step on the wicked, then I will acknowledge that you can save yourself.*

Job answered the Lord, "I know that You can do all things, and nothing can be withheld from You. I have spoken things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. You said, 'I will question and you will answer.' I had heard of You, but now my eyes see You. I despise myself, and I repent in dust and ashes!"

Then the Lord said to Eliphaz: "I'm angry with you and your two friends because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. Go offer a burnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will pray for you, that I will not deal with you according to your foolishness." And Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar did as God had commanded.

THEN THE LORD RESTORED THE FORTUNES of Job. He gave Job twice as much as he had before. The LORD blessed Job's end more than his beginning: now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 pairs of oxen, 1,000 female donkeys, and 7 sons and 3 daughters. In all the land no women were as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. Job lived many years and saw his great-great grandchildren. Then Job died, an old man and full of days.



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Seek & Find

ALMIGHTY
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 ELIHU
 ELIPHAZ
 FRIENDS
 INHERITANCE
 JOB
 MESSENGER
 QUESTION
 RESTORED
 RIGHTEOUS
 SUFFERING
 TRIAL
 WHIRLWIND
 ZOPHAR

How many whirlwinds are on this puzzle page?

What did Job say about Jesus?







See Job 19:25

For I know that my Redeemer _____,
 and that He shall _____ at
 the latter day upon the _____.

The Trial of Job Puzzle Fun

Answer Key: page 7

Do You Remember?

What did Job lose?	How many did Job have to start with?	How did Job lose these?	How many did Job have at the end?
			
			
			
			
			
			

	+		-		7
X		-		X	
	X		-		22
-		+		/	
	X		/		36
4		7		3	

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.
 Each number is only used once.
 Each row is a math equation. Work from left to right.
 Each column is a math equation. Work from top to bottom.



MY REDEEMER LIVES!



"I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth," Job 19:25



Job lost his camels, donkeys, sheep and cows,
But not his wife.
Job lost his servants, children and health,
But not his life.

Most Holy Father,

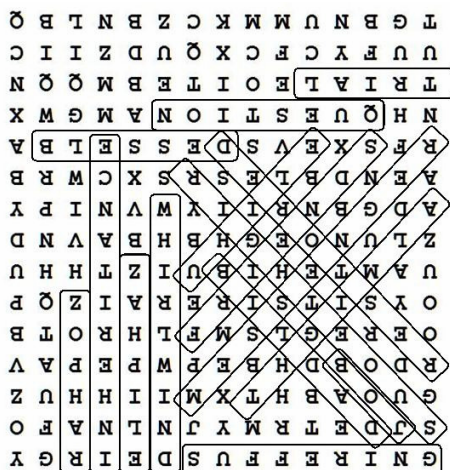
You are so good to us, Your children! You are the Father of the fatherless and the Defender of widows, and you carry the lambs in Your arms. Thank You for Your faithfulness that is new every morning. Let us always remember that we were lost and You have found us. Thank You for Your Spirit that moves like the wind, working in the hearts of people.

Thank You for the story of Job, for showing us that You are all-powerful and able, and that You care for each one of us. You see us where we are today, and You help us in our time of need. Though we don't always understand why we have trials, we trust You and say, "Thy will be done!" Help us to not complain on the journey!

Thank You for Your Word that is necessary food for our souls, and that through Your Word, You teach and correct us. Thank You for the Gospel that we read in Your Word and hear proclaimed by our pastors and preachers. Thank You that every jot and tittle of Your Law is fulfilled in Christ and that we are given His righteousness by faith in His finished work.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Puzzle Answer Key



3	great wind	3	
7	great wind	7	
6,000	Chaldeans	3,000	
14,000	fire from heaven	7,000	
1,000 females	Sabeans	500 females	
1,000 pairs	Sabeans	500 pairs	
How many did Job lose these?	lose these?	lose these?	
How many did Job have at the end?	lose these?	lose these?	

3	7	4
36	2	9
/	/	+
22	6	7
X	-	X
7	1	5
3	+	3

How Many Whirlwinds?
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What Did Job Say?
Liveth, stand, earth

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For Parents:

The Problem of Suffering

The book of Job can be a difficult story for children (and adults, sometimes!) to understand. There is so much suffering, so much pain, so much tragedy, and Job incurs loss after loss, seemingly to no good purpose. Job accuses the Lord of judging him falsely, of wronging him. He contends that God is to blame for his suffering. Though Job is often thought to endure suffering with patience, he doesn't hold the Almighty completely blameless for his trials. In their turns, Job's three friends accuse Job of some wrongdoing; they assume that Job is at fault for his suffering, that God is punishing him.

Finally Elihu asserts the sovereignty of God. Maybe Job's suffering is not punishment at all, neither brought on by God or by Job himself. Elihu says, "You say that you are innocent of wrongdoing, that God is treating you as His enemy. But you are wrong! God is greater than man. Why are you fighting against Him? The Almighty God doesn't have to give an account to you. He isn't wicked, and He doesn't pervert justice! He is mighty, strong and wise, and His works are to be magnified. Stand still, Job, and consider the wondrous works of God."

God's most wondrous work toward all mankind was His mercy in sending His only Son to redeem us from ourselves, to claim us as His own dear children. And this after we had turned away from Him and went our own way!

There is great suffering in our world, but it isn't God's fault. Just because He doesn't stop the tsunami or cure the cancer, He isn't to blame for the pain and the broken lives. All suffering is a result of sin, which entered the world at the fall of our first parents.

Through pain and suffering, look to the One who endured pain and suffering for you, who "purchased and won you from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with His holy precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death."

God is just. God is kind. God is merciful.



Job and His Friends by Ilya Repin