Story Time - Read the story to the children Lesson 137: JOB'S SECOND TEST JOB 2:1-10

When the angels gathered around the LORD again, Satan was there with them, and the LORD asked, "Satan, where have you been?" Satan replied, "I have been going all over the earth." Then the LORD asked, "What do you think of my servant Job? No one on earth is like him--he is a truly good person, who respects and fears me and refuses to do evil. And he hasn't changed, even though you persuaded me to destroy him for no reason." Satan answered, "There's no pain like when you are in pain yourself. People will do anything to stay alive. Try striking Job's own body with pain, and he will curse you to your face." "All right." the LORD replied. "Make Job suffer as much as you want, but just don't kill him." Satan left and caused painful sores to break out all over Job's body--from head to toe. Then Job sat on a heap of ashes to show his sorrow. And while he was scraping his sores with a broken piece of pottery, his wife asked, "Are you still holding onto your faith? Why don't you just curse God and die?" Job replied, "Don't talk like a fool! Shall we accept good things from God, and not also accept trouble too?" In all the things that happened to him, Job never once said anything bad against God.



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137. JOB'S SECOND TEST

JOB 2:1-10

MEMORY VERSE:

"Shall we accept good things from God, and shall we not accept trouble too?" JOB 2:10

TRUE OR FALSE

- 1. All the angels were gathered around the LORD one day, and Satan was there with them. TRUE or FALSE
- 2. The LORD said to Satan, "I want you to leave Job alone now. He has been through enough trouble." TRUE or FALSE
- **3.** Satan told the LORD that Job was good now, but if He attacked his body, he would curse God. TRUE or FALSE
- **4.** The LORD told Satan, "Make Job suffer as much as you want, and then kill him too." TRUE or FALSE
- 5. Satan went away from the LORD and made Job's body get all kinds of painful sores from head to toe. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- 1. What did Satan tell the LORD to do to Job that would make him curse God?
- 2. Did the LORD allow Satan to attack Job's body?
- 3. What happened to Job?
- 4. When Job was sitting on a pile of ashes scraping his sores, what did his wife tell him to do?
- 5. Did Job do what his wife told him and curse God after all the bad things that had happened to him? No!

Lesson 137 Trust in the LORD

Discussion for lesson 137 – Trusting in the LORD

First, ask the children, "Does God love us?" (They will answer with a YES!)

Now, have the children tell you some bad things that can happen to people in life. Write these down. (People get sick, their pet dies, someone dies, they lose their house, a tornado comes, a flood or hurricane, they don't have food or water, etc..)

Let each child give one example of something bad that can happen to people.

Then go over each 'bad thing' and discuss with the children. Ask them, "If this happened to you, would you be angry with the LORD?"

Some will say yes, some will say no... (It's okay – don't ask why – just get a yes or no answer from each.)

Ask the children again, "Does God love us?" (You'll get another YES!)

Now, have the children tell you some good things that can happen to people in life. Write these things down. (A new baby is born, you get a present, you get a puppy, you make your mom and dad happy, a birthday party, etc.)

Let each child give one example of something good that can happen to people.

Then go over each good thing and discuss with the children. Ask them, "If this happened to you, would you be happy with the LORD?"

Let them all answer yes! (They should just about all answer yes to the good things.)

Now, discuss with the children, "If you are happy when God gives you good things in life because He loves us, isn't it right to also trust Him when bad things happen to us, just like Job trusted God? He still loves us – He doesn't stop loving us when bad things happen, so we have to trust in Him to make everything okay."

Say a prayer about trusting in the LORD with all your heart, and thank Him for loving us so much! Ask Him to help us trust in Him every day, when good things happen, and especially when bad things happen.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust in the Lord even when we do not understand what He is doing. May we believe He has everything under control even in time of difficult trial. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

