

Story Time - Read the story to the children

Lesson 140: THE LORD SPEAKS

JOB 38:1-40:24

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, Who is this that darkens the Lord's wisdom by words without knowledge? (Which means, 'Why do you talk so much when you know so little?') Now get ready to face me! Can you answer the questions I ask? How did I lay down the foundation for the earth? Were you there? I'm sure you know who decided the earth's length and how wide it would be. What holds up the foundation? Who placed the cornerstone, while morning stars sang, and angels rejoiced? When the ocean was born, I set its boundaries and wrapped it in blankets of the thickest fog. Then I built a wall around it, locked the gates, and said, "Your powerful waves stop here! They can go no farther." Did you ever tell the sun to rise? And did it obey? Did it take hold of the earth and shake out the wicked people like dust from a rug? Early sunrise outlines the hills like stitches on clothing or sketches on clay. But its light is too much for those who are evil, and their power is broken. Job, have you ever walked on the ocean floor? Have you seen the gate to the world of the dead? And how large is the earth? Tell me, if you know! Where is the home of light, and where does darkness live? Can you lead them home? I'm certain you must be able to, since you were already born when I created everything. Have you been to the places where I keep snow and hail, until I use them to punish and conquer nations? From where does lightning leap, or the east wind blow? Who carves out a path for thunderstorms? Who sends floods of rain on empty deserts where no one lives? Rain that changes dry, dead land to meadows that are green with grass. Who is the father of the dew and of the rain? Who gives birth to the sleet and the frost that fall in winter, when streams and lakes freeze solid as a rock? Can you arrange stars in groups such as Orion and the Pleiades? Do you control the stars or set in place the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper? Do you know the laws that govern the heavens, and can you make them rule the earth? Can you command the clouds to send a downpour of rain, or will lightning flash at your command? Did you teach birds to know that rain or floods are on their way? Can you count the clouds or pour out their water on the dry, lumpy soil? When lions are hungry, do you help them hunt? Do you send an animal into their den? And when starving young birds cry out to me for food, do you satisfy their hunger? When do mountain goats and deer give birth? Have you been there when their young are born? How long are they pregnant before they deliver? Soon their young grow strong and then leave to be on their own. Who set wild donkeys free? I alone help them survive in salty desert sand. They stay far from crowded cities and refuse to be tamed. Instead, they roam the hills, searching for pastureland. Would a wild ox agree to live in your barn and work for you? Could you force him to plow or to drag a heavy log to smooth out the soil? Can you depend on him to use his great strength and do your heavy work? Can you trust him to

harvest your grain or take it to your barn from the threshing place? An ostrich proudly flaps her wings, but not because she loves her young. She abandons her eggs and lets the dusty ground keep them warm. And she doesn't seem to worry that the feet of an animal could crush them all. She treats her eggs as though they were not her own, not worried that her work might be for nothing. I myself made her foolish and without common sense. But once she starts running, she laughs at a rider on the fastest horse because she is faster than them. Did you give horses their strength and the flowing hair along their necks? Did you make them able to jump like grasshoppers or to frighten people with their snorting? Before horses are ridden into battle, they paw at the ground, proud of their strength. Laughing at fear, they rush toward the fighting, while the weapons of their riders rattle and flash in the sun. Unable to stand still, they gallop eagerly into battle when trumpets blast. Stirred by the distant smells and sounds of war, they snort in reply to the trumpet. Did you teach hawks to fly south for the winter? Did you train eagles to build their nests on rocky cliffs, where they can look down to spot their next meal? Then their young gather to feast wherever the victim lies. I am the LORD All-Powerful, but you have argued that I am wrong. Now you must answer me.

Job answered the LORD and said: 'I am small and wicked. What can I say to answer you? I did speak once or twice, but I put my hand over my mouth now, and will never speak again'. Then out of the whirlwind the LORD said to Job: Face me and answer the questions I ask! Are you trying to prove that you are innocent by accusing me of not being fair? Do you have a powerful arm and a thundering voice that compares with mine? If so, then surround yourself with glory and majesty. Show your furious anger! Throw down and crush all who are proud and evil. Wrap them in grave clothes and bury them together in the dusty soil. Do this, and I will agree that you have won this argument. I created both you and the hippopotamus. It eats only grass like an ox, but look at the mighty muscles in its body and legs. Its tail is like a cedar tree, and its thighs are thick. The bones in its legs are like bronze or iron. I made it more powerful than any other creature, yet I am stronger still. Undisturbed, it eats grass while the other animals play nearby. It rests in the shade of trees along the riverbank or hides among reeds in the swamp. It remains calm and unafraid with the Jordan River rushing and splashing in its face. There is no way to capture a hippopotamus-- not even by hooking its nose or blinding its eyes.

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JOB 38:1-2

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Shall the one who argues with the Lord correct Him?" JOB 40:2

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind. TRUE or FALSE
2. The LORD asked Job if he was there when he destroyed the world.
TRUE or FALSE
3. The LORD asked Job if he told the sun to rise, and did it obey him. TRUE or FALSE
4. The LORD also asked Job if he was able to make it rain frogs down on everybody.
TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD asked Job if he told the eagle to swim in the water.
TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. After the LORD asked Job all those questions, what did Job say? Did he say that he was small and wicked, and what could he say to answer the LORD?
2. Where did the LORD answer Job from? Was it a whirlwind?
3. Did the LORD ask Job if he was trying to make the LORD look guilty so that he would look like he was innocent? Yes!
4. Did the LORD ask Job if he had a thundering voice and a powerful arm like His? Yes!
5. What animal did the LORD say he created that eats grass but has very strong muscles? Was it a hippopotamus?
6. What animal did the LORD say that laughed at a rider on a fast horse because it was faster? Was it an ostrich?

Lesson 140 Game

Play Pin the Tail On the Hippo!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust the Lord and be patient as He works in our lives, even though we may not understand our circumstances. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity to do so.

PIN THE TAIL ON THE HIPPO

Instructions

• Step 1

Print the template of the hippo and mount it onto a piece of foam board, then attach it to a position on the wall where all players can easily reach.

• Step 2

Print one hippo tail template for each player and mark their names clearly on the side.

• Step 3

Attach some adhesive tape to the top of each tail so the players are able to pin the tail on the board.

• Step 4

In turns each player has a try to place the tail onto the hippo's body after being blindfolded and spun around in circles.

• Step 5

Throughout the game, tails should remain on the board until the last player has taken their turn.

• Step 6

The winner is the player who placed their tail closest to the correct spot on the hippo.



