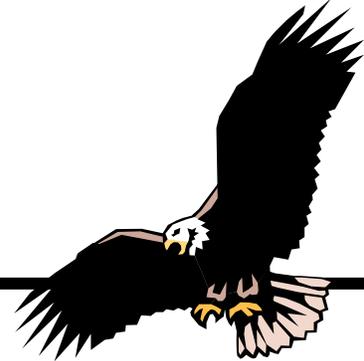


*Get Ready!***Job**

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**Text**

Job 1-2:10; 42:10-16

**Key Quest Verse**

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.”  
Isaiah 40:31a

**Bible Background**

The author of Job is unknown other than we know that it was a Jewish person. We know that Job didn't write the account of happenings and we know that Job is the divine word of God because of several messages within that only God would know and bestow on the writer. The complete message of Job is to show that the adversary is willing to do anything to try and destroy a relationship with God. He accused Job of only worshipping God for the benefits. Job was robbed of all his wealth and cursed with afflictions. He still trusted in God no matter what. In the end, the accuser was silenced and it was proven that God was the almighty and again bestowed treasures on Job. Suffering makes us stronger and gives us more reason to look for God's perfect Kingdom.

*Get Ready!*

### Lesson Quest

What I want my students to:

**Know:** It's important to talk to God during good times and bad times.

**Feel:** Closer to God by talking with Him.

**Do:** Thank God that He is always there and gives us strength.

### Leader's Devotion

Why? This could be the most asked question that cannot be answered. My only answer to the question “why?”, is... God did not promise us a perfect life today. It is our future hope of being in God's Kingdom that we are looking forward to. We must live our lives today knowing God is in control but work as if we are in control. We must work to reach others for His Kingdom.



Get Set!

**Option A**

Materials: Balloon

**I just love balloons. There are so many things you can do with balloons! Can you name some things you can do with a balloon? (Wait for response and as they respond begin to blow the balloon up) You definitely need the balloon blown up to be able to do neat stuff with it and I want this one to be really big! (Continue to blow the balloon until it bursts) Hey, that's not fair! Why did that happen to me? I wanted that balloon to teach you something special this morning! Let's go to our lesson and learn about bad things happening to good people.**

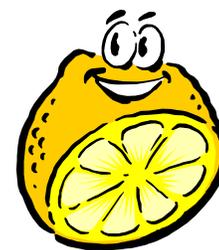
GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

**Option B**

Materials: Sliced lemons, sugar, water, glasses, knife

**I've got a special surprise for each of you today. To be able to receive this special item you must first promise me that you aren't going to peek. Next close your eyes and hold out your hand. I'm placing a piece of fruit in your hand and I want each of you to take a lick or bite of it and tell me what it is...but wait...everybody do it together. 1-2-3... Was that delicious? How can we make it better? Let's add some water and sugar and what do we have? In our story today, we'll learn of a man that had some sour things happen to him but he followed God and made something good out of it. Make lemon-aide.**

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY



Get Set!



### Bible Story

**Materials:** Rag shirt that can be ripped and lotion

**Advance Preparation:** Before class, write Scripture texts as follow on individual index cards: 1. “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing and they were stolen and all the servants were killed except me.” (1:14-15) 2. “The lightning from the sky hit and burned up the sheep and the servants and I’m the only one that escaped to come tell you.” (1:16) 3. “People raided and took all your camels and killed the servants and I’m the only one that escaped to come tell you.” (1:17) 4. “Your sons and daughters were eating together and a tornado hit the house and they are all dead. I’m the only one that escaped” (1:18) If students are fluent in reading you could ask them to read directly from the Scripture and then explain what each thing is.

**I’m going to write a word on this piece of paper and I need someone to read it for me (job). What is that? Is it hard or easy to have a job? Now I need someone to read this word (Job). It looks like job but it’s not. It’s a man’s name in the Bible that rhymes with Joe but it is spelled with a B. Our story today is found in the book of Job in the Old Testament. It looks like the book would be for someone looking for a job but it is not. This book is about the life of Job. Job was a man of God and was very blessed. He had 7 sons and 3 daughters. He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen that means 1000, 500 donkeys, and lots and lots of servants. He was one of the richest men in the East. He was very close to God and worshipped him daily. One day Satan was looking around the earth seeing what was going on. Do you think he liked Job spending so much time talking with God and worshipping him? Angels were going to God and talking with Him and all of a sudden Satan showed up. No Satan didn’t like Job worshipping God and he wanted to put a stop to it! God said, “Job is a very good man and he fears God and shuns or stays away from evil things.” Then Satan said, (talk very sarcastically) “It must be because you protect him all the time and you’ve let him have anything he wants...look at all he owns. If he didn’t have all that stuff I’m sure he’d curse you and be done worshipping you.” God knew different but decided to prove to Satan that Job was a very good man. God said, “Everything he has doesn’t make any difference, do with it as you want but do not lay a hand on Job.” Satan was thrilled and went out to do his dirty work. Four of you have a card to read. I’m going to pretend I’m Job now and I’m at my house as happy as can be and all of a sudden I get these messages. Message1...(let child read it). And then while he was still speaking, message #2 came...(child read it) And then while he was still speaking message #3 came...(child read it) And then while he was still speaking message #4 came...(child read it). (Begin to cry) My oxen and donkeys are a great loss but it doesn’t matter. Loosing my sheep is bad but so what, even my camels I can do without, I’m sorry my servants are dead but loosing my children is almost unbearable. (and then rip shirt) “God has blessed me and given me a lot and now it is taken away.” (Take the shirt off and continue to tell the story.)**

Get Set!



### Bible Story

Satan just couldn't stand it... Job was still worshipping God. So the angels were going to God again and along came Satan, again. Now God said to Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? There is no man on earth as good as he is and worships me and shuns evil or sin or he stays away from it." Satan hated hearing God speak so nicely of Job. It was as if God had won since some pretty bad stuff had happened to Job and he was still trusting God and worshipping and praising Him. Satan said, "But what if he didn't have good health and his bones hurt and even his skin hurt, I'll bet he would no longer serve you and he would curse you!" "No way", God said, "You do what you want but don't kill him." Now I'm sure Satan wanted to kill Job but God still had power over Satan and wouldn't let him kill Job. Pretty soon Job got really sick with painful sores all over his body. He probably ached all over and couldn't sleep at night he hurt so badly. The Bible says he had sores from the bottom of his feet to the top of his head. Let's see if we can make pusey sores all over your arms and face...(put dots of lotion all over each student) Do our sores hurt? Of course not but do we look disgusting? Yes. Do you think Job would want to go out in public and let everyone see him this way? Job hurt so badly that he even took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it and put ashes on his sores trying to make it feel better. Job's wife looked at him and couldn't believe what she was seeing...it was disgusting. She even said, "Why don't you just curse God and die?" What do you think Job did? He did not sin in anything he said! Was he depressed? Yes! Did he still have faith in God? Yes! Job trusted in God and even prayed for his friends. God knew that Job was hurting. He also knew that Job's faith was strong. God answered Job's prayers and Job became rich and prosperous again. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came to his house for a big banquet. They all brought him a piece of silver and a gold ring. And God blessed Job and he had more than he had to begin with. He had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen or 2,000, and 1,000 donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters and the girls were more beautiful than anyone else in the land. Job lived to be 140 years old and he saw his children and grandchildren and great grandchildren and even great grandchildren grow up. He lived a full life and God blessed him. Job gave each one of his children an inheritance or a blessing also. Job talked with God daily and never gave up his faith that things would get better. Did God answer Job's prayers? Did Satan win and get Job to be on his side and no longer worship God? Job said that sometimes God's plan is so wonderful that we don't understand what is going on. We must have patience and get closer to God! What can we do to become closer to God?

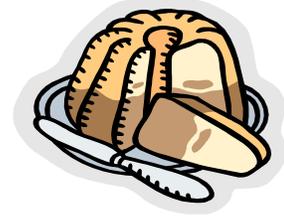
**Go!****“I Can Do It!”****EXPERIMENT****Materials:** Pennies**Quest Connection**

We are each going to take a challenge. The challenge is very difficult but with practice we can do it. Are you ready to start? Bend your elbow, and place your hand behind your ear. With your other hand, place a penny on your elbow. The trick is to catch the penny in your hand before it falls by moving your opened hand down very quickly and closing over the penny as you bend forward. We may have to practice a couple of times but we can do it! This is hard isn't it? We must learn to depend on God now and talk to Him. When things get hard in our lives then we will know that God is there and will listen and help us!

**Procedure:** Place one penny on your elbow and try to catch it in your hand before it falls.

**Close**

No matter how hard things get in your life, God is there for you!

**Go!****Food for Angels****FOOD**

**Materials:** Angel food cake, icing, sprinkles, saucers, knives

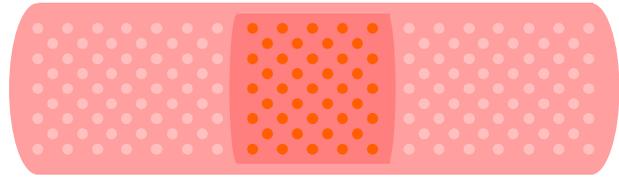
**Procedure:** Give each student a saucer with a slice of angel food cake on it. Let them put icing on the cake. At the designated time let them shake on sprinkles.

**Quest Connection**

Do you think God has angels watching over us? We know that God is there for us and listens to our prayers. What if we don't talk to God? Does He care? What can we do to get closer to God? We're going to eat the food of angels today. I want you to each think of a time that something bad happened to you. Do you think God was there? We're going to sprinkle out a little bit of fear and doubt. (let student's ice and spread sprinkles (fears and doubts) Who can we depend on to help us? God is right. Remember when you're eating this angel food that God is waiting to hear from you.

**Close**

God promises that He is always with us. He is planning a Kingdom that will be on earth and we can reign there with Him. What a wonderful thing to look forward to!

**Go!****God Can Heal**

ART/CRAFT

**Materials:** Band-Aid for each child or numerous Band-Aids, markers, construction paper**Quest Connection**

**Procedure:** Give students a Band-Aid and let them decorate it with a message to explain something that they learned from the lesson today. Or give each student various sized Band-Aids and a piece of construction paper. Let them write their name by using various Band-Aids to create each letter.

We learned that Job was a faithful man. He had great blessings and then he had lots of problems. No matter what happened, God was there for Job. Job talked to God in prayer and God healed him. God answers our prayers. Write on your Band-Aid something that you learned about God. (God loves me/ God can heal/ pray to God) *or... using various Band-Aids write the name of someone that God loves. Can you write your name out of Band-Aids?*

**Close****We can count on God to answer our prayers. He is always there!**

**Go!****Encouragement****CREATIVE WRITING**

**Materials:** Construction paper, stickers, crayons, markers

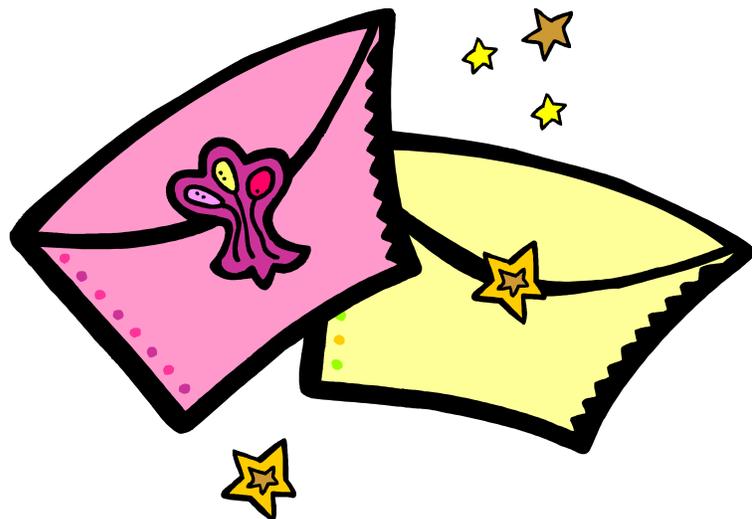
**Quest Connection**

**Procedure:** Give each child a piece of construction paper folded in half to make a card. Place a white sheet of paper on the inside to write the message on. Let children be creative and then give their special encouragement card to their special friend in the church.

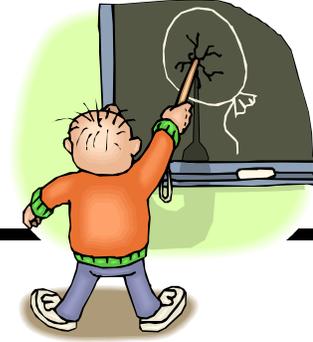
We've learned how hard it is to not be discouraged when we are feeling bad. Today we are going to make cards of encouragement for some people in our church. Think of someone you would like to cheer up and let's write them a card. Draw a picture of something you think they would like. It could be you or them or even a bouquet of flowers. Let them know that you are praying for them.

**Close**

When we encourage others it often makes us feel better too!



**Go!**



### Key Quest Memory

#### GAME

**Materials:** Balloons with each containing one word of the memory verse, blown up and tied; pin to pop balloons; paper with one word of memory verse on each paper to be hidden around the room, Band-Aid bubble gum from Wal-Mart.

### Quest Connection

We know that Job had some difficult times. Today, we're going to see how you handle a little stress. We are going to have a race to see who can complete the memory verse first. Team one will work on this side of the table and team two will work over there. The object we are going to work on is finding the words of our memory verse, putting them in order and then every member of our team must repeat the memory verse together. Whichever team completes the job first is the winner and will receive some Band-Aid bubble gum to remind us that God heals! Team one will pop the balloons in the bag to find the memory verse words inside each balloon and team two will search for words around the room. Any questions? Ready, set, go!

**Procedure:** Make two copies of the memory verse with plenty of space between the words so they can be cut apart. Before class, tape the individual words of the memory verse to the wall/door/windows/ just make sure each slip of paper is in plain sight. Cut each word of the memory verse into ¼ inch by 2 inch strips. Fold them in half and with a pencil tuck one into each blowhole of a balloon. Blow the balloons up and tie, placing them in a garbage bag. Form two teams. The goal is for each team to collect all papers with the verse words on them, put them in order on the table and repeat the memory verse. The team to line the verse up and repeat it first is the winner. (Clue: If the team with the balloons, leaves the balloons in the bag to pop them it makes it much easier for them and both teams will complete the task at almost exactly the same time; according to my trial run. They wanted to even do this the second week so we did)

### Close

“Thank you God for giving us strength and hope, in Jesus name, Amen.”

**Go!**



**Review & Rebuild**

**GAME**

**Materials:** Chalk, chalkboard, review questions (listed below)

**Procedure:** Select two teams. Ask a question to team one. If they answer correctly, a team member can begin to draw an animal on their side of the chalkboard. If that team answers incorrectly the question goes to team two. Take turns asking each team a question and letting a team member draw another animal to rebuild Job’s livestock. At the end of the game, the team with the most animals wins.

**Quest Connection**

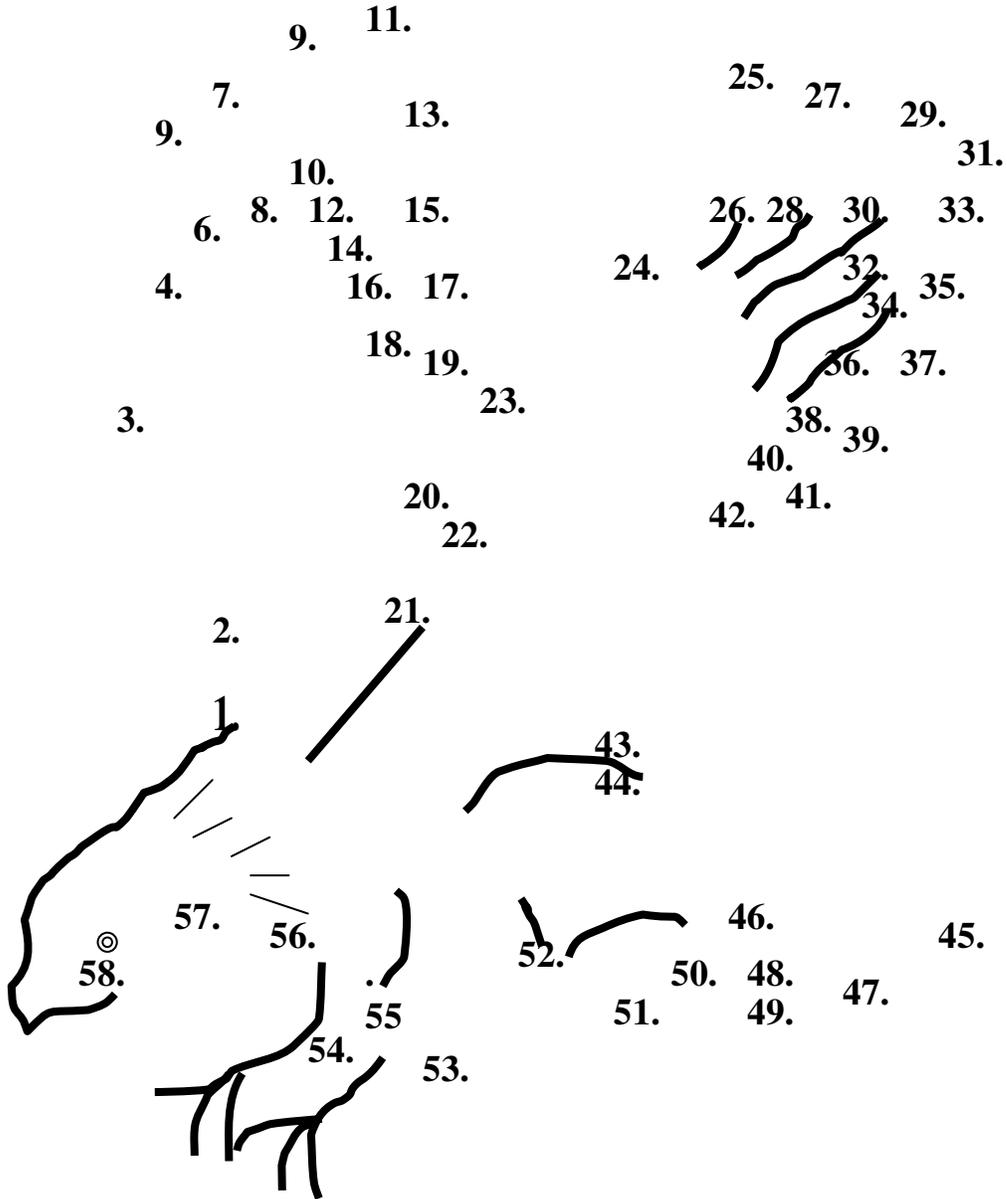
**Job trusted in God but after a while he began to doubt and wondered what to do. We’re going to play a game of review together. By answering questions about our lesson today, you will be able to draw Job’s life after God blessed him for staying faithful through hardships. We all experience doubt, and you might wonder what the right answer is to some of these questions, but use your team for help and let’s remember Job and what we can learn from the story of his life.**

- Who was the greatest man of the East?
- Did Job do evil things or stay away from evil?
- Name one thing you can say to encourage someone when they are hurting.
- Was Job a good person or a bad person?
- What did Job’s wife tell him to do?
- Name one thing that happened to Job.
- Who did Job turn to for help?
- What did Job do when he was hurting?
- God gives us strength to soar like \_\_\_\_\_.
- Name an animal that Job owned.
- What horrible thing happened to his kids in the house?
- What happened to the sheep?
- What happened to the oxen and donkeys?
- What did Satan want to happen?
- What did Job use to scratch his sores?
- What did Job put on his sores?
- Did Job get a good nights sleep? Why or why not?
- What happened at the end of Job’s life?

**Close**

**“Dear God, Thank You for helping us make the right decisions. Thank You for always being there to help. We love You and want to be in Your Kingdom. In Jesus name, Amen.”**

Connect the dots and discover a reminder of your memory verse.



“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles.”  
Isaiah 40:31a

**Find the mistakes in the picture. What might disturb these children from praying?**  
Ring, raccoon, Christmas tree, spider, web, boat, vulture, scissors, soccer ball,



Break the code and discover God's truth!

Cross out every Q and Z and fill in the blanks below with all letters left.

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Isaiah 40:31

Journal Page: Write a list of things you are thankful for that God has given you.

