

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

DEVOTION GUIDELINES

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2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

READ TOGETHER (Read – Job 1-3, Job 38, 42)

Job 1:1, 8-12 ¹ There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil. ⁸ The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." ⁹ Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." ¹² Then the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord.

Job 1:20-22 ²⁰ Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

²¹ He said,
"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked I shall return there.
The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord."

²² Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

Job 38:1,4-6, 36 ¹ Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, ⁵ Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? ³⁶ "Who has put wisdom in the innermost being Or given understanding to the mind?"

Job 42:1,2, 10, 12 ¹ Then Job answered the Lord and said, ² "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes." ¹⁰ The Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold. ¹² The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning;

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TALK TOGETHER.

1. How did God describe Job? Why do you think He allowed Job to be tested by Satan? What does that tell you about tests and trials we face in life?
2. What do you think Job had in mind when he was facing such difficulties?
3. What was Job's response when tragedy struck him and his family? What can we learn from it?
4. How did God speak to Job? How did Job respond to God?

CONVICTION

God is sovereign, and He is good no matter what. I will endure and trust His goodness despite of my circumstances.

APPLICATION

How does God speak to you amid pain and suffering? What are the blessings of such trials?

PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Father, thank You for the tests that you allow to come into our life. Though I can't always see the reason for my suffering, You are at work through it. Strengthen our faith so we can learn to accept from Your hand whether good or bad and help us respond in way that will bring glory to You. Thank You that Your purposes for me are always good. In Jesus' Name, amen.

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