

God Blesses Job Again

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Job 42:1-17

Characters: Job, God, Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, Job's family

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AFTER GOD SPOKE to Job from the storm, Job understood something important.

'God, I'm sorry,' Job said. 'I was asking questions like I thought I was as smart as You. But I'm not! You are SO much wiser than me. Before, I only heard about You. But now I feel like I really KNOW You. You are amazing!'

Job wasn't sorry for being sad or for asking 'Why?' God understood that Job was hurting. But Job was sorry for thinking he deserved to understand everything God does.

Then God talked to Job's three friends. And you know what? God was NOT happy with them!

'I'm angry with you,' God told Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar. 'You said wrong things about Me! You made Me sound like I'm mean

and only punish people. But my servant Job spoke better about Me than you did!'

God told the three friends, 'Go to Job. Give offerings to Me, and ask Job to pray for you.'

Can you imagine? The friends who accused Job had to ask HIM for help! And Job did something wonderful—he forgave his friends and prayed for them. God listened to Job's prayer.

Then something AMAZING happened. God made Job healthy again! The sores went away! Job felt better!

And then God gave Job DOUBLE what he had before! Job got twice as many sheep, twice as many camels, twice as many cows, and twice as many donkeys! His brothers and sisters and friends came to visit him and gave him gifts.

God also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters. The daughters were SO beautiful, and Job loved them very much. He even gave them presents and land, just like he gave to his sons!

Job's new daughters had pretty names: Jemimah, Keziah, and Keren-Happuch.

Job lived for 140 more years! He got to see his children grow up, and his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren, and even his great-great-grandchildren!

Job had a long, good life. He learned that even though bad things sometimes happen—even to good people—God is always good. And we can always trust Him.

Job never found out about that conversation in heaven between God and Satan. He never knew WHY all those bad things happened. But he learned something better: he learned WHO God is. And that was enough.

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