

Lesson 156: Job Remains Faithful in Suffering

[Job 1:1–2:10; 42:1-6, 10-17](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/R3Agd8Fx0q0>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/PtWulDTimdU>

Worship Theme: God is with us when we hurt.

Memory Verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."
(Deuteronomy 31:6)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is So Good <https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY>
2. With Christ in the Vessel https://youtu.be/2CzIW4_ueg0
3. Be Strong and Courageous <https://youtu.be/Mr7oyUvG7U8>

Pray

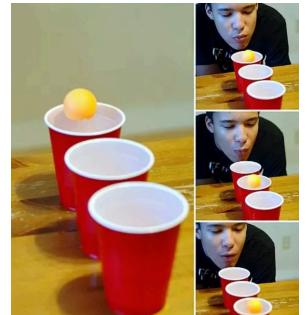
Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Ball on the Water"

Materials Needed: Plastic cups, ping pong balls



1. Divide the children into two groups.
2. Fill up the cups with water and place 3 cups together for each team.
3. Put the ping pong ball on the first cup and one representative from each group will try to blow the ball to the third cup without making the ball fall.



4. The group that moves the ball to the third cup the most wins the game.
5. After the game, explain to the children that even when things are difficult, we need to be patient and not give up because God is always with us.

Introduction:

Have you ever gotten hurt and felt like no one cared about you? Maybe you cried, but it seemed like no one was there to comfort you. There was a man in the Bible who went through a terrible suffering, and Satan wanted him to blame God for all his suffering. Do you think he blamed God? Let's find out in today's Bible story!

Bible Story:

Today's Bible story is about a man named Job. Job was a good man. He loved God very much. God blessed Job and gave him seven sons and three daughters. God also gave Job lots of animals which made him a very wealthy man. Job loved God with all his heart, but some thought that Job only loved God because God blessed him. They were sure he would turn against God if he loses all his blessings.

One day, terrible things happened to Job. All his children and animals died! His house burned down, and he got very, very sick. He was very sad and wondered why these terrible things were happening to him. But he did not turn against God.

Then some of his friends came to comfort Job. But instead of comforting Job, they said that his suffering must be a punishment for some wrong he had done. Job argued that he did not do anything wrong.

Sometimes, people say that when bad things happen, it is God punishing us. That is not true. God does not want to punish us. God is love. We suffer because of the mistakes we made or because of mistakes other people made. And God is with us when we hurt. When we go through hard times, we may not be able to see God who is there with us, so we may think we are all alone.

But Job knew that God was still with him. Job said he still loves God and will praise him forever. In fact, when Job still loved and trusted God through his suffering, God blessed him with 10 more children and lots and lots of animals. Job was glad he trusted God to be with him when he hurt.

God is with us even though we can't see him. He promises to never leave or forsake us. Next time you're hurt or when you see people who are hurt, remember that God is with us when we hurt!

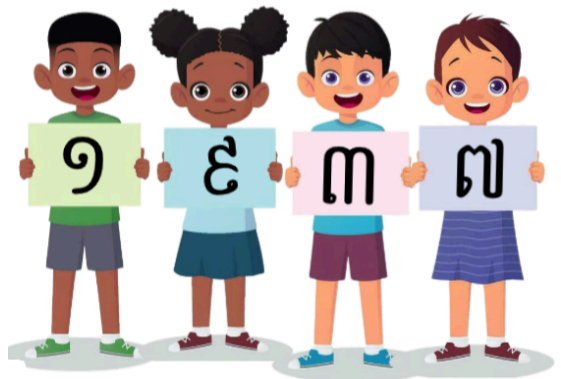
Questions to discuss:

1. What terrible things happened to Job? (his children died, all his animals died, his house got burned down, and he got sick)
2. What did some people expect Job to do when he was suffering? (Turn against God)
3. What did Job do in his suffering? (he loved and trusted God)
4. What makes you suffer today and how can God help you? (let the children answer)

Game: "Number"

Materials Needed: Print 3 sets of each number on each paper (#1-#9)

1. Divide the children into 3 groups and give one set of numbers (#1-#9) to each group.
2. When the teacher calls out a number, they need to arrange their numbers in that order. For example, if the teacher says "1937" or "2583" or "972," the children have to arrange their numbers correctly. When they are done, they need to all raise their hands.
3. After the game, explain to the children that it may have not been easy to play this game. There may be things in life that are not easy. But always remember that God is with us when we are hurt or when we go through difficult times.

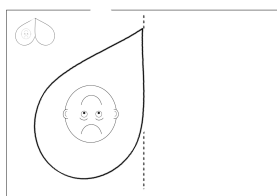


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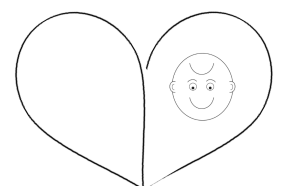
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Craft: Tears into Hearts

Materials Needed: Printed craft sheet, crayons, scissors



1. Give the printed craft sheet to each child and have them color the teardrop.
2. Fold the paper along the dotted line and cut out the teardrop. Do not cut the dotted edge.
3. Open the teardrop and turn it upside down to see a heart with a smiling face.



4. Explain to the children that God is with us when we hurt.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Everyone experiences suffering. In a growing relationship with Jesus, we suffer differently because God brings hope to the hurting. In Job 42:1-6, Job moves to a deeper level of experiencing God and responds to God with worship. This week, identify an area of pain in your life. Reflect on this loss or disappointment, and ask God to use it to reveal more of himself to you. As you experience the hope of Christ, respond to him with heartfelt worship.

Tears into Hearts

