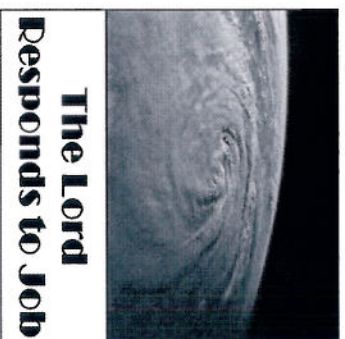


# God's Story™

## Our Story



July 24, 2016

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family, in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Almighty God, you stretched the heavens and harnessed the seas. Regard us, your creatures, with mercy and incline your ear to our feeble cries, for the sake of Jesus who loves us. Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?" Job 38:4-5*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

At last, God answers Job's challenge and replies. It might not be the response Job was looking for. It's time to bring some perspective to the whole situation; of what significance are humans in the vast space of the cosmos?

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, Job 31:35-37, 38:1-11, *The Lord Responds to Job*

Monday, Job 21, *Job Replies*

Tuesday, Job 22, *Eliphaz Speaks*

Wednesday, Job 23-24, *Job Replies*

Thursday, Job 25, *Bildad Speaks*

Friday, Job 26-27, *Job Replies*

Saturday, Job 28, *Where Wisdom Is Found*

**What do these interactions with Job's friends say about the question of suffering?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Does God answer prayer? Why or why not?

Tell a story of a time you prayed and God did not respond the way you hoped God would.

**DO:** By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Listen for God this week. Keep a small notebook, journal, or sketchpad with you. Write or draw each time you find evidence of God's presence or God's answer to prayers.

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God show you the many ways God responds to your prayers. Amen.