

God's Story Our Story

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Satan Challenges Job

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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.

God of our lives, we have nothing to our names, but only what you have granted us. Draw us always to your altar of thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. Job 1:1

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Job is an upright servant of God. Blessed with many riches, he enjoys the good life, but never neglects to offer the thanksgiving and worship due to his maker. But will his piety persist when serious tragedy strikes?

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

Sunday, Job 1:1-12, *Satan Challenges Job*

Monday, Job 1:13 – 2:13, *Job Loses Property and Children*

Tuesday, Job 3, *Job Curses His Life*

Wednesday, Job 4, *Elihu's Speaker: Job Has Sinned*

Thursday, Job 5, *Job is Corrected by God*

Friday, Job 6, *Job Replies*

Saturday, Job 7, *Job Complains*

What happens to Job? Why?

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?

What do you believe about Satan? What do you believe about evil? What do you believe about suffering?

Tell a story of a time you came face to face with unexplainable suffering. What happened?

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

Identify an area of your life where you are suffering. What could you do to take one step toward healing? Take that small step. Also, pray about your situation daily. At the end of the week, take notice of what you learn about your situation, and about how your suffering might be relieved.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God relieve your suffering. Amen.