

**MAY 11**  
**8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am**  
*Three and Four Year Olds*  
**THE SUFFERING OF JOB**  
(JOB)

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Job saw that God is all-powerful and good. When we face hard times, we can trust God. God sent Jesus, who never did wrong, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever..

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Who is in control? God is in control.

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** *Genesis 50:20 "God can make bad things good."*

**STORY POINT:** God is always good.

## LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Talk about a coach you had as a child or describe what a coach does for a team. Comment that the coach is in charge of the team.

**SAY** *Does anyone play soccer? I bet you have a soccer coach! Your coach teaches you how to play and score a goal. The coach is in charge of the team. In today's Bible story we will learn that God is in charge and that He is good. Because **God is always good**, we can trust Him.*

### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

\*9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.\*

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

*If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.*

### 3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. Was Satan able to do whatever he wanted to do to Job, no matter what God said? *(No. Satan was only able to do what God allowed him to do.)*
4. What did Job learn at the end of the story? *(Job learned that **God is always good.**)*
5. What can we do when bad things happen? *(We can pray to God and ask Him to help us, and we can believe that God is still good no matter what.)*
6. Who is in control of everything? *God is in control of everything.*

**SAY** *Job started to wonder if God was good when he could not figure out why bad things were happening to him. Then, God helped Job realize that there are a lot of things that God does that we will never understand or know. But we can trust that **God is always good**, no matter what happens.*

### 4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

**SAY** In our Bible story today, we saw that God was able to take Joseph's bad situation and make something very good out of it. That's because **God is in control of everything! Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything.**

## 5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at Genesis 50:20. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Encourage preschoolers to say the phrase with you several times. Each time you say the phrase, leave out a word, leading children to say the missing word.

**SAY** God can make bad things good. Many bad things happened to Job, but God made them good. **God is always good.** We can trust Him. **God is in control.**

## 6. PRAY

**SAY** Job saw that God is all-powerful and good. When we face hard times, we can trust God. God sent Jesus, who never did wrong, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever.

**SAY** Dear God, thank You being both powerful and good. That means we know that we can always trust You. We love You. Amen.

## ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

### GIVE A THUMBS-UP OR THUMBS-DOWN

Gather preschoolers and share different scenarios with them. Invite preschoolers to give a thumbs-up if the scenario is good, and a thumbs-down if the scenario is bad. Examples include getting sick right before Christmas, going on a fun family vacation, eating your favorite candy, and losing a special toy or stuffed animal.

**SAY** We all have both good things and bad things happen to us. No matter what happens, though, we can believe that **God is always good.** He can even take things that seem bad to us and make good things out of them. We can always trust Him! God sent Jesus, who never did wrong, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever.

### GUESS WHAT WAS REMOVED

Place three classroom items such as a crayon, a block, and a pair of scissors on the table. Encourage preschoolers to turn away from the table while you remove one of the items. Invite preschoolers to turn back around and guess what was removed. Play the game several times, alternating what you remove.

**SAY** You did a good job deciding what was taken away. Job was a good man who loved God. Satan told God, 'If you take away all Job has, he will stop loving You.' Satan took away Job's camels and sheep and family. Job lost everything. Job was very sad, but he still loved God. **God is always good.** When we face hard times, we can trust God. **God is in control.**

### BUILD IT AND KNOCK IT DOWN

Invite preschoolers to build a tower or house out of blocks, and then invite them to work together to gently knock it down. Continue to build and knock down as long as preschoolers are interested.

**SAY** Job was a rich man who had many things, including a big house. Then, God allowed Satan to take away the things he had so that Satan would see that Job would continue to worship God. Everything was destroyed, just like we destroyed our block creations. Even though these

bad things happened, God was always in control. **Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything.**

### **COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE** (please send this home with parents)

As children color, **SAY** God is all-powerful and good. When we face hard times, we can trust God. God sent Jesus to die on the cross and rescue people from sin.

### **OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE**

Open your Bible to JOB. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

**STORYTELLING TIPS** (Props are not provided, feel free to bring them from home though!)

*Draw stick figures:* Draw stick figures on a dry erase board to indicate Job's children and animals. At the appropriate time as the story is told, erase the children and animals. Redraw them when Job's family and livestock are restored.

*Use voices:* Help preschoolers distinguish between the people mentioned in the story by using multiple voices.

### **THE SUFFERING OF JOB**

**Job was a good man who worshiped and followed God.** He had many children, servants, and animals. **One day, Satan, came to God. God said, "Have you seen Job? He is a good man who loves Me."**

**Satan said, "Job only worships You because You give him things! If you take away all he has, he will stop worshipping You." God gave Satan permission to cause hard times in Job's life.**

Satan sent men and fire to take away Job's camels and sheep. Then Job's children and servants died. **Job lost everything in one day. Job was very sad, but he still worshiped God.**

**Satan went to God again. "If Job gets sick, he will stop worshipping You." So God allowed Satan to hurt Job's body. Satan caused Job to have painful sores all over his body!**

Job's wife said, "Why do you still love God?"

Job responded, "Should we only accept good things from God?"

**Three friends came to Job.** Their names were Eliphaz (EL ih faz), Bildad (BIL dad), and Zophar (ZOH fahr). **These friends thought that Job was being punished for his sin.**

**"I haven't done anything wrong!" Job said. Job began to wonder why God would allow these hard things happen to him.** Had God made a mistake? The Gospel Project | Preschool Worship Guide | Unit 3 • Session 4 | 121

**Another man, Elihu (ih LIGH hyoo), came to Job. He reminded Job what was true about God: "God always does what is right."**

**Finally, God spoke to Job through a wind.** "Were you there when I made the earth?" God asked. "Can you control the stars or the lightning? Do you feed all the animals?"

**Job realized he could trust God even when he did not understand everything. God is always good.** Job was sorry he had doubted God.

**God gave Job back everything he had lost and so much more.**

*Christ Connection:* Job saw that God is all-powerful and good. When we face hard times, we can trust God. God sent Jesus, who never did wrong, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever..

### **DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS**

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

**MAY 4**  
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*Two Year Olds*  
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**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Who is in control? God is in control.

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**STORY POINT:** God is always good.

## LEARN

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### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite preschoolers to blow air and make sounds like the wind as you gather for group time. Tell preschoolers that God spoke to Job in a wind. .

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## ACTIVITIES

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### KNOCK OVER BLOCK TOWERS

Encourage toddlers to build a tower with blocks. Invite one toddler to knock down the tower. Allow toddlers to continue to build and knock down the towers. Remind the toddlers that Job had a house and family, but he lost everything he had. Review the story as toddlers build. Ensure towers fall away from the toddlers to maintain safety.

**SAY** *Job lost everything he had. He even got sick. His friends even said God was mad at Job! But Job loved God. Can God make bad things good? Yes! Job knew that God is strong and mighty and good, no matter what.*

### COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

- Sad things happened to Job, but he loved God.
- God is in charge of everything He made.
- God sent Jesus because He loves us.

### **OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:**

Open the Bible to Job and tell the following Bible story:

*Job (JOHB) loved God. One day, Job lost everything he had. He got sick with sore spots all over his body. Job was very sad, but he still loved God. Job's friends said, "God is mad at you. That is why bad things happened." Job was tired. Had God made a mistake? Then God spoke to Job. God said, "Were you there when I made everything? Can you understand My plan?" God showed Job that He is strong and mighty and good. Job was sorry for not believing God. God healed Job, and Job lived a long, happy life.*

**Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.**