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JOSEPH AND JOB

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Lesson 1



A DREAMER

MEMORY VERSE: "ARISE, O LORD; O GOD, LIFT UP THINE HAND: FORGET NOT THE HUMBLE." PSALM 10:12.

Children often look and act like their parents. This is how it was with the ten older sons of Jacob. They were deceptive like their father and jealous like their mothers. One of the sons was different. He was gentle, trusting, and pure in word and thought. He was an active, joyful child. He bravely did what he knew to be right. His father loved him very much, and their hearts were bound closely together. This young man loved and served God. It made him sad to see his older brothers doing wrong. His name was Joseph.

1. What costly gift did Jacob give to his son Joseph? Genesis 37:3.
2. How did Joseph's brothers feel about him? Genesis 37:4.

We must be willing to have someone show us our mistakes. This is the only way we can learn to do what is right. We should be thankful to our parents or anyone who helps us do that which is right. We should never be angry or show a spirit of hatred.

3. What did Joseph dream one night? Genesis 37:7.

Obeisance means bowing down.

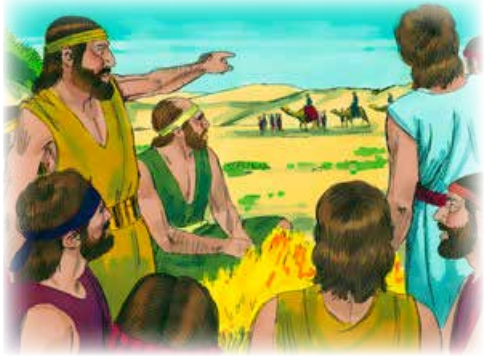
4. His brothers hated him even more. What did they say? Genesis 37:8.
5. What other dream did Joseph have? Genesis 37:9.
6. What did his father comment about this? Genesis 37:10.

The Lord had taught Jacob in dreams. He believed God was also teaching Joseph; however, he did not want his jealous sons to know his true feelings, and so he spoke in this way to Joseph.

7. Joseph's brothers hated him for the same reason that Cain hated Abel. What was the reason? 1 John 3:12.



DRAW WHAT JOSEPH SAW IN HIS DREAMS.



Lesson 2

SOLD INTO SLAVERY

MEMORY VERSE: "AND THE PATRIARCHS, MOVED WITH ENVY, SOLD JOSEPH INTO EGYPT: BUT GOD WAS WITH HIM." ACTS 7:9.

Jacob's sons were shepherds who traveled from place to place to find the best pasture. Sometimes they had to travel many miles from home and did not see their father for several months. Soon after Joseph had his dreams, his brothers took the flocks to Shechem. Days went by, and Jacob began to worry about them. He called Joseph, who was always ready and willing to obey him, to carry out a special task.

1. What did Jacob ask Joseph to do? Genesis 37:14.

With a happy heart, Joseph said good-bye to his father and walked to Shechem. When he did not find them there, even though he had traveled more than 50 miles and was tired, he gladly hurried 15 miles further to Dothan.

2. When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, what did they say to each other? Genesis 37:19, 20.
3. Reuben did not agree with his brothers. What did he suggest? Genesis 37:22.

4. When Joseph arrived at mealtime, what did his brothers do? Genesis 37:23, 24.

5. While the brothers were eating, they saw a band of Ishmaelite traders on camels carrying spices and other costly products. What did Joseph's brothers decide to do? How much money did they receive from the traders for selling their brother? Genesis 37:27, 28.

6. Who did not know about this, and what did he do? Genesis 37:29.

7. How did the brothers deceive their father? Genesis 37:31, 32.

8. How did Jacob receive this news? Genesis 37:35.

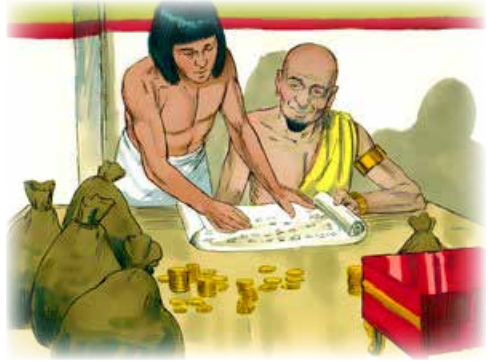
Joseph's brothers never imagined that their father's grief would be so deep. They tried to comfort him but could not. Only in God could Jacob find comfort.



DRAW JOSEPH IN THE PIT WHERE HIS BROTHERS THREW HIM.



Lesson 3



IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE

MEMORY VERSE: *"IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS."* **PROVERBS 3:6.**

Poor Joseph! In the distance he could see where his father's tents were. He cried and cried. Would he ever see his father again? He could still see the faces of his angry brothers. Now he was a helpless slave on his way to Egypt. He felt all alone. Sadness and terror filled his heart. But now his thoughts turned to the precious lessons he had learned at home. God would help him in every time of trouble. Joseph gave himself fully to God and prayed that He would lead and guide him in this strange land. He made up his mind to be true to God in everything. In God's own time, Joseph would see that the way God leads is best.

1. Who purchased Joseph as a slave? Genesis 39:1.
2. What did he soon notice about Joseph? Genesis 39:2, 3.

In the smallest duties, Joseph worked as if he were working for the King of heaven. It is because he did his best that the Lord blessed him and made everything prosper in his hand. God never blesses carelessness or unfaithfulness. Joseph's life showed to the heathen the difference between one who worships the true God and one who worships idols.

3. After working faithfully for Potiphar for ten years, what position did Joseph rise to? What did the Lord do for him? Genesis 39:4-6.
4. What does God do for everyone who honors Him and is faithful to Him? Proverbs 3:6.

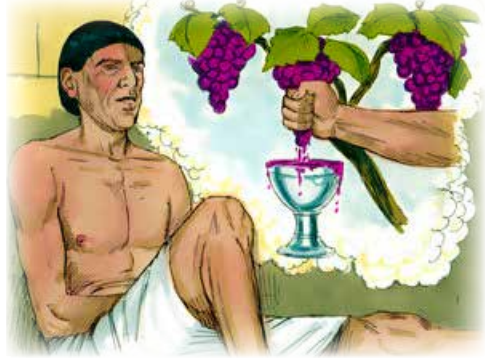
On every side, Joseph could see and hear evil, but he never yielded to Satan's temptations. He was not ashamed of his religion and never neglected his duties. He treated everyone kindly and politely.

5. Satan tried to get Joseph to forget God. He made trouble for him through Potiphar's wife. She tried to get Joseph to be with her secretly. What did Joseph bravely answer her? Genesis 39:9.
6. Sometimes someone may tempt us to do wrong, promising that no one will ever know. What do the Scriptures say about this? Proverbs 15:3.
7. Because Joseph would not yield to sin, what happened to him? Genesis 39:20.





Lesson 4



IN THE KING'S PRISON

MEMORY VERSE: "BUT THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH, AND SHEWED HIM MERCY, AND GAVE HIM FAVOUR IN THE SIGHT OF THE KEEPER OF THE PRISON." GENESIS 39:21.

Joseph was put into a dark, gloomy prison. Potiphar knew that Joseph was faithful and pure, but he had him put into prison to please his wife. At first Joseph was treated harshly by the jailer. This did not make him cross or distrustful, because he knew that he had done nothing wrong. Satan could not discourage him. Even though he was in prison, he found work to do. He helped and comforted the prisoners. What he saw in the prison taught him to treat others justly and wisely.

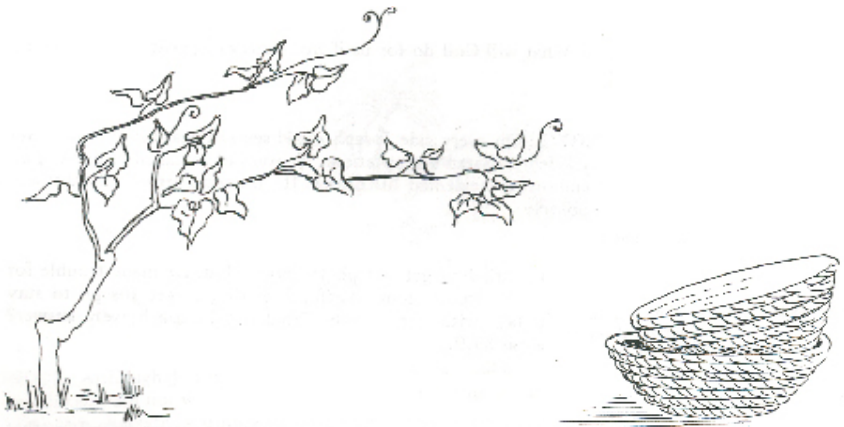
1. Because Joseph was faithful in the duties given to him, how did the prison keeper treat him? Genesis 39:21-23.

Joseph kept his resolution to be true to God. That is why God blessed him. Before Jesus comes again, some of us may be put in prison because we obey God and keep His commandments. When that time comes, do we want to be true to God?

2. The king's butler and baker had been put into prison. One morning, when Joseph came to their room, he found them sad. Why? Genesis 40:8.

3. Who makes known what dreams mean? Genesis 40:8, last part.
4. What was the butler's dream and its meaning? Genesis 40:9-13.
5. What did the baker dream, and what did it mean? Genesis 40:16-19.
6. What favor did Joseph ask from the butler? Genesis 40:14, 15.
7. What happened after three days? Genesis 40:20-23.
8. Two years later, what strange dreams did Pharaoh have? Genesis 41:1-7.
9. What did the butler remember? Genesis 41:9, 12, 13.

 **DRAW WHAT IS MISSING FROM THE BAKER'S AND BUTLER'S DREAMS.**





Lesson 5



RULER OF EGYPT

MEMORY VERSE: "HIS LORD SAID UNTO HIM, WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE THEE RULER OVER MANY THINGS: ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD." MATTHEW 25:21.

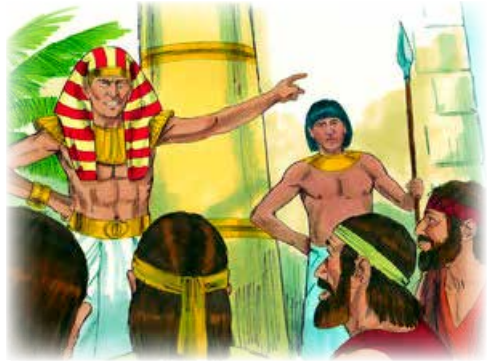
Pharaoh was very disappointed when his wise men were not able to explain his dreams. It must have been hard for him to seek help from a Hebrew slave and prisoner, but he was willing to do anything to ease his troubled mind. Even though the king was in a hurry, Joseph stopped to shave and change his clothes before he appeared before the king. He wanted Pharaoh to think well of the God of heaven. Sometimes we are untidy and careless in dress. We dishonor God if we do this. We must remember that we are constantly representing Jesus.

1. When Joseph appeared before Pharaoh, Pharaoh said he had heard that Joseph could interpret dreams. What did Joseph reply to this? Genesis 41:16.
2. As Joseph listened to the dreams, he prayed to God for understanding. What did the dreams mean? Genesis 41:25-31.
3. Why was the dream repeated? Genesis 41:32.

4. What did Joseph say that Pharaoh must do? Genesis 41:33-36.
5. The king believed the interpretation of the dreams. He wondered where he could he find a faithful man to carry out what was necessary. At last whom did he choose, and why? Genesis 41:38-41.
6. If our lives are a success and we live rightly each day, what will Jesus say to us when He comes? Matthew 25:21.
7. What did Joseph do for the next seven years? Genesis 41:47-49.
8. What happened after seven years of plenty? Genesis 41:53-57.
9. What were the names of Joseph's two sons? Genesis 41:51, 52.



Lesson 6



FAMINE

MEMORY VERSE: "AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE." ROMANS 8:28.

The famine was terrible also in Canaan. Jacob and his sons heard that there was plenty of food in Egypt. Therefore, Jacob sent ten of his sons to buy corn, but he kept Benjamin home for fear something might happen to him.

1. What did Jacob's sons do when they appeared before Joseph?
Genesis 42:6.
2. What did Joseph accuse them of? Genesis 42:9.

Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not know him. He told them to send for their youngest brother. They were put in prison for three days. During this time, they thought of their past sins and cruelty to Joseph. These were three days of sorrow and repentance for them. They were sure God was punishing them.

3. What did Joseph tell them to do? Genesis 42:18, 20.

Joseph hoped that perhaps his brothers were no longer envious, deceptive, and cruel. But he needed to test them further before he could trust them.

4. Who was kept in prison when the brothers returned to Canaan? Genesis 42:24.

This brother had been the leader in the cruelty done to Joseph.

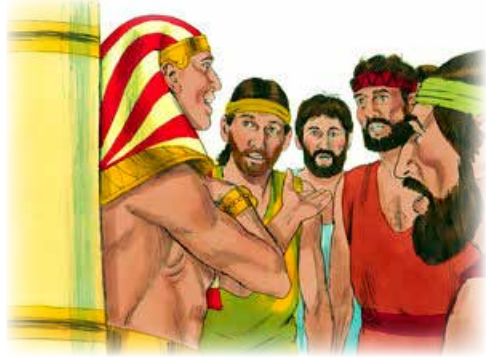
5. When the brothers stopped at an inn, what did they discover? Genesis 42:27, 28.
6. When they got home, the sons told their father what had happened. What did Jacob say? Genesis 42:36-38.



FROM YOUR IMAGINATION, DRAW THE TENT WHERE JACOB LIVED IN CANAAN.



Lesson 7



SECOND JOURNEY TO EGYPT

MEMORY VERSE: "A NEW HEART ALSO WILL I GIVE YOU, AND A NEW SPIRIT WILL I PUT WITHIN YOU; AND I WILL TAKE AWAY THE STONY HEART OUT OF YOUR FLESH, AND I WILL GIVE YOU AN HEART OF FLESH." **EZEKIEL 36:26.**

The famine continued. Day after day, the food supply grew less. Soon the children would be crying for food. Jacob's sons knew that it would be useless to go to Egypt without Benjamin. Jacob saw their need and finally said, "Go again; buy us a little food."

1. What did Judah say? Genesis 43:3, 8-10.
2. What did Jacob tell his sons to do, and what were they to take with them? Genesis 43:11-14.
3. Jacob had come to a trial. He did not know what would happen. What promise of God did he claim? Can we claim this promise? Psalm 37:5.
4. What did Joseph do when he saw his brother Benjamin? Genesis 43:16.

5. Joseph's brothers were afraid when they were brought to Joseph's house. They explained how they found the money in their sacks. What did the steward tell them? Genesis 43:23.

6. The steward brought Simeon out of prison. When Joseph came home at noon, they gave him the presents from their father. What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin this time? Genesis 43:29, 30.

7. When Joseph thought he could control his feelings, he washed his face and returned to the room. He told the steward to put out the meal. How were the brothers seated at the tables? Genesis 43:32-34.

It was a law that no Egyptian could eat with people of another nation. Furthermore, the brothers were amazed to see that they were seated in the exact order of their ages. They also noticed that Benjamin received more than the others. Joseph wanted to find out if his brothers had feelings of envy and hatred toward Benjamin.

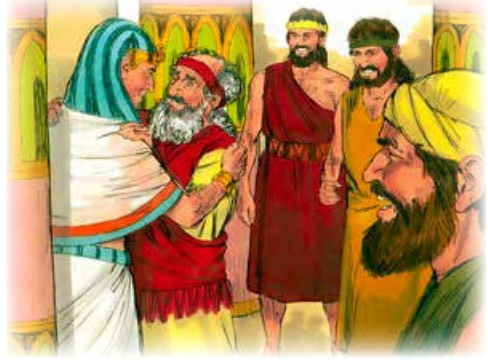
8. Early the next morning, the happy brothers left for home. Their joy was soon turned to sorrow. Why? What did they promise? Genesis 44:2, 6-9, 12.

The troubled brothers rent their garments in sorrow. They returned to Joseph and bowed before him. Judah remembered that he had pledged himself as surety for Benjamin. He tenderly spoke of his father's great grief at the loss of his son Joseph and how hard it had been for him to let Benjamin go.

9. When Joseph saw that his brothers were sorry for their sin, what did he do? Genesis 45:1-4, 7-9, 14, 15.



Lesson 8



ISRAEL IN EGYPT

MEMORY VERSE: “BEHOLD, THE EYE OF THE LORD IS UPON THEM THAT FEAR HIM, UPON THEM THAT HOPE IN HIS MERCY; TO DELIVER THEIR SOUL FROM DEATH, AND TO KEEP THEM ALIVE IN FAMINE.” PSALM 33:18, 19.

“Joseph’s brothers have come.” This news delighted Pharaoh. He told Joseph to send wagons and food and bring his father and brothers to Egypt. Joseph knew that Satan would tempt them to lay the blame for past sins on one another. He warned them, “See that ye fall not out by the way.”

1. What news could Jacob hardly believe? Genesis 45:26.
2. After hearing all the words of Joseph, what did Jacob exclaim? Genesis 45:28.
3. When Jacob was traveling to Egypt, God talked to him in a dream. He told him not to be afraid to go to Egypt, for He would make of him a great nation there. Describe the happy meeting of Jacob and Joseph. Genesis 46:28-30.

4. Joseph told Pharaoh that his father and brothers had come. What did Pharaoh tell five of Joseph's brothers? Genesis 47:2-6.

Joseph was concerned that the king might want to give his brothers positions in the Egyptian government. He feared that this would lead them into many temptations and idolatry. The Egyptians hated shepherds, so he told his brothers to tell the king that they were shepherds if he asked their occupation.

5. Joseph introduced his father to Pharaoh. What did Pharaoh ask? What did Jacob answer? Genesis 47:7-10.

Jacob's saying that his years had been few and evil meant that he had seen a lot of trouble and suffering. His life had not been very happy. His answer also showed that he was a pilgrim on this earth.

6. When the people of Egypt had no more money, how did they pay for food? Genesis 47:17, 19.

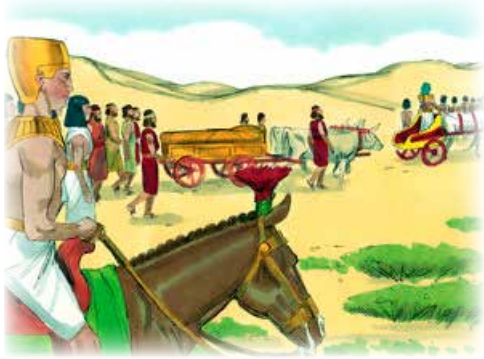
Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh. The famine was so great that all the people were moved to the cities. The land given to the priests was not bought nor was the land of Goshen, which had been given to Joseph's brothers. Pharaoh knew that it was through the mercy of the God of Joseph that Egypt had plenty and other nations were suffering from famine. He also saw that Joseph had made his kingdom very rich.

7. After the famine ended, what plan was made so the Egyptians could work the land again? Genesis 47:23, 24.

8. In time of famine, who will care for those who fear Him? Psalm 33:18, 19.



Lesson 9



THE LAST DAYS OF JACOB AND JOSEPH

MEMORY VERSE: "FOR THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE TRUMP OF GOD: AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST." 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16.

Joseph's wife was the daughter of an Egyptian priest. Because of this, Joseph's sons would become Egyptian priests if they should choose to stay with the Egyptians. They would have wealth and honor, because their father was next to the king. But Joseph would rather have his sons counted among the people of God than to have all the honors of the Egyptian court. He knew that God's promises were worth more than all of the glory and wealth of Egypt.

1. What request did Jacob make? Genesis 47:29, 30.
2. Jacob adopted Joseph's sons. What did he do? Genesis 48:9.
3. Which son did Jacob want to bless first? Genesis 48:13, 14.
4. What did Joseph do, and how did his father respond?? Genesis 48:17-19.

5. What parting words of comfort did Jacob speak to Joseph? Genesis 48:21.

6. Who will waken the righteous dead? When? 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

7. After their father died, what did Joseph's brothers fear? What did Joseph tell them? Genesis 50:15, 19-21.

8. What were Joseph's last words? Genesis 50:24.

9. What special spiritual characteristic did Joseph have? Hebrews 11:22.



DRAW A PICTURE OF JOSEPH TELLING A STORY TO HIS GRANDCHILDREN.



Lesson 10



TWELVE TRIBES

MEMORY VERSE: “**BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, THAT THEY MAY HAVE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE, AND MAY ENTER IN THROUGH THE GATES INTO THE CITY.**”
REVELATION 22:14.

God told Jacob in vision what the “great nation” He had promised to him would be like. It would have twelve tribes that would be named almost like the twelve sons. Jacob saw what the people would be like in each of the tribes of Israel, according to the characteristics of the sons. A blessing for each tribe was given to Jacob by God.

1. What great weakness would the true children of Reuben overcome? Genesis 49:4.
2. What tribes especially had to overcome the sin of cruelty and anger? Genesis 49:5, 7.
3. What tribe received the best blessing? Genesis 49:10.

Shiloh means Jesus, and the scepter is the sign of a king. From Judah's children, Christ was born. Judah, when he was converted, was the most unselfish of the brothers. He was willing to become a slave if only Benjamin might go free. The true children of Judah will overcome all selfishness.

4. What tribe would travel on the sea? Genesis 49:13.

5. What tribe was noted for its willingness to bear burdens without complaining? Genesis 49:14, 15.

6. The name of which tribe is not on the gates of the New Jerusalem? Why? Genesis 49:16-18. See Revelation 7:5-8.

God had a great work for Dan to do, but he failed. His descendants did not overcome the sin of backbiting. A person who talks about people behind their backs is like a serpent that bites at the heels of a horse. Dan will not be in heaven.

7. Which tribe had to meet many fierce temptations of Satan? Genesis 49:19.

8. Which tribe is noted for being a cheerful giver? Genesis 49:20.

9. What tribe was a blessing to others, even when it was hated and persecuted? Genesis 49:22-26.

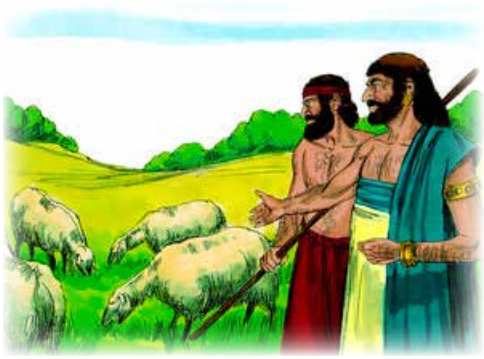
10. What tribe became known for speaking good words? Genesis 49:21.

11. What tribe especially had to overcome the love of money? Genesis 49:27.

12. Where will the names of the twelve tribes of Israel be written? Revelation 21:12.



Lesson 11



A RICH MAN

**MEMORY VERSE: "THERE WAS A MAN IN THE LAND OF UZ, WHOSE NAME WAS JOB; AND THAT MAN WAS PERFECT AND UPRIGHT, AND ONE THAT FEARED GOD, AND ESCHEWED EVIL."
Job 1:1.**

In the land of Uz lived a man named Job. He had seven sons and three daughters. Just exactly where Job lived nobody knows. Many think it must have been somewhere on the border of Arabia. It was a fertile land near a great wilderness.

1. What kind of a man was Job? Job 1:1.
2. How rich was he? Job 1:3.

Although Job was very rich, he did not let riches become an idol and did not worship money. He put God first in everything. His noble character was his greatest wealth.

3. What did Job do for his children? Job 1:5.
4. Who appeared before God one day? Job 1:6.

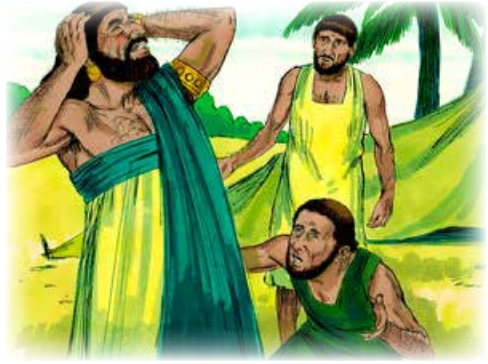
5. What did God ask him? Job 1:7.

6. God asked Satan if he had met Job. He told him there was no one in all the earth like him—one who was perfect and upright, one who loved God and hated evil. What did Satan say? Job 1:10,11.

7. What did God tell Satan? Job 1:12.



DRAW JOB'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS (REFER TO JOB 1:2)



Lesson 12

GREAT CALAMITIES

MEMORY VERSE: “BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT; BECAUSE YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, AS A ROARING LION, WALKETH ABOUT, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR.” 1 PETER 5:8.

Satan received permission to tempt Job. He was sure he could get him to fall, just as he had succeeded with Adam and Eve. Job was a happy and prosperous man. The time came when this changed.

1. One day a messenger came rushing to Job in great distress. What did he tell him? Job 1:14, 15.
2. The first messenger had hardly finished telling Job his story about the cattle thieves when a second messenger arrived with fear showing on his face. What news did he bring? Job 1:16.
3. What a fearful storm! Job was still thinking about this horrible thing when a third messenger arrived. What bad news did he bring? Job 1:17.

Camels are very valuable. A man's wealth was counted by how many he had. This was a great loss—enough to shake anyone.

4. Then another messenger arrived. What horrible news did he bring? Job 1:18, 19.
5. What did Job do? Did he blame God for all these calamities? Job 1:20-22.

Job never wavered, even though he could not understand why God had allowed such terrible things to happen. He trusted in God's goodness, no matter what. He suffered without complaining. Satan was furious and again appeared before God. He excused his failure by saying that he had not had a fair chance to go against Job.

6. What did Satan say to God? Job 2:4, 5.
7. What did God answer? Job 2:6.
8. Satan returned to earth. What did he do to Job now? Job 2:7.
9. Whom do we need to watch out for? 1 Peter 5:8.





Lesson 13

THE REWARD OF PATIENCE

MEMORY VERSE: “BEHOLD, WE COUNT THEM HAPPY WHICH ENDURE. YE HAVE HEARD OF THE PATIENCE OF JOB, AND HAVE SEEN THE END OF THE LORD; THAT THE LORD IS VERY PITIFUL, AND OF TENDER MERCY.” **JAMES 5:11.**

The big test began. How could Job endure this? The boils were very painful. He could not stand, sit, or lie comfortably. Week after week the torture continued.

1. In view of everything that had happened, what did Job's wife say to him? What did he answer? Job 2:9, 10.

What a lesson of faithfulness! When trouble comes, it is easy to say, “God does not love me anymore! He has turned against me!” We must never say that! When trials come, they are a test of our love for God. We need to continue being faithful and true, no matter what happens—in sunshine or rain, in good times and bad.

2. Many people found it hard to believe that so many terrible things had happened to Job. They thought that he certainly must have done something very wicked and that therefore God was punishing him. Three friends came to see him. What did they do? Job 2:11-13.

3. But his friends did not give Job much comfort. They were sure that he must be a great sinner to have so many terrible things happen to him. What did they say? Job 5:17; 8:20.

4. Job continued to declare that he was innocent. What did he say? Job 13:15, first part; 16:20; 17:9; 19:25.

5. When Job's friends finished talking, God broke in and answered Job out of a whirlwind. He talked of the wonders of His creation. He loved Job for his humility. What did God tell Job's three friends? Job 42:7, 8.

6. How did God increase his possessions after he passed through his terrible trials? Job 1:3; 42:10-12.

7. How did God bless Job with more children? Job 42:13.

8. What can we learn from Job? James 5:11.



HERE AND ON THE NEXT PAGE, DRAW ONE EACH OF JOB'S ANIMALS.
