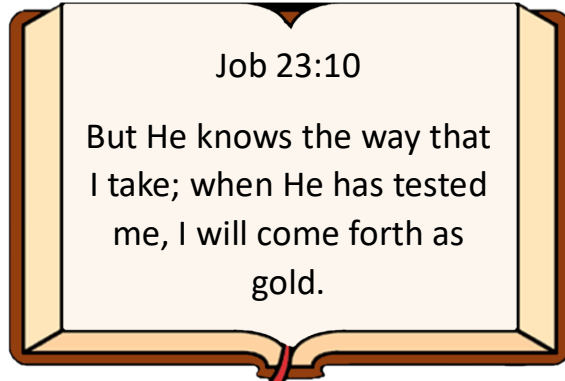


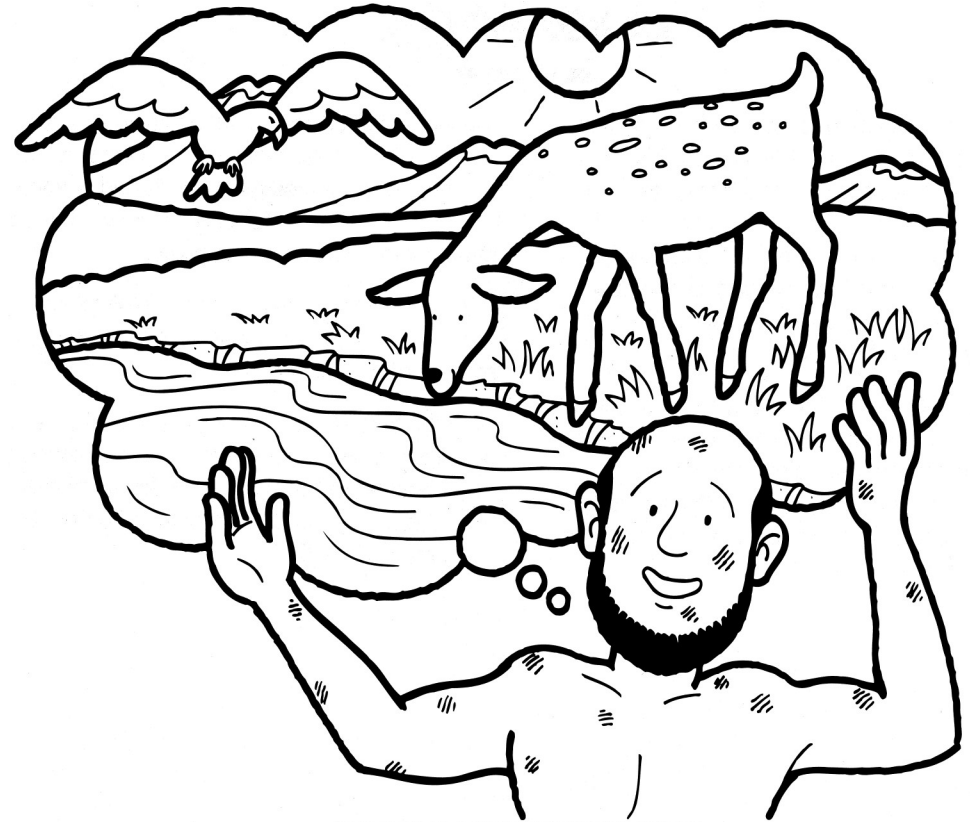
Job

Name _____

Weekly Memory Verse



Job is Tested



In this verse, "He" refers to God.

Who knows the way that I take? _____

I will come forth as gold after what? _____



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Job was a man who lived many years ago. Job trusted and obeyed God and God blessed him. He had seven sons and three daughters. He was very rich because he had many animals—3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 7000 sheep, and 500 donkeys. He also had many servants. He was a good businessman—fair, honest, and well respected by many people.

But there is one description of Job that is more important than any of these. Job was an honest man; he honored God and stayed away from evil. He offered sacrifices for sin as God had instructed. Job walked in footsteps of faith, believing and obeying God.

Job was trying to live for God every day. One day the angels came and stood before God. God's enemy was standing there with them.

God said to Satan, "Where have you been?" God knew where Satan had been but he wanted an answer from Satan.

Satan answered, "I have been wandering around the earth."

God asked, "Have you noticed My servant, Job? He is an honest man. He honors Me and stays away from evil." God was very pleased with Job; he had trusted and obeyed God.

Satan replied, "Of course he is, for a good reason. You have protected him. But take it all away from him and then see if he honors You. He will curse You instead."

So, God tested Job by giving Satan permission to test him. God gave Satan permission to take away everything that belonged to Job. Then Satan left God's presence.

One day while all of Job's children were having dinner at the home of his oldest son, one of Job's servants came and reported to him, "While your oxen were plowing the fields and the donkeys were eating grass nearby, some enemy raiders came and stole all the animals and killed all your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

The servant was still speaking when another servant arrived and said, "Lightning struck and burned up all your sheep and their shepherds. I am the only one who escaped."

The second servant was still speaking, when a third servant came in. He said, "Three groups of robbers attacked us and stole all the camels and killed all the servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

While the third servant was still speaking, a fourth servant came and told him the saddest and most horrible news of all. "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking at your oldest son's house. Suddenly a powerful wind came in from the desert. It struck the house with such force that it collapsed, and all your children were killed. I am the only one who escaped."

Circle the correct answer.

Job (*worshiped God, cried, turned from God*) when all the bad things happened to him.

Job did not get mad or angry. He tore his robe and shaved his head to show his great sorrow and grief over the loss of his family—a common custom in those days.

Then Job did an amazing thing. Job got down on his knees and worshiped and praised God! Job knew that God had given him everything he had, and no one could take it away from him unless God allowed it. Job never sinned by blaming God for what happened to him. God. Job's faith in God was strong. God was very pleased with Job.

Job had proved Satan was wrong and Satan didn't like it. So, he came a second time and stood before God. God reminded Satan of Job's faithfulness. But Satan replied, "Job blesses You because You bless him. But take away his health, and he will curse You and turn from You."

So, God said, "Do with Job as you please, but you must not kill him."

Soon after this, painful sores broke out all over Job's body. The boils caused running sores that itched and caused pain. To soothe the itching, Job sat down in some ashes and rubbed it on his skin. He also used a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself.

Then his wife asked him, "Are you still trying to live to please God? You have nothing to live for. You should just curse God and die."

Job showed his faith in God by answering, "You are talking like someone who does not know God. God has given us many good things, and He has the right to take them all away."

Despite everything that happened to Job, he still trusted God. When three friends came to visit Job, they hardly recognized him. They kept telling him to confess his sins because God was punishing him.

Finally, after listening to Job speak and ask questions, God spoke to him from a whirlwind. He reminded Job that He had made the earth God reminded Job of His great power and control over everything on earth.

As Job listened, he began to realize how holy and wonderful God is.

Then God spoke to Job's three friends and said, "I am angry with you because of the wrong things you have said about My servant Job."

God restored Job's health and made him successful again. All his brothers and sisters and friends came to comfort him and bring him gifts of money and gold. God restored his wealth, giving him two times as much as he had before—14,000 sheep, 1000 yoke of oxen, 6000 camels, and 1000 donkeys. God also gave Job and his wife 10 more children—7 boys and 3 girls. Then Job lived for another 140 years.

Circle the correct answer.

When God had finished testing Job, He gave Job (2, 3, 4) times as much as he had before.