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Job's End

Key References: Job 42; *Prophets and Kings*, chap. 12, pp. 162-164; *Education*, chap. 16, pp. 155, 156; *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 6, pp. 174-176; Our Beliefs, nos. 10, 3, 23.















Sabbath

DO Do the activity on page 46.

power**text**

"My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you" (Job 42:5).

power**point**

God longs to help us experience His salvation.

Have you had an experience so fantastic that it canceled out something bad that happened to you? That's what happened to Job at the end of his story. Imagine Job himself sharing his experiences.

Hiram," called Job. "What brings my grandson here?"

Hiram stood up to greet his grandfather.

Job embraced him and slapped him on the back.

"I came to learn more about your story," replied Hiram.

"Did you ask your grandmother?" said Job, smiling.

"That's right," said Hiram. "But Grandfather, I want to hear the rest of the story from you. Grandmother got to the part where God was speaking to you."



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Sunday

READ Read Job 42:1-3 and this week's story, "Job's End."

LEARN Write down and memorize your power text. Don't forget the reference.

PRAY Thank God that His plans are perfect.

Monday

READ Read Job 42:4-6.

REVIEW Review the power text.

THINK What amazing things has God done for you?

DISCOVER Find the meaning of the word "thwart." How is it encouraging for you to know that nothing can thwart God's plans for your life?

PRAY Thank God that He can do all things.

Tuesday

READ Read Job 42:7-9.

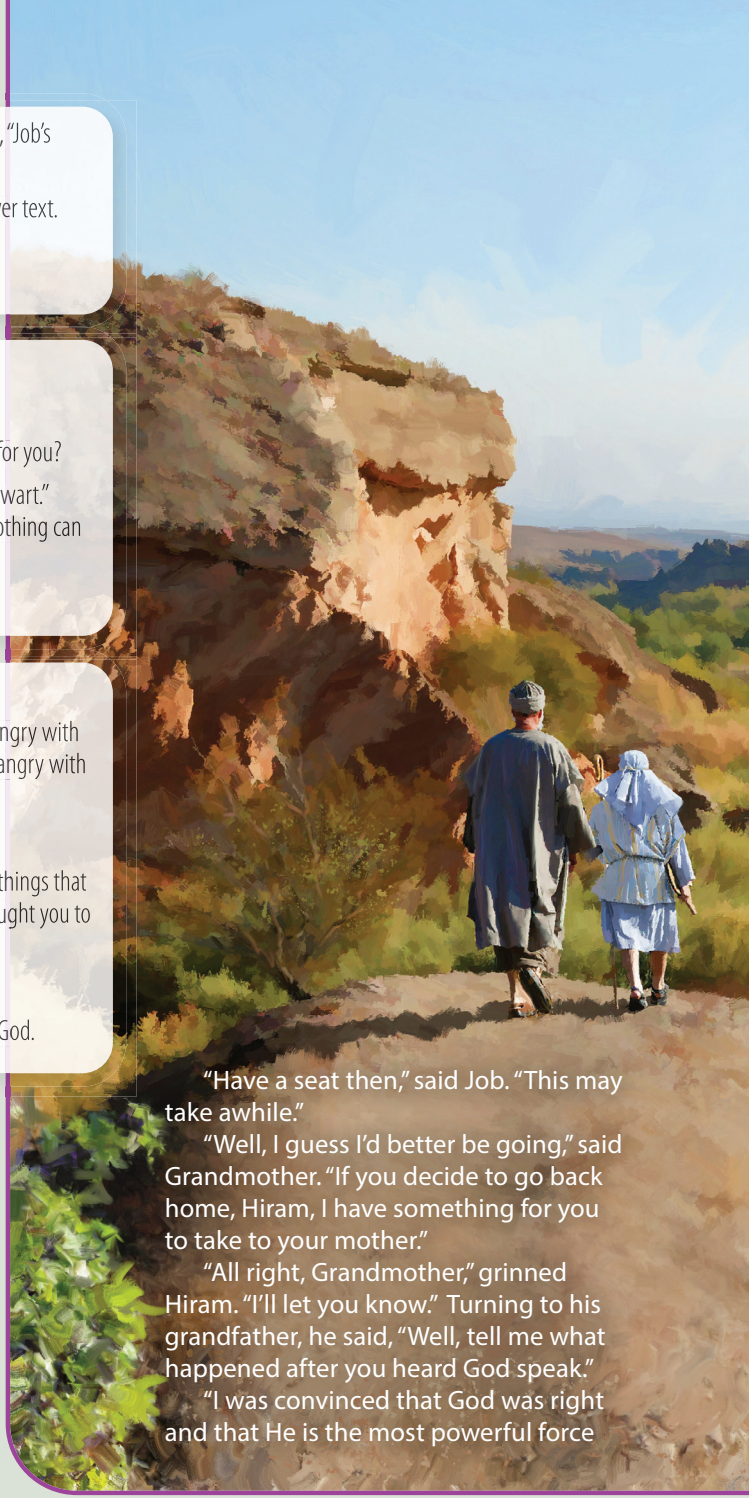
ASK Ask an adult why they think God was angry with Eliphaz and his two friends. Why wasn't God angry with Job?

READ Read James 5:16, the last sentence.

SHARE Talk to someone about the amazing things that God had done in your life and the ways He taught you to trust Him.

REVIEW Review your power text.

PRAY Pray for your friends who don't know God.



"Have a seat then," said Job. "This may take awhile."

"Well, I guess I'd better be going," said Grandmother. "If you decide to go back home, Hiram, I have something for you to take to your mother."

"All right, Grandmother," grinned Hiram. "I'll let you know." Turning to his grandfather, he said, "Well, tell me what happened after you heard God speak."

"I was convinced that God was right and that He is the most powerful force

in all the universe. I knew that I needed to apologize to Him. I realized that I had been wrong to sit there for days listening and trying to argue with people who didn't know Him the way I did.

"After you apologized, what happened?" asked Hiram.

"My friends repented of the accusations they had raised against me. They showed their regret for having judged me by sacrificing seven bulls and seven sheep. Then they asked me to pray to God."

"It must have been really tough for you to forgive your friends and pray on their behalf after they had spread lies about you," Hiram said.

"Yes," Job nodded in agreement. "But you have to remember that God always loves us. He never sends us away. We move away from Him. God doesn't give up on us even when we don't understand Him."

"God is so patient!" Hiram concluded.

"Yes, He is. It is a part of His character. He wants more than anything for us to know Him," Job explained. "He wants to be our friend, so He will go to any length to communicate that message to us."

"So you prayed to God for your friends? What happened next?" asked Hiram with anticipation.

"God did some wonderful things," Job said. "He completely healed me."

"That must have been a relief!" said Hiram.

"It was. I had been in a lot of pain, and the sores had been everywhere. After I was healed, all your great-uncles and great-aunts threw a party for me. Every friend I ever had came to see me. Then each one of them gave me a little something to help me get started again."

"Now, those are good friends, Grandfather."

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Wednesday

READ Read Isaiah 30:18.

REVIEW Review the power text.

CREATE Find one or two odd socks. Make puppets out of them by sewing or gluing buttons for eyes, yarn for hair, etc. Stick the sock puppet on your fist. Share the story of Job with a younger child.

PRAY Ask God to help that child know Him better.

Thursday

READ Read Job 42:10-16.

THINK Do you think all that God gave back to Job made up for what he had lost? Why or why not?

LIST In your Bible study journal, list the things that are important to you.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Ask God to teach you how to know and cherish Him more than any of the things you listed.

Friday

READ Read Ephesians 3:20, 21.

LIST Make a list of the times God has done more for you than you asked for or expected.

SHARE Share this verse and your list with your family at worship. Together, talk about other miraculous things God has done for your family.

REPEAT Repeat the power text aloud by memory.

PRAY Praise God for His wonderful ways of surprising us, and patiently teaching us to know and trust Him.

"That's true, but the story is not over yet. God gave me back everything I had lost. My first set of children were irreplaceable, but I'm so blessed that God gave us your mother, your uncles and aunts, your cousins, and you."

Job and Hiram both smiled.





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JESUS IS MY HOPE

Instructions: Start at the "T" in bold and travel around the grid (the last letter of one word is the next to the first letter of the next word), spelling out a Bible verse. You may go up, down, forward, backward, or diagonally. Each word is in a straight line, and you may use a letter more than once. Finish at the "M" in bold.

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J	H	C	N	I	K
I	H	O	P	E	S
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