LESSON 10

A TIME OF GREAT TROUBLE



Aim: **To teach the children that even great suffering did not turn Job away from God.**

Scripture Reading: **Job 1:13-22**

Memory Verse: **Job: 1:21**
[Job] said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Ask the children to tell the class about some happy days in their lives. Perhaps they are also willing to share some sad memories.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. Job used to be a very happy man. **Show Picture 9. Lead the class by means of questions through a revision of Lesson 9. Highlight the following facts:** Job was a rich, honest and happy family man. He served God without expecting any reward. He had many happy days. But Satan was out to test him. There came a day in his life when he received all sorts of terrible news.
2. A messenger arrived to tell Job that enemies had stolen all his donkeys and oxen after having killed the servants who were looking after them (1:13-15).
3. Hot on his heels came a second servant with the news that lightning had struck all his sheep and their shepherds (1:16).
4. Then a third servant came, telling Job that a neighbouring tribe had taken off with all his camels after having killed their keepers (1:17).
5. The fourth servant brought the worst news. Job's sons and daughters were having a feast in the eldest brother's house when a great wind destroyed the house, killing all his children in one blow (1:18-19).
6. Job accepted the terrible news his servants reported. He did not punish the servants who had escaped with their lives to tell the story; it was not their fault. Nor was he angry with God. **Show Picture 10.** Job was just very sad, as his actions show (1:20-21).

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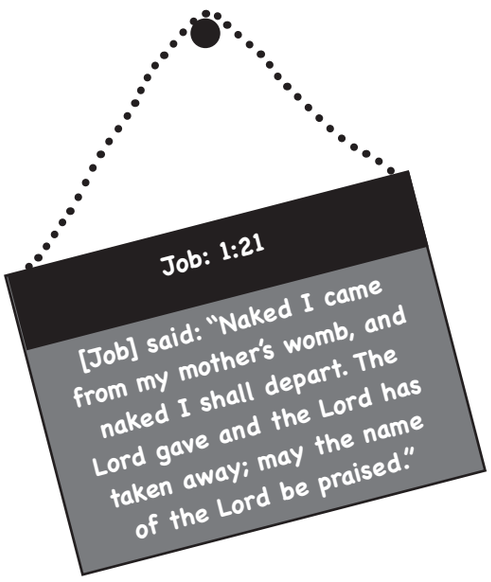


Instil the Memory Verse

This is a relatively long verse. If the children are young, teach only the second half (starting from "The Lord gave …").

Our Response to the Story

Trouble often drives people away from God. But Job knew that God is sovereign and the source of all that is good (1:21). Therefore, his troubles brought him closer to God. This is an example we should follow.



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