# LESSON 12

## JOB IS RESTORED



**Aim:** **To teach the children that God reigns. He allowed Job to suffer, but in the end blessed Job for his faith and steadfastness.**

**Scripture Reading:** **Job 38:1-4; 42:1-7**

NOTE: In chapters 38 - 41 God reveals himself to Job. Through reading them, you will glimpse a picture of the greatness of God. In this lesson, use some of the examples of God's power in creation to show what God taught Job.

**Memory Verse:** **Job 42:2**
**"I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted."**

## PRESENTING THE LESSON

### STARTING POINT

If you are sick and go to the clinic, the nurse or doctor may order a blood test. In a blood test, a drop of blood is examined under a microscope (a glass or lens that makes things look much bigger than they are). This makes it possible for the laboratory technician to see things in the blood that one cannot see with the naked eye.

### MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. Job was suffering much hardship and he did not know why. **Show Picture 11**. This made him so sad and miserable that he even wished he had never been born (3:11). His wife and friends were no help to him.
2. Then God spoke to Job. God showed that he alone knows all things, for he is the One who made everything, the Creator. No human being can understand God's amazing ways. God bombarded Job with questions about the creation, but Job couldn't answer any of them (38:1-41). That made him realise how great God is; it also made him ashamed of trying to accuse God and argue with him (42:3-6). Like when a laboratory technician looks through a microscope at a drop of blood, this encounter with God opened Job's eyes for God's hidden actions and wisdom.
3. God instructed Job to pray for his friends. Job was the one who had tried to argue with God, but they were the ones with whom God was angry! These people had tried to convince Job that his terrible suffering was fair punishment for something very wicked he had done. They couldn't have been more wrong (see Lesson 11, points 5 and 6), but in the end God showed them mercy (42:7-9).



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4. God once again showered Job with blessings and grace; God made him well again and twice as rich as he was before. **Show Picture 12.** Everyone came to celebrate with him and brought him gifts (42:10–11).
5. God continued to bless Job even more than he had before. He had seven more sons and three beautiful daughters, and lived to see many of his descendants (42:12–17).

## Instil the Memory Verse

## Our Response to the Story

Job is an example of unwavering trust in God – in suffering as well as in blessing. This man knew that God was the only One he could turn to.

We must remember that God loves us and that we cannot understand his ways. In the end, he wants only what is best for those who serve him faithfully.

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