

The Story Of Job – Part 1

Resources:

Dark blue fabric on a roll (you could use dowel to roll the fabric around)

Job

10 small wooden figures

Animals e.g. cows, pigs, sheep, camels, donkey, chickens

Strings of cut out people

Coins/paper money

Altar/table or flat piece of wood to serve as an altar

Wool to symbolise sores

Bed

This is a wisdom story from the Bible in the time when good and evil were clearly defined and the God of Israel was understood to be one God among the many heavenly beings.

There once was a man who lived in the land of Uz and his name was Job.

Roll out some of the dark blue fabric.

Small clothed figure near edge of fabric



Now Job had 7 sons and 3 daughters.

More wooden figures nearer centre of fabric



He had 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 oxen, 500 donkeys and a lot of servants.

Add animals and strings of people



In other words Job was a very wealthy and something of a celebrity.

Add money



But he was also a good man, who feared God and regularly get out of bed early and offer burnt offerings on an altar to God on behalf of his whole family.

Add altar and raise hands in gesture of offering over whole family.



One day the heavenly beings went to visit God and Satan, who had walked the earth too and fro, and was as wicked as God was good, was among them.

Raise hands one at a time and bring them together

God said to Satan, have you seen my servant Job, there is no one like him on earth – is a good man.

Point to Job and whole earth

Ah, said Satan, but you have protected Job and his house and all he owns. You have blessed the work of his hands and increased all his land. Of course he is grateful and good.

Make circle with hands around Job and bless him



But stretch out your hand and destroy all he has and he will curse you to your face. Very well said God to Satan, he is in your power, only do not hurt Job.

Make wipe out motion with hands

Well first, the oxen were ploughing the field and thieves came and carried them off and killed the servants. Job's good fortune had run out.

Take away cows and string of people



Next a fire started and killed the sheep and more servants. Job's good fortune had run out.

Take away sheep and more servants

Then the chickens and pigs were attacked and carried off. Job's good fortune had run out.

Take away chickens and pigs.

Then there was a big hurricane that swept through Job's house and destroyed it and all his sons and daughters were killed. Job was absolutely devastated.

Take away sons and daughters

<p>Then Job rose, tore his clothes, shaved his head and fell down before the altar and prayed to God, saying, Naked I was born and naked I shall return, God gave and God has taken away, blessed be the name of God.</p>	<p><i>Place Job face down before altar</i></p> 
<p>But Satan hadn't finished and went back from wandering the earth to and fro to visit God. God again praised Job for being a good man. But Satan wanted to make trouble and said, "Skin for skin", "stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh and he will curse your face".</p>	<p><i>Sweeping motion and bring two hands together</i></p>
<p>So God said to Satan, "Very well, Job is in your power, only don't kill him".</p>	<p><i>Make wipe out motions over Job</i></p>
<p>So Satan cased Job to get sores all over his body which caused him great pain. He was in a terrible state and cursed the day of his birth but he would not curse God.</p>	<p><i>Wrap Job in wool to symbolise sores and place in a bed</i></p> 

The Story Of Job – Part 2

Additional Resources:

3 friends

Whirlwind fabric

Stars

Planets (blue and green buttons)

Earth (round piece of blue and green fabric)

Pale coloured wool tops or cotton wool for clouds

Continent shapes cut out of felt or made out of hexagon patchwork shapes pieced together

Snow caps made of white felt or made out of hexagon patchwork shapes pieced together

Desert shapes cut out of sand coloured felt or hexagon patchwork shapes

Lions

Penguins

Insects

Goats

Fish

Bread

Instead of cursing God, Job called his three friends to sit with him and he raged against the state of his illness, the world and the heavens.

Add three friends to Jobs bedside



His friends tried to speak wise words to comfort and console Job but he would not be comforted.

For days Job ranted and raged and argued trying to justify himself. Job's friends tried to answer his complaints but eventually fell silent in the face of Job's suffering.

Then there was a great whirlwind. And God answered Job out of the whirlwind.

Swirl fabric around to symbolise whirlwind



"Who is this that questions my wisdom? I will question you and you will answer me!"

Where were you when I rolled out the heavens?

Roll out the rest of the universe fabric

Where were you when the morning stars sang together and the planets shouted for joy?

Scatter stars and planets



Who shut the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?

Add the earth



Who made the clouds its garments and prescribed bounds for it and said thus shall your proud waves be shut?

Scatter clouds



and add continents



Have you entered the store houses of snow?

Add snow caps



Who has cut the channels for rain and laid out the deserts which are empty of life?

Add deserts



Can you hunt prey for the lion or fish for the penguins?

Add lion and penguins



Who provides for the insects and birds when their young ones cry to God and wander for lack of food?

Add insects



Do you know when the mountain goats give birth or observe the calving of the deer?

Add goat

Can you draw out the fish from the turbulent rivers
as in confidence it rushes to the sea?

Add fish



When God had finished questioning Job, Job answered God. "Who is this that speaks wisdom? I have uttered words which I didn't understand, things which are too mysterious which I did not know. I have heard you with my ears and seen you with my eyes. Therefore I am sorry that I felt sorry for myself and got angry".

Place Job face down before altar



And God accepted Job's prayer and returned Jobs possessions and family too him. He returned Job's sons and daughters, his many servants, his cows and sheep, pigs and chickens, and made Job rich.

Add family, servants, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and money

And Job and his family celebrated and ate bread with him in his house.

Gather Job, friends and family around the altar and add bread



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