



Family
Conversation Guide
05.15.2022

WEEK 3

May Theme:

God has a Plan!

Monthly Memory Verse:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.” - **Job 42:2** (ESV)

Monthly Challenge Verse:

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.” - **Jeremiah 17:7**

Week of May 15

Main Idea: **God has Plan.**

Life Application:

Trust God has a plan, even when we can't see it.



Parents, After listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Use **The Action Bible (Pages 42-45)** as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible (**The Book of Job**) to read through some of the verses listed that will help them better understand.

1. Read **Job 1:1-3** and the first part of **page 42 in The Action Bible**. **What do we know about Job?** (List together: Job loved God; had everything he needed; had a wonderful family including his wife, seven sons, and three daughters; 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 1000 oxen, 500 donkeys. He was a very rich man and had many blessings.)
2. Read **Job 1:6,7**. **What did God ask when Satan presented himself to God?** (“From where have you come?”) **What did Satan say?** (“From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”)
3. **Have you ever thought about Satan in this way? That he travels over the earth, like a lion?** Look at 1 **Peter 5:8**- “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” **What does this mean?** (Satan looks for our weaknesses, so that he can take advantage of them to destroy us and turn us away from God.)
4. Read **Job 1:8**. **God is proud of Job- why?** (He is a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil.) Satan jumps on this by challenging God in **verses 9-11**. **What was Satan’s challenge to God?** (To remove His protection from Job. Satan said that if he lost everything, Job would curse God. In **verse 12**, God took the challenge. He knew that Job would still have faith in Him and love Him, no matter what.)
5. Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and then he began making Job suffer. Together, read **pages 42-43 in The Action Bible** together and **list the things Job owned and people he loved that were taken from him**.
6. Read **page 44 in The Action Bible**. **What about Job’s friends?** (They came to comfort him, but told him he must be suffering because of something wrong he had done, even though Job said he had done nothing wrong to deserve such suffering. Then they accused him of not having enough faith.) **Was this helpful?**
7. Job continued to cry out to God, asking him to speak and explain why these awful things had happened. Still, Job said that even if he died, he would still trust God. Finally, on **page 45** and in **Job 38- 41**, God reminds Job of all He had created and all He had done- his tremendous power revealed in the universe. Read **Job 42:2**. This is our memory verse for this month! **Job trusts that the Lord can do all things and NOTHING can thwart His plans.**

8. In **Job 42:7-9**, the Lord admonishes Job's friends for not speaking truth about Him, and Job prays for them to be forgiven. Job must not be bitter. He does forgive them. Read **Job 42:10-17**. God restored all Job had lost, and more!
9. Job loved God and trusted Him, no matter what. **Have you ever had times of suffering?** When you are suffering, it's hard to understand why- and that's how Job felt, too. But, **God loves you and He is with you, no matter what.** That is why He sent Jesus to the earth, to teach us about God's love for us and to die for our sins. And when we suffer, we know that God understands. His Son, Jesus, suffered on the cross. He understands all we are going through. It's one of the things that makes the Christian faith different from all the others in the world: God on a cross who understands all our pain.

Digging Deeper

Did you know?

- The Book of Job is the oldest book in the Bible, along with Genesis. It has even been suggested that the Book of Job could be the oldest book in the history of the world.
- Job was a real person who lived during the time of Abram. Abram may even have heard of Job and his troubles!

Pray:

Dear God, with the true story of Job we see how you loved Job's faithfulness, no matter what happened. And we see that You are there and have a plan for us, even in the times of suffering. Thank You for loving us and giving us the strength to get through hard times and to continue to trust in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Challenge:

It's important to remember the things that God does in our lives. Read **1 Samuel 7:12**.

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

Together, make a memory box, or Ebenezer box.

Keep cards in the box and print on them reminders of times God has helped you through difficult times. Include the date and any scripture that reminds you of God's faithfulness.

Examples:

- We were having a hard time financially and a check came in the mail right when we needed it, and the amount was exactly what we needed!
- I was feeling sad and lonely and Sally came by to see me just when I needed encouragement. I knew that God sent her to me in the time I needed a friend.
- We were trying to make a difficult decision about _____, and God gave us the answer as we were reading the Bible and praying together.

Continue to do this on a regular basis and occasionally go to the Ebenezer box to read about God's love and faithfulness in our lives. Together, thank Him for providing for us and giving us hope.