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The Story

A long time ago there was a man named Job who believed in the True God. He was blessed by the Lord in many ways. The Lord gave Job and his wife 10 children. Seven of them were boys and three were girls. The Lord also gave Job many herds of animals. Job owned camels that could be ridden across the desert. He owned oxen that he could use to plow his fields. He owned many sheep whose wool he could use for clothing. Job also owned many donkeys. Job was a very rich man.

Job lived on earth in the land of Uz, and the Lord watched Job from His place in heaven. One day, the Lord met with a group of angels. Satan, the fallen angel whom we call the Devil, was there. The Lord asked him where he had come from. Satan answered that he had come from walking around on earth. The Lord asked Satan if he had noticed Job, a faithful servant of the Lord.

"Yes," Satan replied, "but maybe Job is faithful to You because You have blessed him with many things." Satan wanted to tempt Job to fall away from believing God. The Lord gave Satan permission to tempt Job in any way except to hurt his body.

Satan was delighted to go out and make trouble. He started by sending enemies to steal all of Job's oxen and donkeys and kill all of

Job's servants. Next the Devil sent a fire to burn up all of the sheep. He sent more thieves to drive away all of Job's camels. Finally, Satan sent a wind storm that blew down a house on all of Job's children and they died. Job heard all this news and was very sad. He tore his clothes and shaved his head and was very upset. Rather than getting angry with God though, Job said these beautiful words, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

The Lord still loved Job and again showed him as an example to Satan. Satan dared to speak to God again, and said that if Job was hurt in his own body, then he would turn away from loving the Lord.

Again the Lord permitted Satan to tempt Job. This time Satan could hurt Job's body, but the Lord ordered that Satan could not kill Job.

So the Devil decided to make Job very sick with sores all over his body. The sores are called boils. Boils itch and hurt very much, and Job had these boils covering his entire body, from his head to his feet. Job felt terrible, but in all his misery, he again spoke beautiful words of confession, "I know that my Redeemer lives."

Job still believed in the Lord and knew that his Savior would be coming to take his sins away.

The Devil did not succeed in taking Job away from God. God didn't forget His servant Job, and after a time, the Lord gave back to Job all his camels, and oxen, and donkeys, and sheep. He also blessed Job with seven more sons

and three more daughters. It is written that Job's daughters were more beautiful than any other in the land. Job lived a long life and he enjoyed his children and grandchildren and their children.

God allowed Satan to take earthly possessions away from Job.

Activity One - Answer these questions, rearrange the letters of the answer and place the letters in the box. Then put the numbers below to make a sentence that describes Job.

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Animals that give wool.

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Animals that are yoked together.

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He loved God more than his earthly goods.

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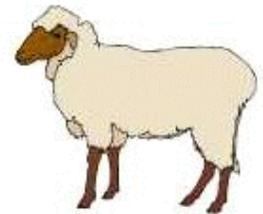
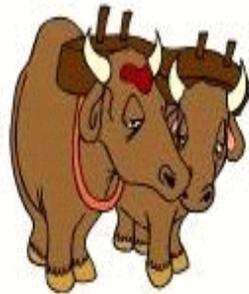
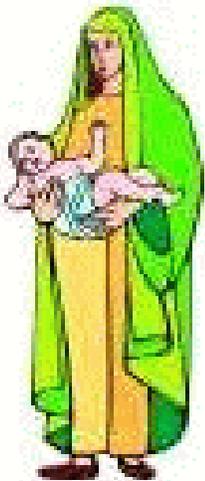
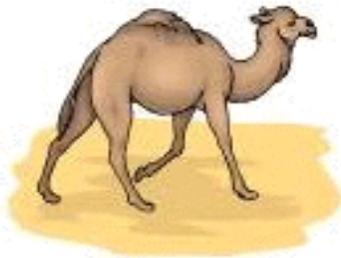
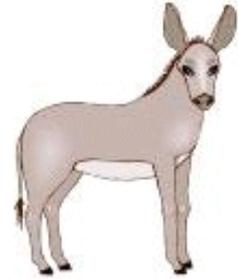
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Activity Two - Look at all the pictures below. What is each one? Think of Job. Circle the pictures of the blessings that were taken away and given back to Job. Which blessings does God give you that are like the blessings God gave to Job?



Earthly wealth is “here today, gone tomorrow”, but spiritual wealth lasts forever.

Passages

Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

James 1:2 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.

Hymn - TLH #200 or v. 1, 6, 7

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead
He lives my ever living Head.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Please give me patience to accept all of the troubles You allow to come my way. Give me strength through Your powerful Word to stand firm and trust in You and Your Son, my Savior, Jesus. Thank You for the forgiveness and salvation we have through Jesus. Some day we will be with you in heaven. I ask this in my Savior's name. Amen.