

# JOB

**Bible Text:** Job 1:1; 2:11-13; 9:2; 41:12-34

**Lesson Focus:** God doesn't conform to human definitions.

**Big Question:** Why isn't life fair?

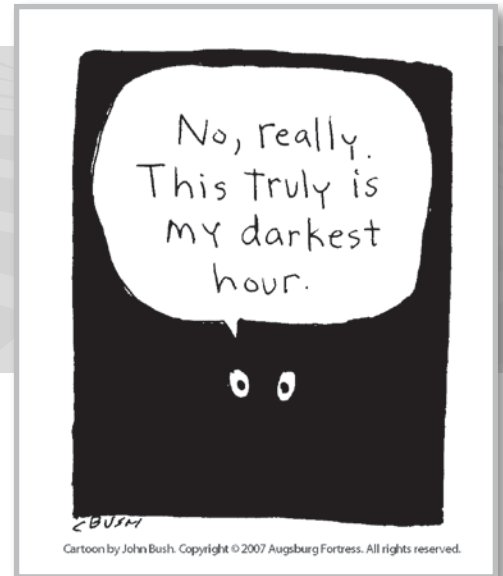
**Key Words:** RIGHTEOUS, FAIR, AMBIGUITY, PARADOX

## BIBLE CONNECTION

- ] The book of Job is considered Wisdom literature.
- ] Reading Job might give us more questions than answers.
- ] Job was a good man who "feared God" (Job 1:1).
- ] Job has some back-and-forth conversations with God.
- ] Job believes that he doesn't deserve the pain and suffering he has gone through.
- ] Job hates his life (Job 10:1), curses the day he was born (Job 3:3), and loses his friends (Job 12:4).
- ] God doesn't provide many clear answers to Job's questions but takes Job on a virtual tour of creation.
- ] God eventually restores what Job lost, sort of (Job 42:10-17).
- ] Job helps us to realize that sometimes we can't understand how God works, and that God isn't bound to our definition of fairness.

## CARTOON CONNECTION

- ] What are some of the different ways you've seen people react to other people's suffering?
- ] What helps you in your darkest hour or on days you're just feeling blue?
- ] Why do we use images like "darkest hour" to talk about suffering?



## STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 43: The Five Grossest Bible Stories

- ] What's the most pain you've ever been in?
- ] Did it affect your mood and your outlook on life?
- ] Has being sick ever led you to ask, "What did I do to deserve this?"
- ] What insight do you have into that question after reading the story of Job?

Here We Stand Student Book page 33: The Top 10 Bible Villains

- ] How is Satan "still active today"?

Here We Stand Student Book page 284: How to Tell a Sinner from a Saint

- ] How can somebody be completely two opposite things at the same time?
- ] *Simul justus et peccator* (SEE-muhl YOU-stoos et peh-KAH-ter) means "simultaneously sinner and saint." Turn this phrase into a song or chant.

## LIFE CONNECTION

Think about a person you know who is having a difficult time. What can you do this week to be with them and comfort them? Name the person you're thinking of here, and jot down some ideas for how to be a good friend to him or her.

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## Word Search

Fill in the blanks with the correct answers, using the Bible references to help you. Then find and circle the words in the puzzle.

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V M L N Q S V B F N Y I R Q M W J G  
K E B U S D E R O T S E R K C C F C  
F D M R K Q W T T S U J S U Y D N D  
I S W U Z T X N Y Y S E A H J M X M  
B L A M E L E S S B R R G H W V S O  
A W I C K E D D H O B D E C Z Y L T  
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Y N C G W U G B T Z J F U O Q B G V  
L F W R F L O Q X N M L Z O C G E Y  
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J Y Q U N F A R D U A B A A D N S X

1. The main character in the book of Job is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Job was described as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Job 1:1.
3. Painful \_\_\_\_\_ covered Job's body in Job 2:7.
4. Job asks, "How can a mortal be \_\_\_\_\_ before God?" in Job 9:2.
5. Job became a \_\_\_\_\_ to his friends in Job 12:4.
6. Job asks why \_\_\_\_\_ people become mighty and powerful in Job 21:7.
7. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the fortunes of Job twofold in Job 42:10.
8. In an imperfect world, sometimes bad things happen to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Answers: 1. Job 2. blameless, upright 3. sores 4. just 5. laughingstock 6. wicked 7. restored 8. good