



Unit 3 • Session

## THE SUFFERING OF JOB

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## WHO IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING? GOD IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. NOTHING IS OUTSIDE OF GOD'S GOOD PLAN.

Job was a good man who worshiped God. One day, God's enemy, Satan, came to God. God said, "Have you seen Job? He is a good man who loves Me and turns away from evil."

Satan said, "Job only worships You because You have blessed him! If You take away all You have given him, he won't worship You anymore." God gave Satan permission to cause suffering in Job's life. Job lost everything in one day. Job was very sad, but he still worshiped God.

Satan went to God again. "If Job also became sick, he won't worship You anymore." So God allowed Satan to harm Job's body. Satan caused Job to have painful sores all over his body!

Three friends came to Job. These friends thought that Job was being punished for hidden sin. They told him to stop sinning. "I haven't done anything wrong!" Job said. Another man named Elihu (ih LIGH hyoo) came to Job. He reminded Job what was true: "God is greater than man. He always does what is right."

Finally, God spoke to Job. "Were you there when I made the earth?" Job realized that while he did not understand everything, he could trust God, who is all-powerful and completely good. God gave Job back everything he had lost and so much more.

Christ Connection: In his suffering, Job recognized that God is all-powerful and good. When we face suffering, we can hope in God. God sent Jesus, the only truly innocent One, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have forgiveness and eternal life.



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