

Job

Sunday 24th September session for RS2/WORD.

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

- To outline the book of Job.
- To show that God loves it when we honestly wrestle with him about suffering.

MATERIALS NEEDED

1. Means to play video.
2. Activity (on desk)

OPENING GAME

THOUGHT PROVOKER

1. What do we mean when we say God is Just?
2. Is God Just?

ACTIVITY

Recap the story. What happens in the book of Job?

Job is a fable. It's not about actual history - it's about thoughts and morals. It's a "wisdom text".

God allows Job to suffer. Job is heartbroken but still trusts God. He and his friends try to figure out why the bad things happened. They think Either it is Job's fault, or God's fault, or the world's fault. Job struggles and questions and prays a lot about it. Then God shows up and shows Job that he doesn't know enough about the world to answer those questions, but that it's all in Gods hands. Job realises his mistakes and

chooses to trust God.

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

See train track activity.

Get the young people to arrange the cards in order of the trains of thought of the characters. Which one makes the most sense? Which is right? Which is wrong? Don't answer the questions just let them think about it.

Sum up the assumptions that each one makes. The assumption that suffering and goodness are related. The assumption that all suffering is punishment. The assumption that they know enough about the universe to make those calls.

VIDEO

Play Video - <https://youtu.be/GswSg2ohqmA>

BIBLE

Read Job 42:7.

Before this, God has shown Job that the world is so much bigger than he realises, and now he's speaking to Job's 3 friends. God preferred what Job did over his friends! Why?

It was because Job was honest, he talked about his suffering, he prayed about his suffering, and he struggled with it. He wrestled with his faith.

God isn't afraid of our struggles. He wants us to be honest about them so that he can help us. We will grow and get closer to him when we are willing to talk to him about our struggles and doubts instead of hiding them.

Pray to close.