



Staying on Target

Link One

This month's focus is on lessons we learn from Job. Job endured intense suffering but kept his integrity, found hope, and trusted in the omniscience of God. We can learn from his example and apply it to the situations in our lives. Take this month to remind your child that God is in control even if we can't see that He is. Pray each day for God to prepare your family for upcoming difficulties and trials. Spend everyday reminding your child to trust God and rely on His presence. God never stops loving and caring for us, even when we don't care about Him.

*Memorize
Psalm 18:30 together
as a family.*

Lesson 1—September 4, 2011

Theme: Integrity

This week your child learned about the integrity of Job. Explain that integrity is doing the right thing all the time, no matter what situation you are in. Play a game of "Would you rather?" to help your child understand integrity. Offer scenarios and allow your child to choose the scenario that shows integrity. Explain to your child that we should always do the right thing no matter what the situation.

Lesson 3—September 18, 2011

Theme: Hope

In the midst of sickness and death, Job still had hope. Help your child understand the blessing of hope by making your own puzzles. Cut pictures from magazines into various shapes and glue each picture to a piece of cardstock to give the puzzle pieces durability. Once your puzzles are finished, trade with one another to solve the puzzle. Talk to your child about hope in difficult situations. Like a puzzle, sometimes things seem very confusing! We don't know what to do or what will happen. No matter what the situation, we know God is Lord over everything and is more powerful than the evil we see!

Lesson 2—September 11, 2011

Theme: Suffering

One way to prepare your child to deal with suffering is to look at the biblical ways other Christians responded to hard circumstances. Make it a habit to look at your church's prayer list with your child. Go through the list and explain what each family or individual is facing. Write cards to those who have lost loved ones, bake cookies for a shut-in, and visit people in the hospital. Read James 1:2-4 to your child and remind him or her that God can work through every circumstance, even suffering.

Lesson 4—September 25, 2011

Theme: Omniscience

Take a trip to the local library with your child to talk about God's omniscience. Look at your library's encyclopedias and maps. Point out interesting facts and places to your child. Explain to your child that God knows everything that is kept in these books, and He doesn't even have to read them! He knows even more than what is in these books; He knows everything! We have an amazing God.