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Job 1-21
Kindergarten & 1st Grade

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Lead kids in prayer.

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2. **Make the number "1"** There was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was also a good man *always putting God first.*
3. One day when God was talking with His angels. Satan came. God asked Satan, "Have you ever seen such a good man as my servant, Job?" **Divide your play-**

doh into three parts, roll into 3 snakes, then form each snake into letters to spell J-O-B. This is who we are learning about today. What's his name? (Job)

4. Satan said, "Any one can be good when he has *everything* a man could want. He has a home, family, cattle... he's very wealthy! Besides that, you don't every let anything hurt him. He doesn't know what it is like to be miserable. If he were hurting, he wouldn't be so good." **Make a heart** because God knew Job's heart and was certain Job would love and honor Him no matter what, so when Satan asked God to let him prove this, God said, "okay." Wow! God is going to let Satan test Job.
5. Off Satan went to show God how quickly his faithful servant Job would turn on Him. While Job was sitting quietly, one Job's workers came running to him and said, "Master, these desert men killed your servants but me! And they drove away all your cattle!" **Make a cow.**
6. While Job was talking, *another* man came running to Job and said, "Master, all your shepherds except me were struck by lightening and killed!" **Make a lightening bolt.**
7. And then *another* man came running and yelling, "Three bands of enemies have stolen all your camels and killed the men with them." **Try making a camel. Give it a head, a body, and four legs. Don't forget the hump! Does yours have one hump or two?**
8. What else could go wrong? Oh, no! Another man came crying, "Your children have been killed! A gigantic wind blew the house down on them." **Make a tornado.** In one single day, Job lost everything except his wife and his own life. He went from rich to poor in just one day! Did job get so angry that he disobeyed God? No! He fell on his face and said to God, "With nothing I came into this world and with nothing I shall leave it. The Lord gave and now the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."
9. Remember that special thing you made with your play-doh? What if someone stole it? Would you be saying, "Blessed by the name of the Lord?" Job lost his family, his home and his riches!

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- Have kids give suggestions for **Praise** (ex: God is holy, amazing, awesome, our rock).
- Have kids give **Petitions** (needs/please help)
- Have kids give **Thanksgiving** (what are they thankful for)
- Remind them that in a public prayer, we typically pray that God forgives us, but we don't get specific in our **confessions**.
- Lead kids in prayer.

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1. **Pass out Silly Putty.** First, think of something you love in your life, something that you cannot stand to lose. Make this with your Silly Putty. Hang on to this because we will talk about it in just a little bit.
2. **Read Job 1:1-3** Job was good and honest, he respected God and refused to do evil. He had a big family, tons of cattle and many servants. It said Job was the richest man in the east.
3. **Read Job 1:6-12** Verse six says the angels were meeting with God, that even Satan was there with them. This is interesting. God brings Job to Satan's attention, wanting him to see what a good man he was. How does Satan respond? He says he has everything so it was easy for him to be good to God. God knew Job's heart and was certain Job would love and honor Him no matter what, so when Satan asked God to let him prove this, God said, "okay." Off Satan went to show God how quickly his faithful servant Job would turn on Him. While Job was sitting quietly, one of Job's workers came running to him and said, "Master, these desert men killed all your servants but me! And they drove away all your cattle!" While Job was talking, *another* man came running to Job and said, "Master, all your shepherds except me were struck by lightning and killed!" And then *another* man came running and yelling, "Three bands of enemies have stolen all your camels and killed the men with them." What else could go wrong? Oh, no! Another man came crying, "Your children have been killed! A gigantic wind blew the house down on them."
4. In one single day, Job lost everything except his wife and his own life. He went from rich to poor in just one day! Did Job get so angry that he disobeyed God? Let's keep reading. **Read Job 1:20-22.** No! He said, "With nothing I came into this world and with nothing I shall leave it. The Lord gave and now the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."
5. Remember that special thing you made with your Silly Putty? (Let kids share what they chose with the class.) What if someone stole it? Would you be saying, "Blessed by the name of the Lord?" Job lost his family, his home and his riches!
6. For the rest of the story, you will make something from your Silly Putty that we just read. **Make a heart for Job's love of God.** Now, back to the bible. God called Satan and said, "See, you couldn't make Job disobey me. There is no man like Job!" But Satan wasn't finished yet! He said, "Trust me. If you will let me hurt him so he is in physical pain, then he'll dishonor you." God didn't really want Satan to hurt Job, but He wanted Satan to see Job's love so he let him. He said he could make him hurt, but he could not kill him."
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9. **Flatten out your Silly Putty and use a toothpick to spell "faith."** Job was faithful. God then gave Job his health, double the wealth and a long happy life! Remember, bad things happen, but we need to always trust God.

START!

TROUBLE

Late to school.
Go back to start.

TROUBLE

Thief stole your bike. Go back 3 spaces.

TROUBLE

Broke a window playing ball. Go back 5 spaces.

TROUBLE

Video Game Broke. Go back 2 spaces.

TROUBLE

Listened to bad advice. Go back 1 space.

TROUBLE

Lost dog. Go back 3 spaces.

TROUBLE

Forgot about test. Go back 3 spaces.

TROUBLE

Spilled drink. Go back 1 space.

TROUBLE

Lost your helper. Go back 4 spaces.

FINISH!

TROUBLE

Fell and broke a bone. Go back 5 spaces.

TROUBLE

Got pushed down. Go back 2 spaces.

TROUBLE

Feeling sick. Go back 2 spaces.

TROUBLE

Forgot homework. Go back 4 spaces.