

Humor Me, Lord

Meet the Family

1. Read Job 1-2.

2. Reread Job 1:1. Where did Job live? _____



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3. Reread Job 1:1-3. Just how rich was Job?

Wait, do children count as assets or liabilities in this instance? Hang on; we're getting there.

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4. What kind of man was Job? Reread Job 1:1-1:5, then list all the characteristics you see *in the Scripture* that describe Job. Some, like 'blameless,' (Job 1:1) are quotable from the passage. Some, like 'rich' (Job 1:3) are a little more implied. Don't be afraid to imply. Just make sure you have scripture to back up your implications (in fact, citing the verse, as I did here, is a great idea). For example, if I were going to say, "Jillian is a beast," I'd be able to show you the first 2 minutes of her Shred dvd, and you'd be convinced.

5. Reread Job 1:4-5. What characteristics would you use to describe his children?

6. *Now* answer the question: were Job's children assets or liabilities?

7. Reread Job 2:9-10. While we don't know how normally pleasant and generally fun-to-be-around she was, we *can* answer this question: was Job's wife an asset to him or a liability in this situation?

8. Now that you've read both Job 1:1-5 and Job 2:9-10 a number of times, return to question 4 and list any additional characteristics that the Bible would use to describe Job.

9. From the two sections of Scripture, what are some things that you have learned about the nature of God today. Do not include anything from Job 1:6-22 or Job 2: 1-8 or 11-13. We'll work on those later. Here, I'll give you a freebie to get you started: God values our respect (fear) of Him (Job 1:1). I mean, He *did* take the time to make sure it was in the book and make it sound like a good thing, right? Fear of the Lord is a start anyway. See Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:7, and Proverbs 9:10. Now, your turn. Nature of God. Ready, go. Write these on your **Nature of God** worksheet-type thingy. On the left, write what you've learned about God, and on the right, write the scripture reference which accompanies your learning.

10. When the Bible repeats something, that means it's doubly important. It's like your mother yelling at you when you didn't hear and/or obey the first time she told you to take the trash out. That's just a for instance, though. And we *both* know you heard her. Reread Job 1: 22 and Job 2: 10. What statement is repeated?

11. What do you believe God is trying to tell (loudly) us by repeating this statement?

Life Lessons are the applications that we can take away from a long-ago story in the scripture and apply to our lives today. *Today*. Not tomorrow. Although tomorrow's good, too. Too. As in, also. In addition to today.

12. What is the/are some Life Lesson/s that you've learned from reading these sections of Job? What can these characters teach us about how to live our own lives with intention and purpose? These can be "what-to" do's or "what-not-to" do's. They're equally important in life.

13. How will you use the Life Lesson today? Today. April 29, 2011. Today. Jillian says, "Transformation is not a future event." While I don't agree with her on her claim that I should each mountains of Swiss chard, she may have a point on this one.

Last, but not least...

14. What is the funniest part of the story from today (aka In what way did God reveal His humorous side to you)?
