

# Humor Me, Lord

*Who's in Charge Here, Anyway?*

1. What major (or minor) realization did you come to in the previous lesson?

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2. What application did you make into your life from that study?

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3. How did God reveal His sense of humor to you in that lesson?

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4. Now, reread Job 1-2.

5. Fill-in-the-blank down below: Job is, generally speaking, a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

Conclusion About Job Verse

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6. In your Bible, if it's not against your religion, use a pen or pencil to underline Job 1:6 and Job 2:1. If you had a take an educated guess, how would you, from these verses, define the nature of the relationship between God and Satan? I mean, who's in charge here, anyway?

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7. So, now that you know, what does knowing *this* about God's relationship to Satan mean in your life?

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8. On a scale of 1 to 10, if you are a child of the Most High God, how empowering is this information?

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9. Reread Job 1:8. Whose idea was this whole thing?

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Wait, what? It wasn't Satan walking around looking for someone to destroy? Satan didn't 'get permission' so much as it was *recommended* to him? What kind of loving God would do that? I get that He's in charge now, but is He just up there playing with me? Am I his little chew toy? Is He just sittin' up there thinking up things for Satan to do at *my* expense so the punk won't get bored? That ain't right!

As the first chapter comes to a close, Job's life is in shambles. The only thing he's got left is his 'darling' wife. And he's about to get sores, the only cure for which, apparently, is to scrape them with broken pottery. Homeboy's life's become horrendous in the course of one conversation. He didn't have a bad year, or a bad month, or a challenging season of life. He didn't even have a bad day. He had a bad conversation, y'all!

But, still, he gets it.

10. Read Job 1:20-21. What was Job's first response, found in verse 20? I mean, after she tore his robe and shaved his head and fell to the ground, of course.

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I have to ask myself, "During what percentage of your life's trials is your first response (after you tear your robe, shave your head, and fall to the ground) to worship?"

The answer ain't something I'm proud of. Our me-centric culture, consisting of *I*-pods, *MySpace*, and *Mii*'s on the Wii, my time at Burger King, where I can have it *my* way, the American dream of pulling *myself* up by *my* bootstraps to make something of *myself*, has led me to believe that *I* somehow deserve better treatment than the trials life throws at me. I shake my fist at the heavens and shout, "Why *me*, Lord?" when my car makes a funny noise or my water filter in my refrigerator needs to be changed.

Oh, the humanity of it all!

Now, who do *I* sound like? No wonder the Helpmate-of-the-Year is hilarious to me. Maybe, just maybe, *I am her* sometimes.

Minus the cursing God part, of course. Of course.

But Job, at least for the moment, gets it.

11. Reread Job 1:20-21. In your own words, restate what Job says here:

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**Memory Verse alert: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." ~Job 1:21**

**12.** Rewrite it here to begin cementing it into your memory.

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**13.** What have you learned about the Nature of God today? Write your discoveries on your Nature of God worksheet type thingy, along with the corresponding verse/s.

**14.** Now, I ask you, who's in charge here, anyway?

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