

STOWMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY BIBLE CLUB

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Hello

I'm missing seeing you all! Some of you will have been back to school this week and I hope you had a great time with your teachers and friends. I also went into school this week and I enjoyed my time there!!



Praying you all keep safe and well. Love Liz

Many times, we have reminded you that each of us is special and unique! That means we are all different. We know we are special because God made each one of us. Our parents gave us our names and chose them because they liked the name, or it reminded them of another friend or family member or they liked the meaning of your name.

In Bible times, people thought a lot about what a name meant and would pick the name for that reason.

Do you know what your name means? You can look online and check it out!

I've had a look at the meaning of the leader's names:

James means follower

Jackie means God is gracious

Kelly means lively

Elizabeth means God is my oath

Karen means pure

June means young

At the moment we are learning the 10 commandments that God gave to us. Do you remember how God met Moses on the mountain and wrote the commandments on the stone tablet?

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Exodus chapter 20 verse 7

This commandment tells us not to misuse God's name.

I'm sure you've heard people saying God's name when they are cross, angry or perhaps everything seems to be going wrong.

I wouldn't like it if everyone said my name every time things went wrong, I would think they were blaming me. That would make me very sad.

But God is holy and perfect and His name is so special that we must be careful how we say it. Remember you can always talk to God anytime or anywhere. You can always tell Him if you feel happy or sad, but don't say God's name if you are not talking to Him or about Him to someone else.

Do you remember the story of Jesus inviting the children to come to Him? That shows how much Jesus loves little ones. just like us.

Today, we are going to think about a family from the Bible.

It can be found in the Bible in the book of Job chapter 1 verses 1 to chapter 2 verse 13 and chapter 42 verses 7 to 17. That is a long reading, but get your mum or dad to help you!

Chapter 1

¹ In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. ² He had seven sons and three daughters, ³ and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

⁴ His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵ When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

⁶ One day the angels^[a] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan^[b] also came with them. ⁷ The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

¹² The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

¹³ One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁹ when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

²⁰ At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart.^[c]

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised."

²² In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Chapter 2

On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. ² And the Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

³ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

⁴ "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. ⁵ But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

⁶ The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. ⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

⁹ His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"

¹⁰ He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

¹¹ When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. ¹² When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they

began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. ¹³ Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

Chapter 42

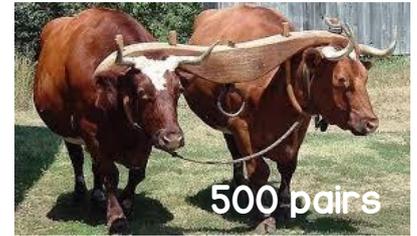
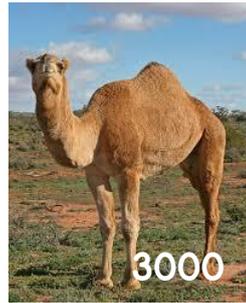
⁷ After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has. ⁸ So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has." ⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.

¹⁰ After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring.

¹² The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ And he also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. ¹⁵ Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

¹⁶ After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. ¹⁷ And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

Job lives many years ago and loved God. He had a wife, 7 sons and 3 daughters. He was a farmer and had:



That is a lot of animals and so Job was a very busy man looking after all the animals. Job did have servants to help him, though. The Bible tells us he was the greatest man of the East, that means the area where he lived.

But Job never forgot God, He prayed to Him each day and often during each day.

One sad day, one of his servants ran to Job to tell him some bad news:

The oxen and donkeys werestolen

Did Job blame God...No!

Fire had burnt up all the sheep

Did Job blame God...No!

The camels had been stolen

Did Job blame God...No!

Then saddest of all...his children were having a meal together in a house, but the wind had been so strong that the house had blown down, and everybody had died.

Did Job blame God for all these terrible things?

No, No, No!!!!

Job knew that God had given him everything he had and he kept on trusting God even when God took everything away.



Remember to say 'thank you' to God every day for ALL the things He gives you!!

Job was so sad that he tore his clothes and shaved his head but the Bible tells us that he continued to worship God. Then Job became sick, he had painful sores that covered his entire body, it really hurt and was so horrible. Job's wife was sad to see Job so hurt and sad. She said to Job "You should curse God and die".

Did Job listen to his wife? What would you have said? Should we always expect only good from God and be cross when sad things happen to us or those we love?

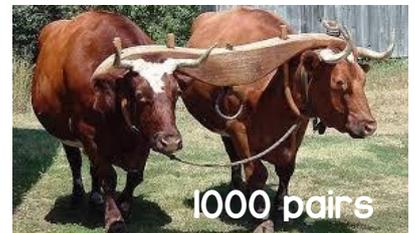
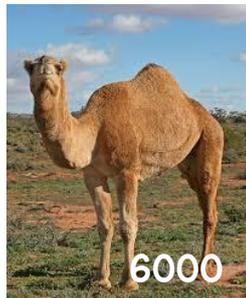
Job said to his wife, "that is foolish talk, I won't curse God!"

Job still loved and trusted God, even though his wife and some friends told him to curse God. But the Bible tells us that Job was doing the right thing to trust God.



Do you trust God? All the time? It isn't easy all the time, but remember you can always trust God and never curse His name.

The Bible tells us lots about Job and the talks he had with his friends, so it is a long book to read, but at the end of the book he was given by God:



And.....





God gave Job back more than he had lost. How amazing is that! and how thankful Job was.

(If you are in James' or Stephen's class, look carefully at chapter 1 and 2 and look behind the scene in Heaven. Job knew nothing about those conversations!! But God is always right).

Today we are going to finish this story with a prayer; if we have said God's name wrongly remember to ask God to forgive you and He has promised to always forgive us because Jesus died to take away our sin.

Dear God

Thank you that you are really special, holy and perfect and help me to think of who you really are whenever your name is said. Help me never to misuse your name but to respect and love it.

Thank you for Jesus who died on the cross, so that I can be forgiven for all the sin in my life.

*Thank you for looking after us, please continue to help and watch over us all
Amen*