

LIFE IS HARD; GOD IS GOOD

CENTRAL TRUTH | Although we experience suffering in this life, God is in control of all things.

AS YOU GO

These are simple questions to ask your student as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

- 1 Who is one friend who brings you comfort or encouragement during difficult times?
- 2 How does this friend comfort and encourage you?

FAMILY DEVOTION

Follow up with your student later in the week and go through the following summary and discussion questions together.

SUMMARY | Job 1:6-12; 40:1-9; 42:7-9

God allowed the antagonist of this book—Satan—to strike Job, and Job lost everything. After a series of questions, laments, and dialogues with his friends, Job discovers that all things are under God's control. God's power and the way He upholds the entire universe—including Job's suffering—are beyond human understanding. Job eventually repents for distrusting and criticizing the Lord. The Lord reveals that Job's friends have misrepresented Him and His ways, and God graciously restores what Job lost. The book of Job helps us see that suffering comes to everyone—and in our suffering, we're called to see that God and His ways are perfect. He is truly worthy of our trust.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Follow up with your student later in the week and go through the following summary and discussion questions together.

01. ↓ What are some ways we tend to distrust the Lord's character?
02. → What should be our approach to suffering?

PRAY: Heavenly Father, in the midst of my pain and hurt, help me to remember that You are sovereign and worthy of our trust.

MEMORIZE | Job 19:25

PARENT CHALLENGE

Challenge your student to use the Daily Readings provided in the *Daily Discipleship Guide* to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's readings:

DAY 1

Job 1:6-12

DAY 2

Job 19:25-27

DAY 3

Job 40:1-9

DAY 4

Job 42:7-9

DAY 5

Psalms 13:1-6

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?