

HOME connection

ST Unit: Practicing Integrity, Lesson 4

D6 Family Theme:
INTEGRITY UNDER FIRE

Objectives:

Know: Job kept his integrity even when God's presence was not evident.

Think: We must condition our thoughts to respond to every difficulty with faith and integrity.

Do: Now is the time to strengthen our relationship with Christ daily so it will grow during testing.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Job 1:13-22; 2:1-10; 27:1-6; 31:5-8; 38:1-7; 42:1-6. It's true that Job suffered great loss: his possessions, his health, his children—even his wife's support, apparently. But his story is not primarily about his tragedy. Instead the focus is on his trust. When will a person trust God? We may tend to take faith for granted when the flow of life is smooth, when troubles seem few and far between. But when anxiety levels soar and loss dogs our steps constantly, trust in God is at a premium in the tests of life. Job was a man of integrity—blameless, righteous, fearing God, and turning from sin. Yet his was no "easy" integrity. It came at a high cost yet yielded high dividends. Job's integrity was validated through an assortment of challenges.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

We can live with integrity, even when we are discouraged. Pray that you and your family will not let what others say discourage you, but that you will find your strength in God's truth.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: God allowed Job to be tempted and tried by Satan. Job lost his family, his livelihood, and his health. Even though God seemed absent in Job's life, he still chose to trust and praise God. Talk with your children about a time when they felt God was absent in their life, whether that is when someone they loved or a pet died, when they didn't get what they wanted, or when they got really sick. Share with them a time in your life when it felt that God had left you. Remind them that even in those times we are to trust and obey God.

Option 2: Lead your family in discussing the following: Our culture suggests many ways to deal with stress and anxiety. What are some of the most common "cures"? (Examples: exercise; Prozac; cognitive behavioral therapy, or counseling; yoga; a vacation in the Caribbean; getting distance from the problem; changing jobs; making a new start in a new place; support groups; throwing yourself into your work, etc.) Obviously some of these are beneficial. How do they help? Can they solve all the problems? How does a faith-driven, growing, committed relationship with God help us face these difficulties?

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned a man from Samaria saw the hurt man. Samaritans did not like Jews so the traveler didn't think he would help, but he did! The Samaritan man not only stopped to check on the Jewish man, but also he took the man to an inn and paid the owner to care for the hurt man. **I Can Do What Is Right** just like the Good Samaritan did.



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE



4 & 5
GRADE

Today your student learned Job was a man who feared God and stayed away from evil. Even when he went through a period of extreme trouble and sadness, he remained a man of integrity and did not sin by blaming God for his situation. Job remained a man of integrity and we can learn from his example how to trust God and be faithful to Him.



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Teens saw that Job maintained his integrity even through great physical, mental, and emotional pain and adversity. They were encouraged to worship God in the midst of trials even when discouragement and accusations come their way. Encourage your teens to make integrity a lifestyle choice now, so that when difficulties come, their integrity will determine their response.



YOUNG
ADULT

The group members studied the life of Job and were challenged to strengthen their walk with Christ daily so their relationship with Him will grow during times of testing.



ADULT

Adults examined how Job was able to maintain his integrity while suffering terrible grief and loss. Group members were also encouraged to maintain their integrity and trust in God even when life is falling apart.