

**JOB DEFEATS SATAN****Job 1, 2, 42**

**Lesson Memory Verse:** James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**" (Grades 1 & 2 memorize the portion in **bold**.)

**Lesson Aim:** To teach the children how they can defeat Satan.

**Lesson Plan:** Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

**KEY (for Attention):** Brad's parents were very proud of him because he had received all A's on his report card for the first three quarters of the school year. His parents had promised him that if he received all A's for the complete year, they would buy him a new bicycle. Math was usually very easy for Brad, but on the final test of the year, he had trouble remembering how to multiply fractions. Brad knew that if he didn't do the problems correctly he would not get an A on his report card. Brad could see Sally's paper out of the corner of his eye, and the devil was tempting him to look at her paper for the correct answers. What should Brad do? How could he defeat Satan? (For the younger grades you may need to change this story to fit their age level. For example, you may say that Brad was having trouble with subtraction or with spelling.)

**HE (for Authority):** James 4:7 tells us how we can defeat Satan. We can defeat Satan by submitting ourselves to God. To "submit...to God" means that we surrender to God and obey Him. Our verse also tells us to "resist the devil." This means that we should say, "No," to the devil. When we do these things God promises that Satan will then "flee" from us, that is, he will run from us and leave us alone.

**SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word.** In today's lesson we will see how Job got the victory over different temptations of Satan, and how God rewarded him for resisting Satan.

God and Satan have different purposes for temptations. When God allows a man to be tempted, he is testing him. He wants to make him stronger as he fights against sin. When Satan tempts a man, he wants to destroy him by getting him trapped in sin.

**I. Introduction (1:1-5)**

- A. Job was a very good man (1:1). The Bible says that he was perfect (good in actions), upright (honest), one that feared God (trusted God and kept His commands – Ps 111:10), and one who hated evil (1 Th 5:22).

**WE:** It does not matter how good a person we are, the devil still will try to tempt us. He wants everyone to sin against God.

- B. Job was a very rich man (1:22-5). He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 55 yoke of oxen, 500 donkeys, a great number of servants, and had 7 sons and 3 daughters. The devil tempts rich people as well as poor people. Sometimes he even makes rich people face more temptations because of their money (1 Tim 6:9-10).

**WE:** We must be careful how we live whether we are rich or poor. We must be alert and ready to fight against Satan because we can be tempted by him at any time.

**II. The First Temptation (1:6-22)**

- A. All that Job had was taken away except his health. He lost his oxen and donkeys (v. 15), his sheep (v. 16), his camels (v. 17), and his children (v. 18). Satan tried to get Job to curse God.

**WE:** We must not curse God, even if we lose everything that we own. We should love God no matter how much or how little is taken from us.

- B. When Job had all this trouble he worshipped the Lord.

**WE:** We must act like Job and worship God in spite of our troubles. We must not allow Satan to cause us to curse God.

**III. The Second Temptation (2:1-13)**

A. Satan tempted Job by bringing sickness to him. This is one of the worst kinds of temptation that can come to a person.

**WE:** If we are Christians, we can rejoice that God is still with us and will never leave us.

B. Satan used Job's wife to tempt him even more. She told Job to curse God and die. Job was being tempted to sin with his mouth, that is, to say bad things about God. Satan gets many people to sin with their mouths (James 3; Psalm 19:14). Job was also tempted by Satan to sin in his actions. Job's wife not only told him to "curse God," but also to "die." It would have made Satan very happy if Job would have sinned by killing himself.

**WE:** Satan may tempt us through our family or by our closest friends. It is very important that we choose our friends carefully. They might tempt us to do wrong. We must also be careful not to do anything that harms our bodies (like suicide) because they belong to God (1 Cor 6:19-20).

**IV. Job's Victory and Rewards (42:1-17)**

A. Job submitted to the Lord (42:15). The only way to defeat Satan is to submit to God as Jesus did in Gethsemane. Not only did Job surrender to God, but he also praised Him for His wonderful ways of doing things.

**WE:** We also must surrender to God to defeat Satan (James 4:7). We cannot defeat Satan by our own power. We need God's power. Let Him do it the way He wants to do it, and then we should praise Him, even if we do not understand His ways (Isa 55:8-9).

B. Job listened to God (23:12).

**WE:** We can listen to God as we read the Bible. We need to listen, read, memorize, study and meditate on God's Word, if we are going to defeat Satan (Ps 119:9, 11; 1 Cor 10:13; Heb 2:18).

C. Job humbled himself before God (42:6). Job realized that he was nothing and could not defeat Satan in any way. He depended completely on God to do it.

**WE:** We must humble ourselves before God (1 Peter 5:5-8), and realize that without His power we will be defeated by Satan (Rom 7:18).

D. Job was rewarded by God (42:10-17). Job received a great reward which he would have missed if he had cursed God. God rewarded Job with twice as much as he had before he was tempted.

**WE:** We will be rewarded if we defeat Satan. We will receive a crown in heaven (James 1:12), a longer life (James 1:13-15; 5:19-20; Eph 6:3), peace of mind and heart (Phil 4:6-7), and the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23).

**BE (for Action):** What are some of the temptations that Job faced? What temptations do children face? How can we defeat Satan this week? (Review with the students the keys to defeating Satan: (1) Submit to God; (2) Read God's Word; (3) Be humble before God.) If you want power to defeat Satan in your life, stay after class and I will show you how to get God's help. Have some students close the lesson in prayer. Have them ask God to help each one in the class to trust in Him for victory over Satan in the weeks ahead.