PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 1.2: Noah and Job

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SCRIPTURE READING

- » Genesis 6–8
- » Genesis 9:1-17
- » Job 1–3
- » Job 38-42

SUMMARY:

Genesis 1 teaches us that Adam, Eve and every human after them have been created in the image of God. A God-given identity reflects the image of God. But being made in His image does not mean we will have freedom from suffering. Sometimes sin brings unpleasant consequences to our lives. Sometimes we suffer through no fault of our own.

Job was righteous, but suffered great loss. His unwise friends and wife didn't help. Can we blame them? Uncaused suffering is hard to understand. It doesn't seem fair, and indeed it is not. We must have faith that God can sustain us through our suffering. He may use our suffering to strengthen our faith or the faith of others. We are not promised we will understand our suffering, but we can be assured God understands and can see us through it.

MEMORY VERSE OPTIONS

- » Hebrews 11:7*
- » Job 1:8
- » 2 Peter 2:9

D IDENTITY INSIGHT

Faith is the bedrock of our God-given identity in Christ. Because we know God is in control, we can respond to any circumstance of life in a godly way, confident that He works all things together for our good, including suffering (Romans 8:28).

■ IMPORTANT IDEAS:

TRUE HOME: a believer's forever citizenship in heaven with Jesus, not on Earth (Philippians 3:20)

HEROES OF FAITH CHAPTER: placed in

Hebrews 11; sometimes called the "Hall of Faith" or "Heroes of Faith" chapter. The author of Hebrews reminds us that many people have gone before us and have lived by faith. Some of those mentioned are well known, like Moses and Abraham, but some are unnamed women and men who were beaten, imprisoned or killed because of their faith.

FAITH: taking God at His word; assurance of His faithfulness and promises; a certainty of things we cannot see

NOAHIC COVENANT: God's promise to Noah that never again would He destroy all living things by a flood (Genesis 9:11)

SOVEREIGN: a characteristic of God as the all-encompassing ruler of the entire universe, who knows all things and is unchanging