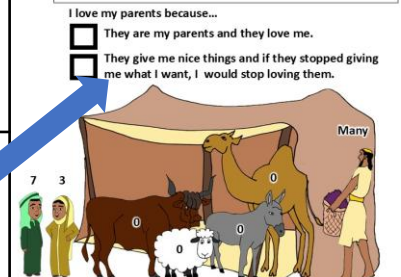
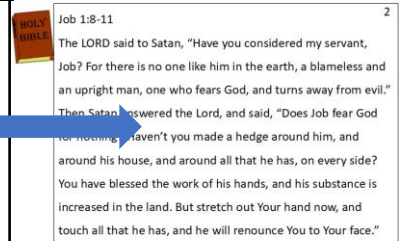
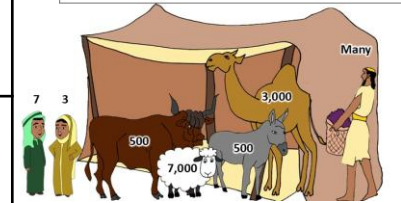
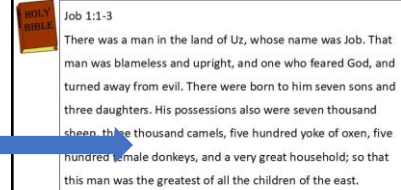


# *Upper Elementary*

All scripture quotations are taken from the World English Bible, 2020.

Topic:	Job
Materials:	quarters, 2 different fruits, stickers, potato sack or grainy ribbon from craft store
Intro:	As each child enters, silently hand them a quarter, without saying anything. If they ask why, say you will explain later. After everyone has gathered, take the quarter back. Ask children to share how they feel about what you just did. hand out booklets Explain that it was your quarter, you just handed it to them to hold for a minute. You could take it back whenever you wanted. Ask children if this feels fair. Why or why not? Explain that they will learn a story about a man who questioned God's fairness.
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	This is a story that takes place a long time ago. In fact, the Bible doesn't tell us just how long ago it happened. No one is sure exactly when Job lived, but his story helps us understand who God is, and how we should respect Him. Even people who have been studying the Bible for many years sometimes feel confused by this story, so if you don't understand it all, don't worry. We can keep studying the difficult stories in the Bible over and over and ask the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom to understand them. It all begins with Satan searching the earth to tell God how bad people are.
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2 fruits	Show children two different fruits. Remember how God gave Adam and Eve a choice to obey or disobey? Satan was arguing that by giving Job only good things, God was guaranteeing that he would love Him. Job didn't have much choosing to do. So God agreed to let Job be tested; to see if he really loved God for who He is, or just for the things He gave him. Do you love your parents because they're your parents and they love you, or do you only love them because they give you nice things and if they stopped doing that, you would stop loving them?



	Job was having a big party, when four servants came, one after the other, to tell him that all his riches were gone and his children had died in natural disasters.
Job 1:20-22	Then Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down on the ground, and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked will I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the LORD's name." In all this, Job didn't sin, nor charge God with wrongdoing.
quarters	Job still loved God and praised Him after he lost everything that belonged to him. He said some of the wisest words in the Bible. Everything belongs to God. God gives us things. He takes things away. It's all His to do with as He pleases. Show quarters again.
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	Would you curse God? What if someone threatened to hurt you unless you did? Satan argued that Job might be willing to give up things, but once he suffered in pain himself, he would turn against God. But Job still insisted that if God had given him blessings, He could give him troubles, too. We get what we get, and we say thank you no matter what. Even when his whole body was covered in painful sores, Job still praised God.
quarter	Ask for a volunteer who will have to do a push-up (or whatever the group will find annoying but silly) if you flip heads, and get a sticker if you flip tails. Do as many rounds as there are children willing to take the chance. For each turn, no matter the outcome, have all children say, "Praise the name of the Lord!"



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	Three of Job's friends came to comfort him. At first, they just cried with him. But they got impatient with this. They started lecturing him instead. And their lectures were very, very, very long. Have you ever listened to someone speak who just didn't know when to stop talking? Those were Job's friends. They told him he must have done something wrong to make God angry.
Job 31:35-37	Oh, that I had one to hear me! Behold, here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me! Let the accuser write my indictment! Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, and I would bind it to me as a crown. I would declare to him the number of my steps. I would go near to him like a prince.
	Job accepted losing his money, children and health. But when his friends accused him of sinning, he got all puffed up and became upset. He didn't just defend himself, though. He actually started criticizing God. He claimed that he had never sinned. He accused God of being unjust.
Romans 3:23	For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.
James 1:13	Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and He Himself tempts no one.
	The Bible tells us that every single human, from Adam and Eve to you and me, has committed sins. Jesus is the only one who ever walked this earth without sin. So how could Job claim he had never sinned? This is actually a sin in itself. Can anyone name that sin? (pride)
	The Bible warns against pride. It causes all kinds of problems. It even caused Job to speak disrespectfully of God. Finally, God was ready to answer Job and his friends.



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	<p>God reminded Job that He is God and Job is just a human. He even asked Job if he had done any of the great things that God had done.</p>
Job 40:8	<p>“Are you trying to prove that you are innocent by accusing me of injustice?”</p>
	<p>Have you ever tried to criticize someone else to feel better about yourself? Job claimed God was unfair, but he really should have been remembering that he is a sinner. He lived a very good life, but that was no reason to be prideful.</p>



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	Job had been humbled. He realized that he had been prideful and spoken improperly of God. He asked forgiveness and acknowledged God for who He is. He had only sort of understood God before. But now he had seen God's presence. Even though he had messed up, he had gotten closer to God through this experience.
Job 42:10	The LORD restored Job's prosperity when he prayed for his friends. The LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.
	God wasn't very happy with Job's friends, either. He reminded them that they had spent too much time blabbering on, rather than giving God praise. But he forgave them, and then blessed Job with good health, more riches and more children. Everyone had learned an important lesson.
Closing:	<p>Was Satan's accusation correct? (no, Job did not curse God because of the things done to him, even though, like all humans, he sinned). Discuss the lessons that each person learned. Job learned that God is just, even when it doesn't seem that way, and He is the creator, so He has to be respected. His friends learned that telling a person what you think they should do isn't always helpful.</p> <p>Give each student two quarters as they leave. They didn't know they would get the quarters back, but you did, because it was part of your plan.</p>




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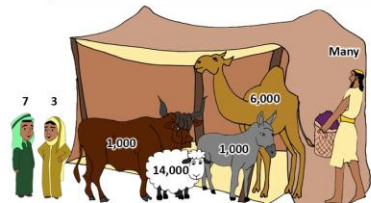
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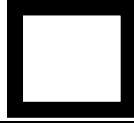
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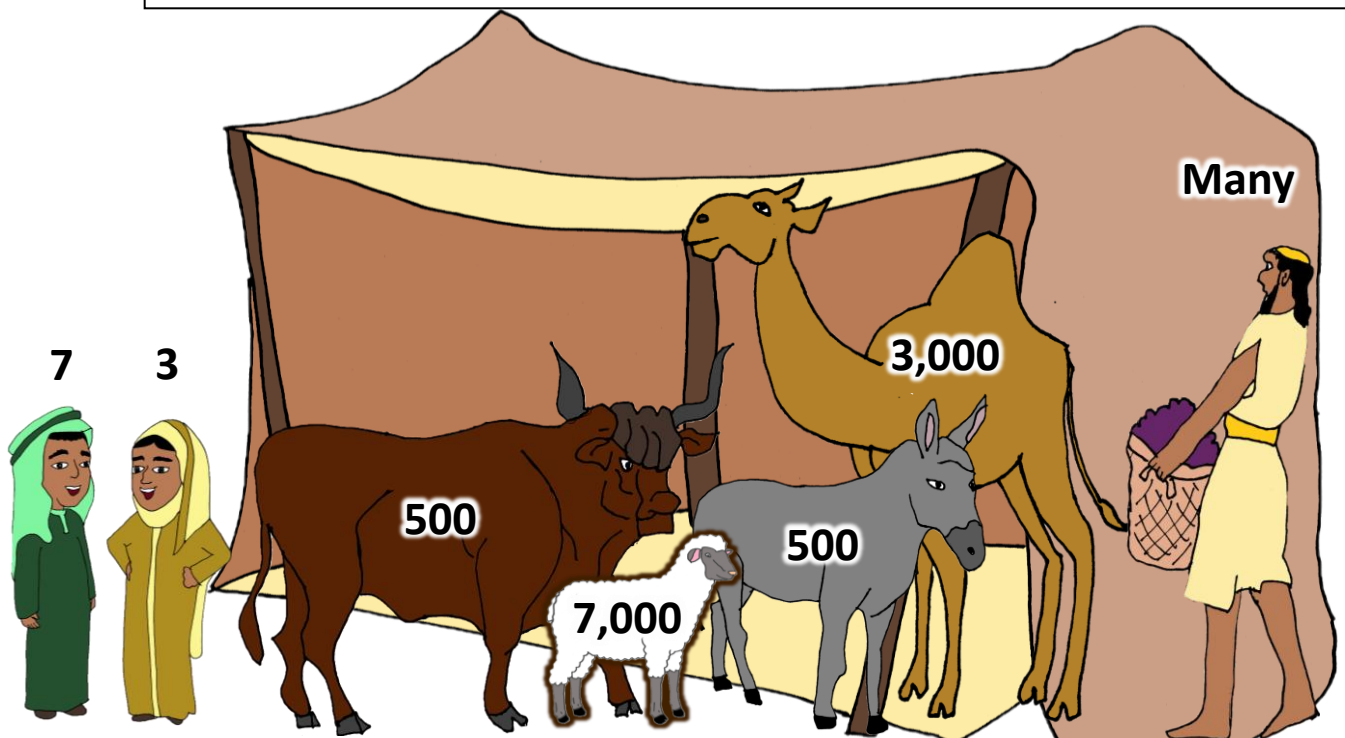


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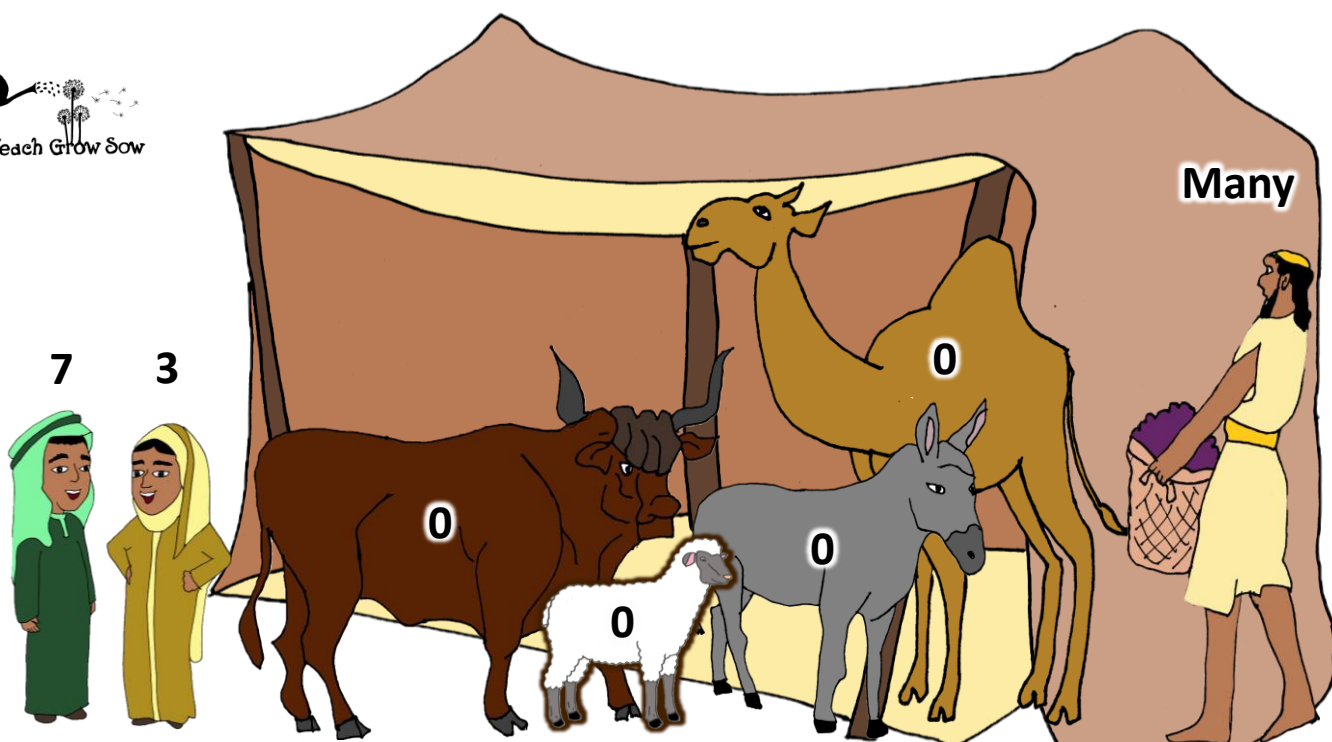
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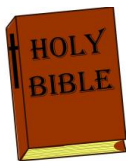
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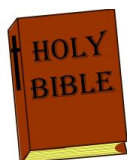


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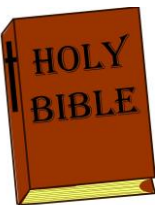


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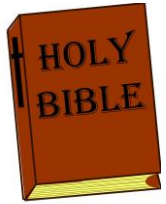
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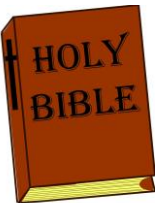
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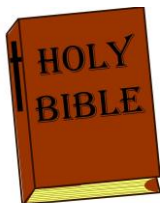


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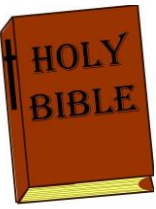
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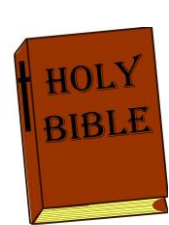
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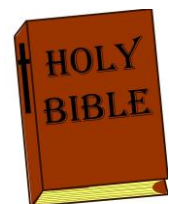


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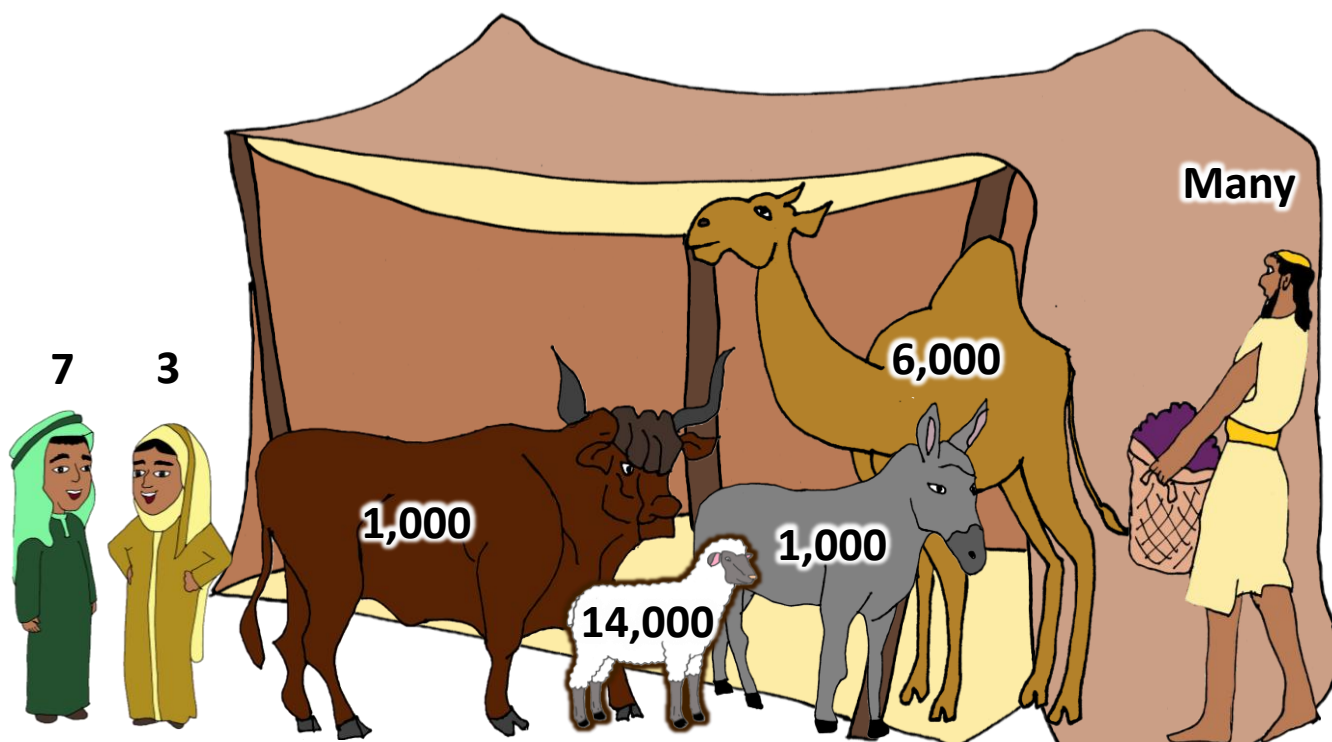
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