

Being Small Before a Big God (5/7/23)

Main Verses: Job 40:1-5

Key Verse: Job 40:4

'Takeaway': Though we want to think of ourselves as bigger than we are, accepting our smallness before God blesses both us and him.

Getting Started: Can you think of a time when you felt very big? Or a time when you felt very small?

READ: Job 40:1-5 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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- What do God's questions help Job to realize?
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- What does Job teach us about how we should respond when guilty of this?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God calls Job a faultfinder because Job believed God was wrong in not explaining why Job was suffering so.
- God's questions give Job a chance to take a breath & realize how big God is & how small he is. They are a wonderful mercy because they remind Job how much he needs God.
- We too need to remember how small we are, & be amazed at God's bigness in creating the entire world & all that's in it. We need to thank God that while he's so big, he also makes himself small enough so we can know him & love him thru faith in Jesus.
- God's bigness also means we can trust he **has reasons** for our hard times, even when we don't understand them.

Elementary:

- In the chapters before Job 40, God has asked Job a series of questions:
 - Does Job know how creation was established?
 - Does Job have the knowledge or ability to govern creation?
 - Does Job know how to shape the lives of its wonderful variety of creatures?
- God calls Job a faultfinder as he asks Job to respond to the questions because Job believed God was wrong in not explaining why Job was suffering like he was.
- God's questions & wait time are a wonderful mercy to Job, helping him realize how small he is & how much he needs God.
- We too, need to remember how small we are & be amazed at God's bigness in creating the entire world & all that's in it, - & yet making himself small enough so we can know him & love him thru faith in Jesus.
- God's bigness also means we can trust **he has reasons** for our hard times, even when we don't understand them.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for being a big God who creates all things. Thank him for his creation. Thank him that while He is SO big, he makes himself small enough so we can know him & love him thru faith in Jesus. Thank God that **we can trust him at all times, even when we don't understand.**

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