

GOD CONTROLS EVERYTHING



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of <u>Job 1–2</u> from the Bible.



If you read or watch the news, you will soon discover that most of the news is bad news. Sometimes all of this bad news can cause us to ask why God would allow so many bad things to happen and so many people to suffer. We are not the first to ask these important questions. When Job lost everything—including his family—this is basically what he asked.

God answered Job, in part, by reminding him that He was all-powerful, always in control, and always good. Although Job couldn't understand what God was doing, Job wanted to trust in who God is. Through all the suffering, while Job didn't understand God correctly, he never turned away from Him. In the end, God helped Job understand Him better and He gave Job everything he had lost—and even more.

Romans 5:3-4 tells us that we can rejoice in suffering because "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope..." Even when we don't understand the suffering that is happening to us or someone else that we care about, we can trust that God is good, He is present, and He is in control.

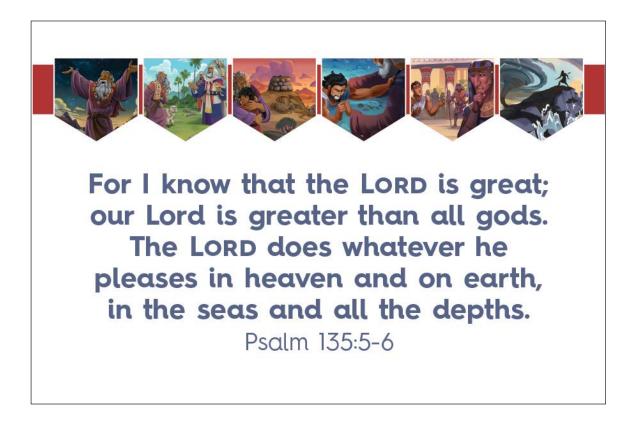
When we face hard things in life, we can still trust in God and His plans. Need proof? Just think about the cross. At the cross, God used the ultimate pain and suffering to bring the ultimate Good News—our salvation from sin.

Job learned that God is all-powerful, sovereign, and good. When we face suffering, we can hope in God. God sent Jesus, the only truly innocent One, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have forgiveness and eternal life.

Pray: God, help us always remember that You are in control. Help us to trust that You love us and have a plan for us—even when we face hard times. No matter what we face, help us to be faithful to You and to tell others about Your great love for us.



The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.





Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.