

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET:

JOB

Job 1:1; 9:2; 22:21-23a; 42:10-17



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

God, thank you for the gift of this family. Let us help one another along our own journey of faith. Remind us that you are always with us and always working in our lives—even though we don't always know what you're up to. Help us comfort each other when we are down or feeling bad. Amen

TALK TIME

- This week the class learned that Job had a lot of questions for God. Are there times that you wonder what God is up to? How do you calm your curiosity? What brings you peace and comfort in the midst of struggling with your faith?
- Job lost his family, his possessions, and his land. He also became very sick. His friends believed all this happened because of something that Job did. Do you ever feel like God is punishing you? Why do you think bad things happen to people? Is your faith in God affected when you feel loss, pain, or despair?
- The world is full of people who, like Job, feel hopeless. Who are some people you know who feel that they have no hope? How can your family assure them that God is always present in the world? How can you offer your support and love to these people?

WEB TIME

Sit together at the family computer and go to a news Web site. Look for a story that talks about people who are suffering. Read this story together. Where is God when people suffer? Your family may wish to pray for the people you just read about.

RITUAL TIME

On a piece of paper, write the heading "Questions I'd Like Answers To" and post it on the refrigerator. During the week, encourage people to think of questions they have on any topic (faith, science, daily life, and so forth) and write them on the piece of paper. At the end of the week, sit down together and discuss the questions. Remember the Big Idea is that "faith engages us in questions without easy answers"—so don't feel like you're required to come up with answers!



KEY WORDS

Keep a family whiteboard someplace near the dinner table and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

SUFFERING

PRESENCE

RIGHTEOUSNESS

JUSTICE

FAITHFUL



