

Listen carefully to the Bible reading from Job chapter 1.

Imagine a full moon in a clear night sky. Draw it here:	When the night sky is full of clouds, what does the moon look like? Draw it here:
What shape is the moon when the sky is clear? _____	What shape is the moon when the sky is cloudy? _____

When the sky gets cloudy the moon doesn't change.
This is like God. When life gets hard, God doesn't change!

When we're feeling happy and life is great... ...God is <u>good</u> and he <u>loves</u> us	When we're feeling sad and life is painful... ...God is g_____ and he l_____ us
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In John chapter 16 verse 33 Jesus says to his followers:
"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

(‘Tribulation’ means trouble or hardship or suffering)

Read the verse again then put a ✓ or a ✗ in the ☐ for each of these sentences to show if they are right or wrong.

If we follow Jesus life will never be difficult ☐

Jesus wants us to know that life can get hard if
we follow him ☐

We don't need to be afraid because Jesus is
greater than any trouble we might face ☐

Jesus says when life gets hard it means God is
angry with us ☐

Think about Jesus.

Was life easy and always happy for Jesus? _____

When did life get difficult for Jesus? _____

Jesus tells us that for those who follow him, life will be difficult too. When life is painful, it doesn't mean God is far away. No!

He knows all about suffering. When life is painful he is as close to us as ever!

Remember - next time we are hurt or suffering, **pray** and tell him about it. He is always with his children.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

teach	wrong	children	difficult	right
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God may also use hard times to _____ us something.

Sometimes it may be to put us _____ when we go

_____. Sometimes it may be to grow and

strengthen us.

These lessons may sometimes be _____,

even painful. But these are things that a **loving Father**

does for his _____.

We can learn about this from the story of Job.

Read Job chapter 1 verses 20 to 22

When Job tears his robe, what does this show about how he feels?

From the box below, what kind of words does Job use as he speaks about God? Circle your answers.

Angry words	Praise	Curses
Worship	Respectful	Happy

Looking again at all three verses from 20 to 22, how would you describe how Job feels?

Job is a good example for us, because in his trouble he never lost his hope in God. We too can be **absolutely certain** of God's lasting love for us which he showed in giving his son Jesus to die for us.

Read the verse below. Will you remember next time life gets tough?

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39