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Because of the big questions and advice sections these books sometimes are called Wisdom Literature.

About Job

Job is one of the oldest books of the Bible. Does it look like a story or poetry at the beginning of the book? --story Where does it change to poetry? --3:3 Does it stay in poetry till the end of the book? --changes back to story in 42:7 The name of the book is the name of the main character. Who is the main character? --Job

What was Job like? Find 4 of his qualities.

NOTE TO TEACHER: Assign the next reference to 4 students. Ask each student to name 1 of Job's qualities.

1:1—blameless —upright (NIV)/ complete integrity (NLT)¹ —feared God —shunned (NIV)/ stayed away from (NLT) evil²

Did Job have children?

1:2 –7 sons and 3 daughters

Was he rich or poor?

1:3—The greatest man of the East (NIV)/ the richest man in the entire area (NLT) Job had everything; good character, family and wealth.

Change of Scene

Name the next 2 characters in the story.

1:7 —the LORD and Satan

What does God say to Satan?

1:8 — Have you considered (NIV)/ noticed (NLT) Job?

Satan tells God why Job is good. What is his explanation?

1:10 — God has put a hedge around him and blessed him (NIV)/ protected and prospered him (NLT). What does Satan suggest?

1:11 —*strike* (NIV)/ *take away* (NLT) *everything he has* How does God respond?

1:12 — Everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself, do not lay a finger (NIV)/ Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don't harm him physically (NLT).

¹ Whenever the NIV and NLT use different words, both versions will appear with a slash between them: *words* (NIV)/ *words* (NLT).

² Words following (NLT) are found in both versions.

Worksheet Answers: Job's Response to Suffering (NIV)

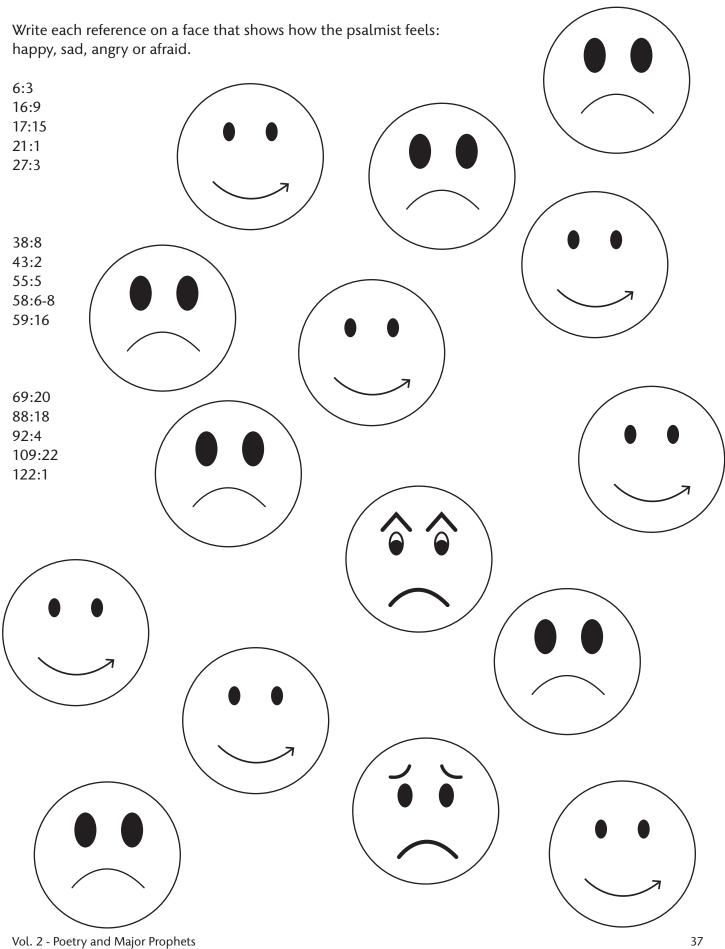
STRIKE THROUGH the 24 wrong words and 1 wrong punctuation mark. WRITE the correct word or punctuation mark above each strikethrough.

Job 1:21	LORD LORD "The stars gave and the fate has taken away;
,	<i>LORD</i> may the name of the earth be praised."
Job 2:10	Shall we accept ? "We always receive good from God, and not trouble,"
Job 12:13	"To God belong wisdom and power;
	<i>counsel understanding</i> distance and disapproval are his."
Job 13:15	Though slay yet "If he bless me, then will I hope in him;
	<i>defend to</i> I will surely hide my ways from his face."
Job 19:25-26	redeemer "I know that my Judge lives,
	<i>stand earth</i> and that in the end he will sit on the throne.
	And after my skin has been destroyed,
	yet in flesh will jt is my hope I might see God."
Job 23:10	<i>way take</i> "He knows the thirigs that I want;
	<i>tested gold</i> when he has answered me, I will come forth as rich."

Worksheet: Word Tricks (NLT)

Part 1: Find METAPHORS for God in these psalms.

Psalm 7:10	my
Psalm 16:5	my of blessing
Psalm 23:1	my
Psalm 27:1	The LORD is my
	The LORD is my
Psalm 43:2	my only safe
Psalm 62:7	my refuge, a
Psalm 84:11	our and
Psalm 90:1	our
Psalm 91:4	cover you with his
	shelter you with his
	God is compared with which animal?
Psalm 121:5	protective
PART 2: Name t	he BODY PARTS ascribed to God in these verses.
Psalm 10:11	Psalm 18:6
Psalm 18:8 (2)	
Psalm 18:9	Psalm 29:7
Psalm 34:16	Psalm 89:10
Psalm 138:7	



Game: "According to Proverbs"

Questions

1. According to Proverbs 18:2

Fools

a.) cannot learn

b.) think they know everything

- c.) don't let people know what they think
- d.) eavesdrop to find out what other people think
- 2. According to Proverbs 17:22

When you are feeling sick, you should

a.) watch a comedy movie

- b.) watch a horror movie
- c.) do homework
- d.) feel sorry for yourself

3. According to Proverbs 26:18-19

You can tell lies to your friend

- a.) if you say, "I was only joking"
- b.) if your fingers are crossed
- c.) if it is on a dare
- d.) never

4. According to Proverbs 11:1

When you don't know the answer on a test, you should

a.) make a guess and decide to study harder next time

- b.) drop your pencil on the floor and look at your neighbor's answer on the way up
- c.) prepare ahead of time by writing all the answers on your arm
- d.) complain that the teacher never taught you that material.

5. According to Proverbs 24:26

An honest answer is like

- a.) a kiss
- b.) a punch in the stomach
- c.) hot cement on bare feet
- d.) jumping into cold water

6. According to Proverbs 25:16

When your favorite dessert is on the menu, you should

a.) eat all of it quickly before anybody else gets to it

b.) eat a reasonable amount

- c.) eat until you are stuffed
- d.) give it to the dog

Ecclesiastes

P R	- Marine - M Marine - Marine - Marine - Marine - Marin	Puzzle:	"Ecclesiastes' Wisdom Bits" Copy single-sided pp. 68-69 NIV or pp. 71-72 NLT Read optional prep instructions p. 67 Scissors and glue, 1 per student
	-` \	Visuals:	Mortarboard*, wine glass, dice, construction worker, "To-do" list, houses, cars, money
E P	band for th loops. Tie	he mortarboa	er; a strip glued end to end for the band and a square glued to the rd. For tassel, wrap the end of a string around your finger to make er, staple the plain end of the string to the center of the mortarboard loops.
C R	•	r the books ExodusPro	of the Bible the class has studied: overbs
1:12 1:16 2:8 - 1:1 -	Ecclesiastes? F —king over Isr —has wisdom —rich —David's son vour answer? V	ael in Jerusa and knowle	ilem edge
—Sc	olomon		
How does he refer to himself? "The words of the" 1:1 — <i>Teacher</i>			
What is the name of the first poetry book? —Job			
Job is about a big question. Do you remember it? It starts with "Why". —Why do bad things happen to good people? Job is about a word that starts with "S". Job 2:13—suffering			
Ecclesiastes is like Job: it asks another big question. Describe the Teacher's problem in one word found more than once in this verse.			

1:2 — Meaningless!

The Teacher asks, "Is life meaningless?

Isaiah, a "Mini-Bible"

MINI-BIBLE

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Let's discover some of the ways Isaiah is like the whole Bible.

How many books are in the Bible? Count them in the table of contents.

-66

How many chapters are in Isaiah?

-66

They are the same numbers.

How many books are in the Old Testament?

-39

Read from chapter 39 in Isaiah.

39:7-descendants (NIV)/ sons (NLT) will be taken away <into exile (NLT)>

This predicts a very unhappy event.

How does Book 39 of the Bible, the last book of the Old Testament, end? Read the end of the very last verse.

Malachi 4:6 — "I will come and strike the land with total destruction" (NIV)/ "a curse" (NLT) Book 39 of the Bible and chapter 39 of Isaiah both predict judgment.

Now read the beginning of Isaiah chapter 40.

40:1—"Comfort, comfort my people" Find the 40th book in the Bible, the first book in the New Testament. What is the name of this book? —Matthew

What is the 1st story in Matthew?

Matthew 1:18, 1st phrase—the birth of Jesus the Messiah (NIV)/ how Jesus the Messiah was born (NLT)

Jesus' birth gives us comfort; he came to save us from judgment.

Who was Isaiah?

Isaiah appears earlier in the Bible in 2 Kings. What other familiar name appears with Isaiah?

 \bigcirc NOTE TO TEACHER: Assign a series of references at one time.

2 Kings 20:1—*Hezekiah* Who was Hezekiah?

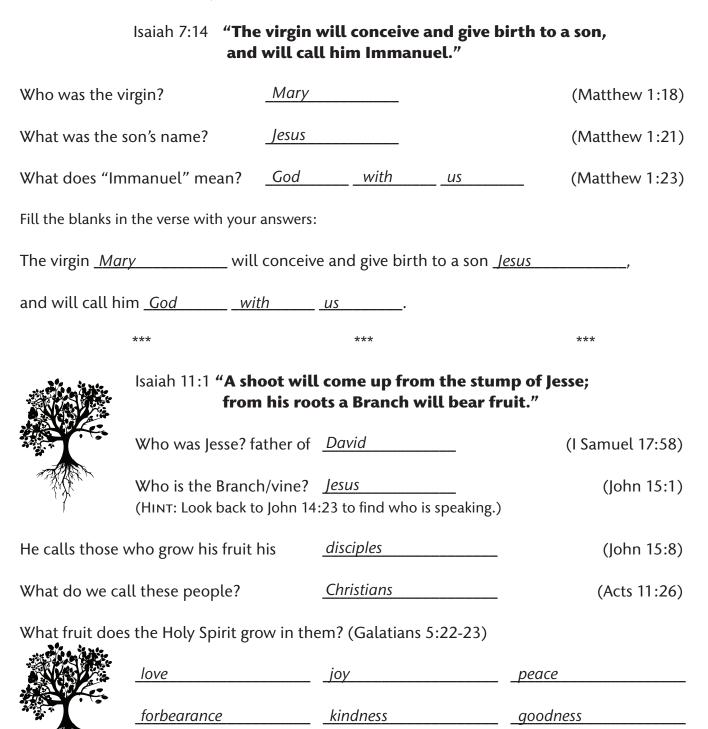
2 Kings 18:1 —king of Judah

So Isaiah spent time with kings. We could call him a "courtier", a member of the royal court. Isaiah was an advisor to the king.

In 2 Kings Hezekiah was sick and prayed to God for healing. Hezekiah asked for a sign that God would heal him.

Worksheet Answers: Decoding Isaiah (NIV)

(Use the table of contents in your Bible to find the New Testament books.)



_faithfulness ______ gentleness ______ self-control

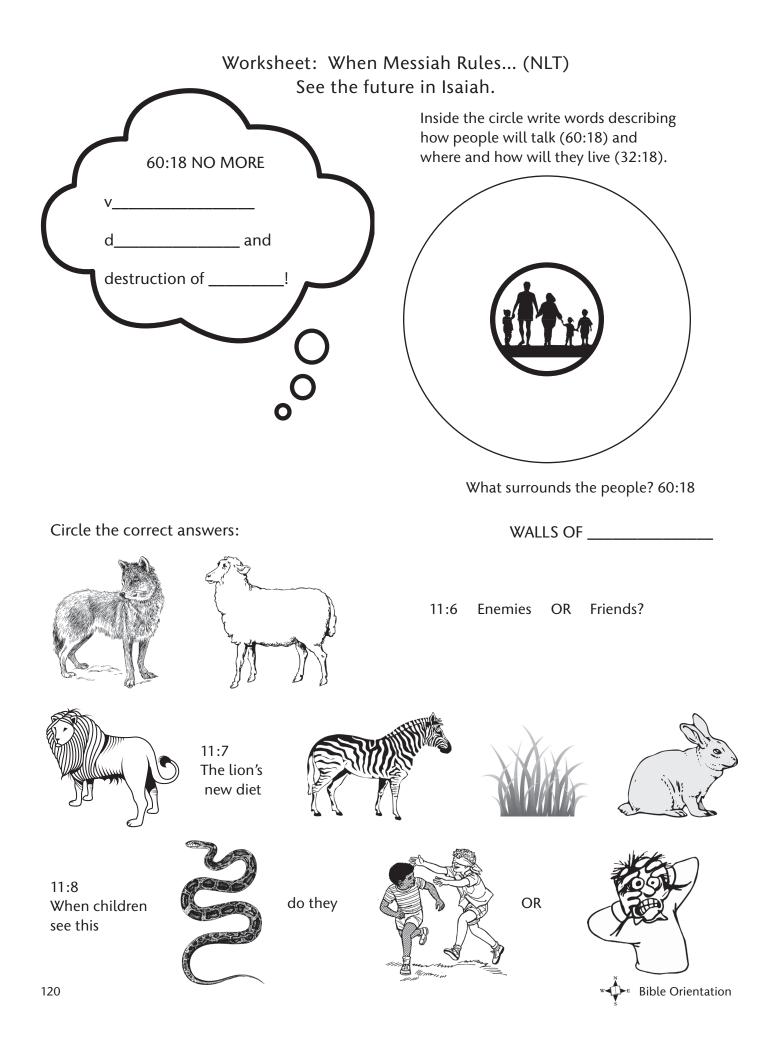
DRAW a grapevine or fruit tree on the back of this page.

LABEL the parts of the tree with the answers starting from the bottom:

the roots below the ground with your first 11:1 answer,

the trunk with the name of the Branch,

and then the fruit on the leafy part of the tree.



Put one letter on each line to fill in the blanks.

Phrase Search: "Know that I am the LORD" (NLT)

The number of times Ezekiel's theme occurs in each chapter is given below. Fill in the verse numbers.

These phrases also qualify:

"Know that I alone am the LORD" "Know that I am the Sovereign LORD"

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Daniel

P R	۲۰۰۶ Puzzle:	"Nebuchadnezzar's Dream" copy pp. 174-175 Scissors, colored pencils, glue Read optional prep instructions p. 170
		"Daniel's Vision" copy p. 177 NIV or p.179 NLT
E	کَڀُ [:] Visuals:	Champagne glass, junk food, water, vegetables, furnace*, tree, hand, lion
P	* Clay candle holder, vas	e or ball shaped

RECITE together the books of the Bible the class has studied: —Genesis, Exodus...Ezekiel

Who was Daniel?

Find the beginning of the book of Daniel.

Name the king who besieged Jerusalem.

1:1 —Nebuchadnezzar

Nebuchadnezzar took the king of Judah and temple treasures to Babylon. What else did he take?

1:4 —healthy, handsome, smart, qualified young men

Name 4 of these young men.

1:6 — Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah

They were given new names in their new country. What were they?

Daniel and his friends were chosen to train to work for the king so they

1:7 — Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

Daniel Stories

Story 1 Chapter 1

CHAMPAGNE GLASS and JUNK FOOD

WATER and VEGETABLE

were given lots of yummy but unhealthy food. Did Daniel binge on the junk food?

1:12 —No, he asked for vegetables and water.

What was the result?

1:15 —He and his friends looked healthier and better nourished than those who ate royal food. How did Daniel and friends do in their training?

1:19 —They were the best and entered the king's (NIV)/ royal (NLT) service.

Story 2 Chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar had a dream.

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Puzzle: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (cont.)

Complete the Image

Glue the sections to the matching materials. Daniel 2:32-33

What did the whole image represent? 2:39 HINT: Find the word that appears more than once.

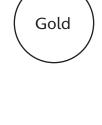
A series of _____ (Add "s" to make the answer plural.)

The following 2 blanks will solve the empty circle below. What smashed the image? 2:34

In Ephesians 2:20 it was described as

the _____

It is		Iron
	KABOOM	Iron and Baked Clay

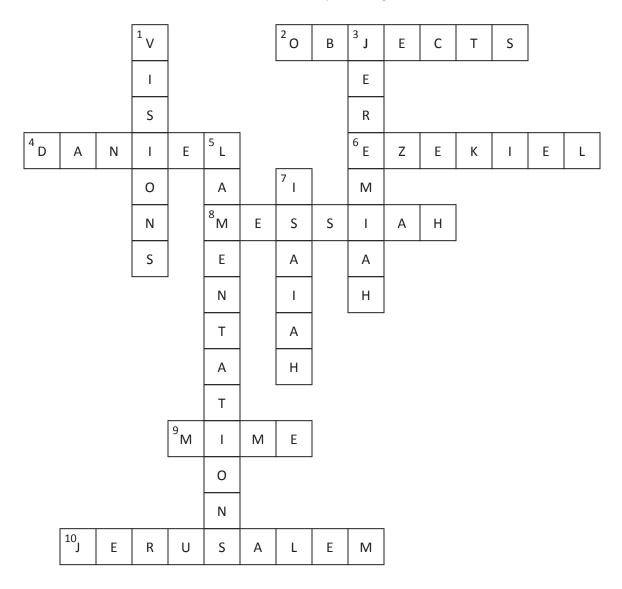


Silver





Worksheet Answers: Major Prophets Review 1



Across

- 2. Jeremiah used these to teach his lessons (2 Kings 12:18).
- 4. Vegetarian lion tamer
- 6. Theme is "Know that I am the LORD"
- 8. Isaiah prophesied about this coming just ruler (Matthew 1:1 or John 1:41).
- 9. Ezekiel did this to teach lessons (example: Ezekiel 4:4-6).
- 10. Lamentations describes suffering in this city (Lamentations 1:8).

Down

- 1. Daniel saw the future in 4 of them (Daniel 7:15).
- 3. The weeping prophet
- 5. Also written by Jeremiah (not a person name)
- 7. When God called, he said, "Here am I. Send me!"

These references answer 4 of the clues without references: Isaiah 6:8, Jeremiah 9:1, Ezekiel 12:20, Daniel 1:12 and 6:16

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 — Dave and Natasha Schmidt, parents





