



Incomprehensible

MAIN IDEA

- **God is more than we can fully understand.**

MEMORY VERSE

God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend.—Job 37:5

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Job 37:5
- 2) Job 38:4-5a, 18a, 19, 35-36
- 3) Job 39:1, 19, 26
- 4) Job 42:3b
- 5) Psalm 145:2-3
- 6) Isaiah 46:9b
- 7) John 20:31



LESSON SUMMARY

In the first lesson, we introduced the most important questions in all of life, namely: Who is God? What is He like? And how should we act toward God? We also taught the children that the true answers to these questions are found in the Bible. Yet we must also acknowledge from the beginning of our study of God's character our finite human ability to completely understand God. We can truly know something about God's character, but we can never fully know Him. Yes, He reveals all essential truths so that we might come to truly know, love, and trust in Him, but we cannot comprehend the full depths of His infinite greatness.

This lesson presented children with a summary of the life of Job to help children understand that God is more than we can fully understand, and a right response to Him is humble and awe-filled worship.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *that God would work in the heart of your child so that he or she might grow in understanding of the true nature of God's "unsearchability."*
- *that God would use this lesson as a means for your child to long to know Him more and trust Him more, especially when His ways are more than we can fully understand.*

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- **In what ways does God help us to learn more about who He is?** Talk about ways in which you can specifically learn more about God: reading the Bible, listening carefully during Bible teaching time in Sunday school, paying attention to the pastor as he preaches, parents' teaching, etc.
- **Can any of us be considered a "know-it-all" about God? Does that include adults and older people, even Sunday school teachers or pastors? Why is it a good thing that God is incomprehensible, and what should that encourage us to do?** [e.g., God is greater and more wonderful than we could ever imagine. Every day we can learn new things about God. God will never get "old or boring." We do not need to feel frustrated or give up because we cannot understand everything about God, etc.]

- Quickly review the "bad" things that happened in Job's life—he lost his property, children, and health. **When God allows things to happen to us that are hard to understand, even things that hurt us or cause us to feel sad, is it right to think that we will always be able to understand why God is allowing those things to happen? What did Job find out from God?** Read Job 42:3b.

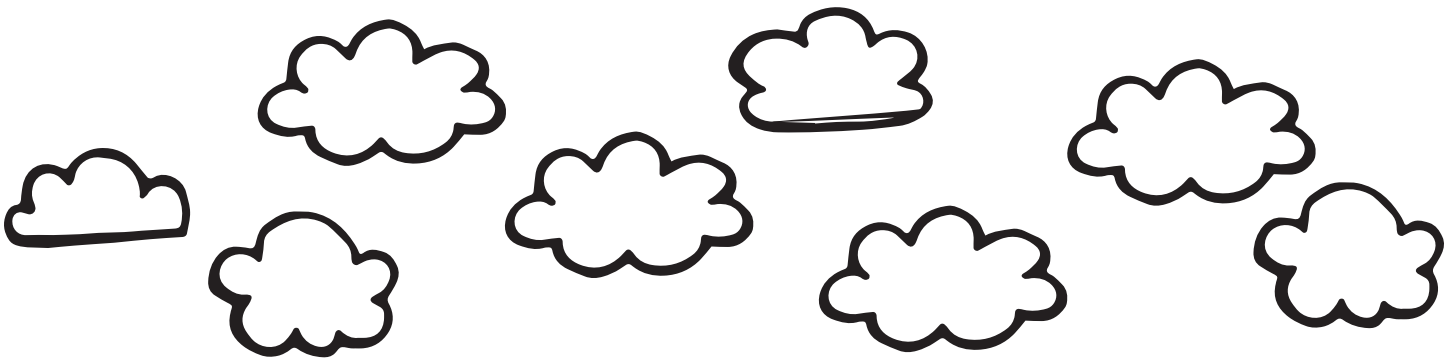
How can we trust God when sad things happen? Would it be easier to trust God by knowing Him more, or less? Why would it be easier to trust Him more when we know more about what He is like? [e.g., If we know that a man is a trained fireman, we can be more confident in his ability to help us if there is a fire in our home.]

ACTION STEP

This week, look through a nature picture book together. Next, read through some questions from Job chapters 38-41. Talk about the greatness of God in being able to create and sustain His creation. Now read Psalm 145:2-5. Decide on some ways that you can praise God as a family this week.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Add lightening bolts and rain drops to the clouds as a reminder of the greatness of God. Then, look up the verse in your Bible and fill in the missing words below.



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—Job 37:5