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Q&A

Who wanted to test Job?

How did Job react to his losses?

Read more about it in Job 1

An Old Testament Story

God Allows Job to Be Tested

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A man named Job lived in the land of Uz. He was an upright man who feared God and avoided evil.

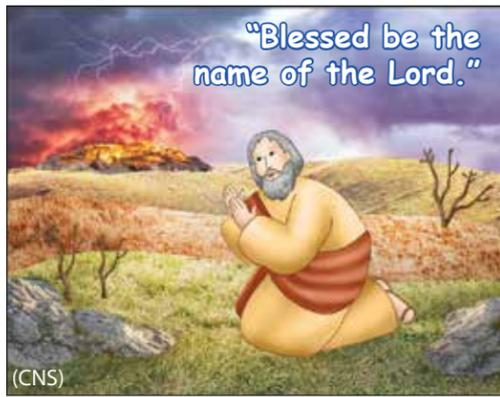
God had blessed Job with 10 children, thousands of head of livestock and a very large household, greater than anyone in the East.

One day, when the angels of God came to present themselves to God, Satan came with them.

“Have you noticed my servant Job?” God asked Satan, who had been roaming the earth and patrolling it. “There is no one on earth like him, blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil.”

“Is it for nothing that Job is God-fearing? Have you not surrounded him and his family and all that he has with your protection?” Satan sneered. “But now put forth your hand and touch anything that he has, and surely he will blaspheme you to your face.”

“Behold,” God said, “all that he has



Bible Trivia

What skin condition did Satan give to Job? (Hint: Job 2:7)

Answer: Severe boils

is in your power; only do not lay a hand upon his person.”

Satan left God’s presence and set his sights on Job.

One day, a messenger came running to Job’s house. He told Job that the Sabeans had carried off the oxen and donkeys and killed the servants.

“I alone have escaped to tell you,” he said.

As the first messenger was speaking, a second rushed in to report that he was the only one to survive the lightning from heaven that had struck and consumed the sheep and servants.

A third messenger rushed in. He alone had escaped a raid by the Chaldeans, who had carried off the camels and killed the servants.

The fourth messenger had the most devastating news of all.

“Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother, and suddenly a great wind came from across the desert and smote the four corners of the house. It fell upon the young people, and they are dead,” he said.

Job arose, tearing his cloak and cutting off his hair. He fell to the ground and worshipped.

“The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!” Job said.

Although Job was devastated by the messengers’ news, he did not sin or charge God with wrong.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Join Bishop Malloy in Praying the Rosary

October has been celebrated as the Month of the Rosary in honor of Mary for many years. Now it is also Respect Life Month.

Saying a decade of the rosary with your family after school or in the evening this month is a way you can honor the Blessed Mother and pray that God will protect all of His children, born and unborn.



(Observer photo by Sharon Boehlefeld) Bishop David Malloy prays the rosary.

Bishop David Malloy of the Rockford Diocese has recorded each decade. To say the rosary with him, ask an adult to help you go to the

website <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/decade-a-day>. There you can click on the name of the mystery to pray it with the bishop.

There are English and Spanish versions of the rosary with the bishop.

Try a Family Rosary Relay

This year we have a family rosary project again, based on an idea from Elizabeth Heitkamp, assistant superintendent of diocesan Catholic

schools and interim superintendent of the Freeport Aquin Schools.

At several schools in the diocese, large rosaries are displayed in classrooms or halls so anyone can say a prayer or two when passing by.

You can pray your own Rosary Relay at home.

Ask an adult in your family to help you print a copy of a rosary (above right) from the decade-a-day rosary page online (at the address in red.)

Print one and color the beads and cross. Post it somewhere in your home where everyone will pass by it.

If you post your colored rosary on a magnetic surface, you can move a magnet around the rosary as family members stop to say a prayer or two.

If you post it on another surface, one way to mark a completed bead would be to color a mark or symbol — maybe a small cross — next to it.



(Image provided)

Decorate a larger copy of this rosary, post it in your home and mark each bead as you finish it.

If yours is a “crafty” family, you’ll probably come up with better ways to decorate and mark your rosary page.

As with any relay, it takes teamwork — the whole family — to “win the race.”

When you’ve finished one full rosary, you can start around again on the same decorated paper. Or you can print another one and start from scratch.

How to pray the rosary

Most of the prayers are ones you already know, so the instructions will be easy to follow.

A decade is one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, a Glory Be and the Fatima prayer.

Four groups of five mysteries are the basis of the rosary. Each mystery tells of an important story in Jesus’s life.

October starts on a Thursday this year, so you may start with the Luminous Mystery, the Transfiguration, and follow the chart from there, continuing to say a decade each weekday through the month. (Find the chart at the same website as the prayers with the bishop.)

Think about each mystery as you pray it.

Choose to pray with Bishop Malloy or have a Rosary Relay — or do both — at your house. Either one will start you on your way to a new prayer habit.