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English II, P2

Job Creative Output

The Lord's Faithful Follower: A Skit

Narrator: In the land of Uz there lived a man named Job. He loved God and stayed away from the evil of the world. He owned many livestock that included camels, sheep, oxen, and donkeys. He had a large family and prayed for them daily to remember the Lord in everything that they did.

Act I, Scene I

Narrator: Satan decides to take a trip to heaven and visit God. Let's see what happens...

God: Satan, where have you come from?

Satan: Oh, just roaming the earth trying to get these humans to realize how unfair you are.

God: They have the choice to follow me. Have you even seen the people on earth? Have you really noticed them? Take a good look at my son Job. He is good, honest, and loves me.

Satan: Well we both know that Job only follows you because you give him everything. He knows nothing about your true evil character. If you made his life miserable, he would surely reject you.

God: No, Satan, Job is loyal to me. He makes mistakes, yes, but in his heart he loves me. The love I have for my children and you, Satan, can never be measured. I do not force anyone to follow me. Job follows me because he loves me.

Satan: You won't think he's loyal to you after he curses your name. I bet he'll forget you completely. Take away everything he has, and I'll prove my point.

God: Okay, Satan, destroy what you must, but I promise you that he'll remain my follower.

Satan: Destroy everything?

God: He is in your power, but do not hurt him physically.

Scene II

Narrator: After this Satan was overjoyed. He knew he could make Job curse God if he made it look like God was to blame. Job is sitting when a messenger confronts him.

Messenger 1: Something terrible has happened Master! The Sabeans attacked and stole your donkeys and oxen. The workers were killed by their swords. It was terrible. There was blood and screaming all around me, and I'm the only one that survived.

Narrator: Before the messenger had stopped talking, another messenger arrives.

Messenger 2: Oh Master, lightening from God struck the sheep and shepherds, and now they are dead! I'm afraid to tell you that I'm the only one who escaped.

Narrator: The second messenger is still speaking when Job is brought more terrible news.

Messenger 3: Master, the Chaldeans came from the north, south, and west and stole all your camels and killed the servants. I'm the only one who is alive to tell you.

Narrator: While he was still talking, the last messenger approaches Job bringing a parent's worst nightmare.

Messenger 4: Master, oh Master, there was a tornado. It swept through your oldest son's house while the children were having a party. Job, it killed them all. I'm the only one that survived. I'm so sorry.

Narrator: This filled Job with terrible grief. He was consumed with emotional pain. Everything was gone. His children were dead and were never coming back. He shaved his head and tore his

clothes in mourning. This is where he shows his faith in God. Instead of immediately shouting curses at the Lord, Job falls down and worships Him and says...

Job: May God's name be forever blessed. If he gives, he can take away.

Narrator: Now we know that God was not the one responsible for Job's tragedy, but he didn't know what had occurred in heaven. Satan's plan had failed, but he wasn't going to give up at making God look evil.

Act II, Scene I

Narrator: Satan goes back to visit God in heaven and is sure that this time his plan will work.

God: Satan where have you come from? I see no difference in Job's trust in me. He is in tremendous emotional pain, and yet he is still following me. It breaks my heart to see my son hurting. Are you happy now? Just stop this Satan, I love you.

Satan: I came from earth. I know it looks like I haven't done anything but I have. I don't know what that weakling sees in you. No, of course I'm not happy! Your scum hasn't opened his eyes and realized how corrupt you are. I'll never stop. They need to see how unfair you are. I hate you God.

God: But Satan..

Satan: I know what will work. Job is selfish. He doesn't care that his family died or that his livestock was taken. Take away his health, and he'll leave you for good.

God: Fine, Satan, he is in your power, but do not kill him.

Scene II

Narrator: So Satan covered Job's body in awful sores. They were messy and painful. Job is sitting in a pile of ashes when his wife approaches him.

Job's Wife: Why are you still praising God? Are you stupid? He's the one who did this to you. He's the one who killed our children. Curse him and die!

Job: Now you're just talking like a foolish woman. Do we only praise God when he sends good things and not trouble? I will continue to follow him no matter what happens.

Narrator: Job faced more pain and suffering than we can ever imagine, and yet he never cursed God. Satan worked hard at making God look like an evil being. Three of his friends tried to convince Job that he had angered the Lord by his actions, but Job knew that God didn't work that way. However, Job was still human and had many questions for God. The great thing about God is that he is never too busy to talk to his children.

God: Job, my son, where were you when I formed you in your mother's womb? Where were you when I put the stars in the sky? Have you ever looked at the unfolding of a flower? Where were you when I cried along with my suffering creations? You don't need to understand everything right now, but please trust me. I love you more than you will ever imagine. I can't bring your children back right now, but if you trust me, I promise to make everything right in the end. I love you.

Narrator: Job never knew what happened in heaven, but God promises to bring good out of the bad. God gave Job more livestock than he had ever owned before. He was also blessed with more children, but his kids who were killed by Satan were not raised to life during his time on earth. God doesn't promise the absence of pain in this world, but he does promise that He is with us always and has a plan for our eternal future with Him if we believe and trust in His love.