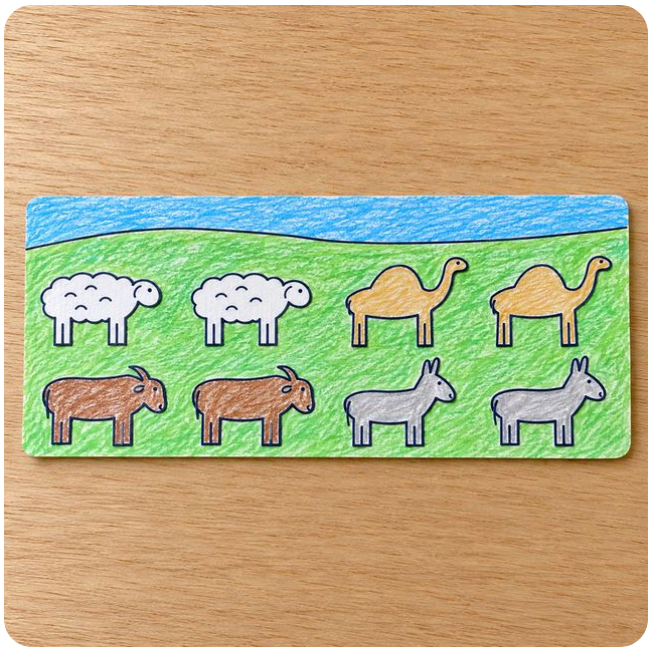
Preschool–Grade 5

Story of Job Craft

Twice as much · Job 1–2; 42 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



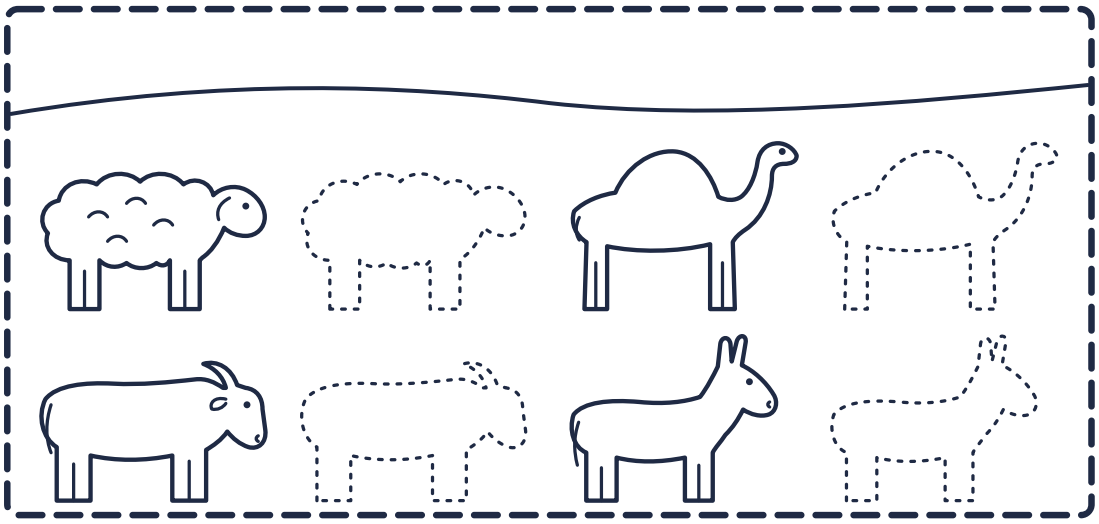
Harder

Medium (left): a paper field card with a blue sky and green grass, and two of each of Job's animals standing in pairs: two white sheep, two tan camels, two brown oxen and two gray she asses. Harder (right): the same card with a cover lifted up above it, showing a yellow sun in a blue sky. When the cover is down, it shows gray clouds over an empty brown field.

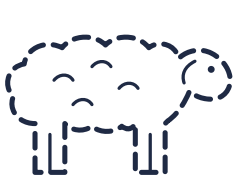
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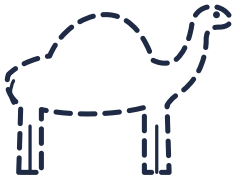
✂ Cut on the dashed lines



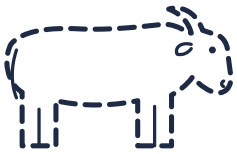
field card: color the sky blue and the grass green, then color the animals
glue each cut-out animal on the dotted shape next to the one that looks like it



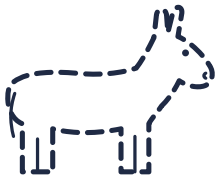
sheep: leave it white



camel: tan



ox: brown



she ass: gray

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

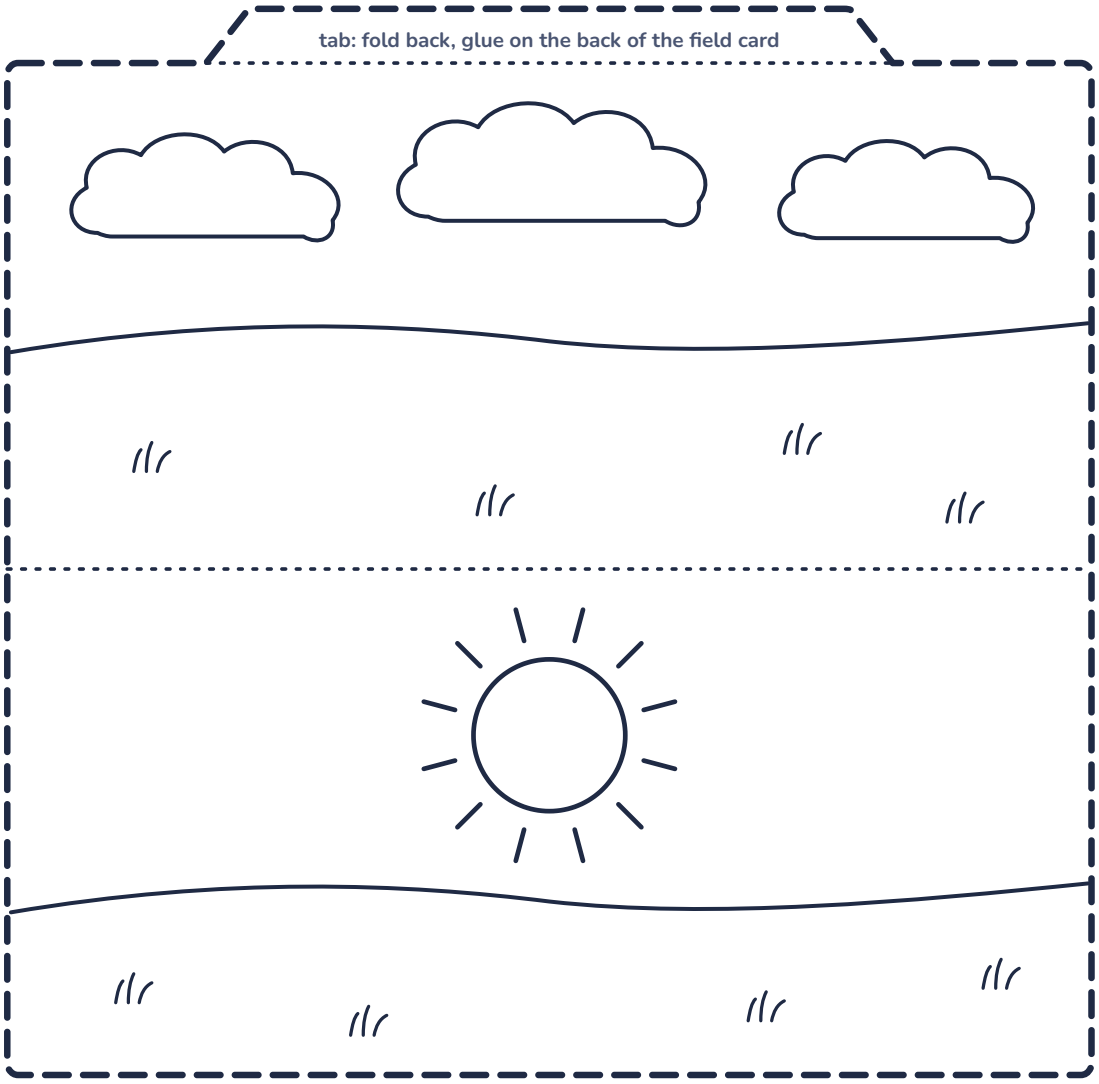
Job 1:21 (KJV)

verse card: glue it on the back
of the field card

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✂ Harder level



top half (the outside): color the clouds gray and the ground brown
bottom half (the inside): color the sun yellow, the sky blue and the grass green

Color both halves, cut out the cover with its tab, fold it in half on the middle dotted line and glue the halves together. Then glue the tab on the back of the field card. The full steps are on page 6.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/job-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), blue, green, tan, brown and gray crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a yellow crayon.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out each child's field card, four animals and verse card. Make one finished craft to show the kids.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out the field card, the four animals and the verse card. Kids color the sky, the grass and the animals. Then help them glue each animal on the dotted shape next to its twin, and the verse card on the back. Count together: "One sheep, two sheep! Twice as many!"
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out the pieces, glue the four animals on their dotted shapes and glue the verse card on the back. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make it like the medium level, then add the two-sided cover from page 3, so the gray clouds fold down over the field and lift up to show the sun and the animals. They say Job 1:21 from memory before they take it home. This is the craft in the second photo.

Why there are no people: the craft draws no people. It shows the animals the Bible counts at the beginning and the end of Job's story (Job 1:3; 42:12). While the kids work, tell them about Job, his family and his three friends.

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Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the field card:** color the sky blue and the grass green. Leave the sheep white, and color the camel tan, the ox brown and the she ass gray.
2. **Color the cut-out animals** the same way: sheep white, camel tan, ox brown, she ass gray.
3. **Cut:** cut out the field card, the four animals and the verse card on the dashed lines.
4. **Twice as much:** glue each animal on the dotted shape next to the animal that looks like it. Now there are two of each: "the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before" (Job 42:10).
5. **Verse:** glue the verse card on the back of the field card and read it together.
6. **Tell the story:** point to the first animal of each pair: Job had 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 she asses (Job 1:3). Then point to the second one: at the end he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 she asses (42:12).

Questions to ask while kids work

- What kind of man was Job? *(Perfect and upright; he feared God and eschewed evil, Job 1:1)*
- Count the animals on the card. What animals did Job have? *(Sheep, camels, oxen and she asses, 1:3)*
- When Job lost almost everything, what did he do? *(He fell down upon the ground and worshipped, 1:20)* What did he say? *("The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD," 1:21)*
- Who came to be with Job when he was hurting? *(His three friends; they sat with him seven days and seven nights, 2:11–13)*
- Who did Job pray for? *(His friends, 42:10)*
- Count the pairs. How much did God give Job at the end? *(Twice as much as he had before, 42:10)*

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Steps (harder level): add the cover

1. Make the field card from page 2 first. Glue the verse card in the middle of the back, so the top edge of the back stays free.
2. Color the top half of the cover (the outside): the clouds gray and the ground brown. Color the bottom half (the inside): the sun yellow, the sky blue and the grass green. Cut out the cover on the dashed line, with its tab.
3. Fold the cover in half on the middle dotted line, with both pictures on the outside, and glue the two halves together.
4. Fold the tab back on its dotted line. Lay the cover on the field card with the clouds showing, and glue the tab on the back of the field card, along its top edge.
5. Tell the story: the clouds are Job's hard days (Job 1:13–2:8). Lift the cover up over the top: the sun, and two of each animal! "So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning" (Job 42:12). Then say Job 1:21 from memory.

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** substance = everything a person owns; yoke of oxen = a pair of oxen that work together; she asses = mother donkeys; eschewed evil = stayed away from evil; turned the captivity = turned his trouble around; latter end = the last part of his life.
- **What the Bible says:** each number at the end is exactly twice the number at the beginning (Job 1:3; 42:12), so each picture stands for thousands of animals. The Bible doesn't say what Job's animals looked like, and the colors are only for fun. The clouds and the sun on the harder cover are only pictures of the hard days and the good end; the Bible doesn't describe the sky.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut the pieces. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Small pieces:** the animals have legs and ears. Let kids cut a rough box around each animal first, then trim along the dashed line slowly.
- **Harder level:** glue only the tab to the back of the field card, never the cover itself, so the cover lifts up and folds down.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free story of Job Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/job.

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