

Suffering

Over the next 5 weeks at Quiz Worx Home Delivery, we will be looking at the topic of suffering and what the Bible says about it. Suffering is a major part of life for many people; for those who experience it and for those who witness other people go through it. Suffering has been a fundamental human experience almost since time began, and it is still obvious in our world today.

The Bible tells us that even though God created everything good, people ignored and rejected God, and one of the consequences of that is that there is now suffering in the world.

But there is great news! The great news is that the Bible tells us that even in the worst times, God is always in control. He cares about our suffering and He is actively working things out for good.

To explore these truths with your children, we have included some accompanying discussion questions. We have also provided some further 'Digging Deeper' family devotions to help you and your family discover more about how God is in control even through suffering.

There's no denying that suffering is a very heavy thing to think and talk about. But our prayer is that, as you explore the topic of suffering, both you and your children's trust in Jesus will grow deeper and stronger.

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Part 5

How should we Live NOW?

Discussion Questions after 'How should we Live NOW?' Kid's Talk Video

In today's video, we watched Bob endure different types of suffering. Through these hardships, Bob thought about God and was reminded that he could live by faith, in hope, showing love. And Bob knew that he could pray to God knowing that God understood his suffering.

1. Have you ever had times when bad or sad things happened to you like Bob? What did it feel like?
2. What did Bob remember that helped him in his suffering?
3. When you go through hard times, what could it look like to live by faith, in hope, showing love?

Pray

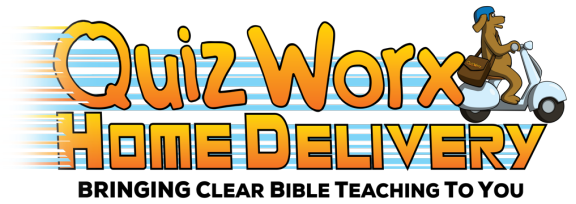
Ask God to help you live by faith, in hope, showing love at all times, even when things are hard.

Thank God that he cares for us and always listens to our prayers.



Digging Deeper

Family Devotions



How to use 'Digging Deeper' for the 'Suffering' series.

To help you think more about how God is still in control, even when we suffer, we have provided three devotions. We encourage you to read these passages with those in your household at a time that suits and use the questions to guide you as you talk about and reflect on who Jesus is.

We looked at several different Bible translations when creating these questions. Feel free to use any version as you work through them as a family.

Memory Verse Challenge

The Memory Verse for our 'Suffering' series is from Romans 8:28. We've created a fun memory verse rap to help you learn these words of Jesus! You can find the memory verse video (rap only version) in the 'Suffering' folder on the Google Drive or you can watch it at:
<https://youtu.be/nwVsqq7n7NA>

Devotion 1 – Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

This passage reminds us how much God cares for us and wants to comfort us when we suffer. It also reminds us to comfort and to show love to others because of what God has done and continues to do for us.

1. How do these verses describe what God is like toward us in our suffering?
2. What does it mean when it says that we can comfort others with the comfort we have received from God?
3. Think of a friend or someone in your family who might be going through a tough time. What is something you could do or say to comfort them?

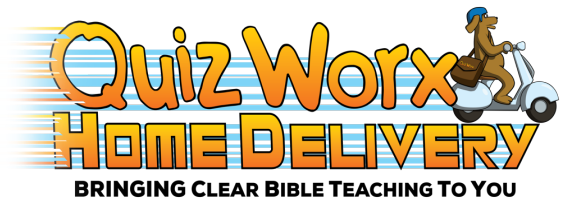
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Thank God that He understands our suffering and wants to comfort us in our suffering.

Pray for your friends or family who are suffering that they will know God's comfort and love. Ask God to help you comfort them the way God comforts you.

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Devotion 2 – Read 1 Peter 1:3-7

In his first letter written to believers scattered across the world, the Apostle Peter describes just how incredible it is to have a living hope in Jesus – God the Son. For people who trust in Jesus, Peter describes having faith in Jesus as more valuable than gold.

1. What does Peter say that we have because of Jesus? How does this make you feel?
2. How does this certain, forever hope compare to earthly things that we might put our hope in?
3. If Jesus has given us a certain, secure, living, eternal hope, how can this help us right now as we face hard times?

Pray

Thank God that when our hope is in Jesus it lasts forever and will never fade or spoil.

Ask God to help you remember the certain hope that we have in Jesus, especially when we go through hard times now.

Devotion 3 – Read Romans 5:1-5

So far in this letter, the Good News about Jesus has been carefully explained by telling us who needs Jesus, why we need him and how he saves us to become part of his family. These few verses at the start of chapter 5 encourage us to keep trusting Jesus, even when we go through troubled times.

1. What are all the things this passage says about hope and why our hope is certain?
2. This passage talks about 'rejoicing in our suffering'. What does this mean and what are the reasons why we can rejoice when we face hard times?
3. This passage tells us that suffering actually makes us stronger and helps us hold onto our hope in God. How does this make you feel? How can knowing this change how you think about suffering?

Pray

Thank God that He understands our suffering and promises to make us stronger even in our suffering.

Pray that you will remember where your true hope lies when things are tough.