

# Young Apprentices

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## CATECHUMENATE SESSION: EVIL IN THE WORLD

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God of Love,  
your servant Job  
had many bad and hard things  
happen to him in this life,  
but he always trusted in you.

When bad and hard things  
happen in my life,  
help me know that you  
are with me.

Give me faith to trust in you.

Amen.



### Sunday Word

**Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

**Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

**Mark 1:29-39**

The above readings are available at  
[usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings).

### To Help You Remember



1. Job doubts that he will ever see happiness again.
2. The psalmist encourages us to praise the Lord, for the Lord does heal the brokenhearted and binds up all our wounds.
3. Jesus heals many who are sick with diseases or possessed by demons.

## Key Teachings



### In the Beginning

God created the world and everything in it as good. In the beginning, everything existed in harmony and peace.

### Temptation and Sin

Through Adam and Eve's choice to give in to temptation and to turn from God, evil entered the world.

### The Love of God

God stands with us in the face of evil. God sent his Son, Jesus, into the world to show us God's great love for us.

## Faith Words



### evil

Evil is the harm we choose to do to one another and to God's creation.



### Original Sin

Original Sin is the sin of Adam and Eve. They chose to disobey God. As a result of Original Sin, death, sin, and suffering came into the world.

## Disciple Power: Faithfulness



Despite the hard things in his life, Job remained faithful to God. Faithfulness is a Gift of the Holy Spirit. You are faithful when you keep your word and when you do what you promise to do.

## With My Family



### We Listen

The Gospel today gives us a picture of a typical day in the life of Jesus. He was very busy: teaching in the synagogue, healing people, and driving out demons. And the crowds kept following him! Do you ever have days that are like Jesus' day? And, like Jesus, do you take time out to be quiet and pray?

### We Believe

Evil exists in our world. Original Sin is also a reality for each one of us. But God's love is greater than evil, and Jesus' Death and Resurrection save us from sin.

### We Live As Disciples

Even in the face of evil, as disciples of Jesus, we live in hope. We are signs of hope and healing to all those who are touched by the forces of evil. Today, call, text, or send a note to someone who is sick. Say a prayer for peace. Hug someone you love.

### We Pray

Light a candle and then pray the following:

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick  
and drive away evil.

May all those who are hurting  
because of war, abuse,  
disaster, and illness  
feel your love today.

We pray especially for children  
who are victims of evil.

We ask this in your name.  
Amen.