

Puppeteers: P1: Brian P2: Allan (*both boy puppets*) out front: Jess

Verse: Job 37:14 – Listen to this, Job: stop and consider God’s wonders.

(Jess welcomes kids, calls for puppets to appear – they say “hi everybody”, etc.)

P1: Man, just the other night did you hear all that thunder?

P2: I sure did. It woke me up and kinda scared me, even though I know it won’t hurt me or anything.

P1: Me, too. My bedroom is upstairs and anytime it thunders, it’s like it’s extra loud because I’m up closer to the clouds.

P2: What about the lightning? Did you know they say lightning never strikes in the same place twice?

P1: That’s boloney. My grandpa has a tree out in a pasture near his house where lightning has struck probably 10 times through the years.

P2: Gee. I wonder why it does that.

Jess: Guys, the Bible says God causes things like that to happen.

P1: Really? Where?

Jess: Well, the first place that comes to mind is the book of Job.

P2: Job? Is that New Testament, or Old Testament?

Jess: Let’s see if the Kingdom Kids know where – kids: is the book of Job in the New Testament or the Old Testament? (*wait for answer from kids: OT*)

P1: So, what is Job about?

P2: I know this. We studied it in Sunday school. Job goes through some really bad stuff, like his whole family dies and he gets really, really sick. But he still praises God and is faithful believing in God even when that bad stuff happens.

P1: What does that have to do with the weather?

Jess: Well, as part of that bad stuff happening, people ask Job all these questions, and the conversation includes people talking about how powerful God is.

P2: Check it out. I looked it up in my Bible right here. "Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice, to the rumbling that comes from his mouth. He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven and sends it to the ends of the earth. After that comes the sound of his roar; he thunders with his majestic voice."

P1: That's in the Bible? Cool! What else does it say?

P2: This is in chapter 37: "God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' So that everyone he has made may know his work ..."

P1: Wow. That explains a lot. God is behind the weather.

Jess: Yes. And sometimes we don't know why God does things the way He does, but we can trust that He knows best.

P2: Listen to this verse from chapter 37 – it's verse 14. "Listen to this, Job: stop and consider God's wonders."

P1: What does that mean? What are God's wonders?

Jess: Haven't you ever stood and looked at the sky with amazing clouds rolling by?

P1: Sure. They're cool.

Jess: And haven't you ever seen it snow, or watched the wind make all the leaves fly around during autumn?

P2: That's really great, too – I love the colors the leaves turn in the fall.

Jess: Those are God's wonders!

P1: Hey – I know something else: we went to the mountains on vacation this year and I saw trees way up high on the mountains, and even some animals living up there. It was so big!

Jess: More of God's wonders!

- P2: I love on summer nights laying on my trampoline and looking up at all the stars in the sky. The Bible says God put all those up there, too. I guess those are more of God's wonders?
- Jess: Yep. And that verse you found – Job 37:14 – it's reminding us that we need to stop and notice those things. We all get really busy going to school, home, soccer practice, even coming to church. But we need to stop sometimes and think about what God has made.
- P1: I'm gonna do that more often. Just stop what I'm doing for a minute and look at God's wonders.
- P2: It won't be as cool as the mountains, though. Not around here. I just have a plain old backyard of grass and a couple of trees.
- P1: But even those are pretty cool when you think how stuff grows just out of dirt and water and some sunshine.
- Jess: Even the plain old things you see every day are part of God's wonders. Even you two boys are amazing, when you think about it.
- P1: I *am* pretty amazing. Thanks for noticing.
- P2: Dude – she meant like, God made us and we're part of His wonders – His creation.
- P1: I knew that.
- Jess: You boys remember to do what this verse says. Take time to stop what you're doing and think about God's wonders. That includes the wonder of the thunder and lightning.
- P1: Cool. See you next time, Mrs. Jess!

(puppets say "bye" and disappear)

- Jess: Hey – we need all the younger kids that are kindergarten through 2nd grade to stay here for a minute. Pastor Allan wants to teach you a verse that has a song to it, and he's on his way. OK? So, teachers you keep the Kindergarten through 2nd grade in here, and you bigger kids 3rd grade & up can go. Thanks, y'all!

(Allan comes out & sings Psalm 54:2 with younger kids, prays & dismiss)