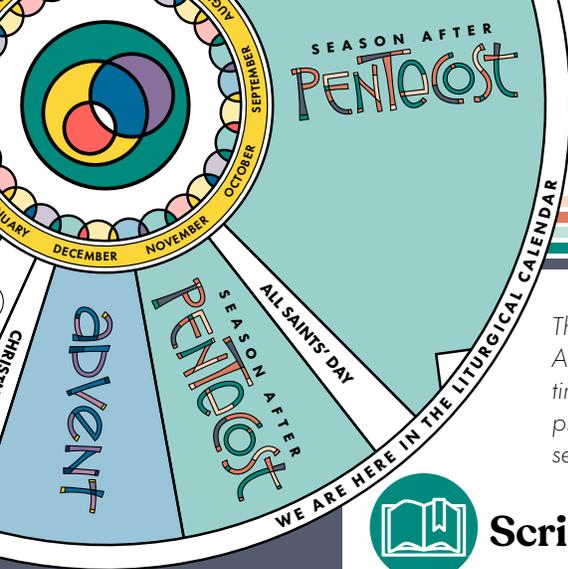


# Job 42:1-6

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday between October 23 and October 29



The Season after Pentecost is the period between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. This season makes up half of the calendar year, and its liturgical color is green. It is a time to focus on the life and growth of the Church in the world, empowered by the gift of the presence of the Holy Spirit. 12th-century mystic Hildegard von Bingen captured the essence of this season when she wrote, "The Holy Spirit is the greening power of God. Our task is to blossom."



## Scripture

Then Job answered the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.  
'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.  
'Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me.'  
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;  
And so I now take back all that I said,  
and repent in dust and ashes."

[Includes scripture from *The Inclusive Bible*]



## Questions

- Job suffered a lot. His friends believed it was because he did something wrong, but Job knew deep down that wasn't the reason. He wanted God to tell him why he was going through all this suffering. Instead, God responded with many questions about how the world works. What questions came to mind as you listened to this story?
- Being in God's presence helped Job understand God in a new way, and he admitted he spoke about things he did not understand. How do you respond when there is something you don't understand?
- Job decided to be open to what God shared with him. What does it feel like when you are open to learning from others?
- When you're curious about something, how do you learn more about it? Who do you ask about it?
- What are some ways you can listen for God in your life?

### Look it Up!



Look up television host and pastor Fred Rogers. Mr. Rogers taught and cared for children by being curious, staying humble, and listening to others. By following his example, you can learn more about God and the world around you. Share your favorite audio or video clip from Mr. Rogers.

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## Activity

### Materials:

Blank paper

Writing utensils

Your local library is an excellent tool to learn something new, but with so many rows of books, it can be confusing to know where to start. Let's play a game about curiosity, questions, and library exploration.

*What do you like to learn about?*

Set a timer for 1-3 minutes and direct participants to write or draw as many answers to this question as possible before the timer goes off. Then invite participants to share what they came up with and discuss what resources they could use to learn more. (i.e. internet, library, fiction/non-fiction, teacher, grown-up, documentary)

Show/read aloud this list of common non-fiction classifications and explain how libraries organize non-fiction books by subject instead of the author.

*Look at your list; which categories do your topics fall under?*

- Human thoughts and emotions
- Religion, culture, society, and politics
- Languages
- Natural world
- Math, science, technology
- Art, music, and recreation
- Literature: poetry, jokes, and plays
- History and geography
- Biography/Autobiography

Have one participant choose a category from the list and name one topic that fits in the category. Then have the next participant name a different topic for the same category. Continue taking turns until everyone has shared—or until you run out of ideas. You can go in a circle, popcorn-style, alphabetically, or whatever order works best for your group. See which category gets the most topics!

For more of a challenge, each topic named must start with the last letter of the previous answer. For example, if the category is Natural World: solar systemm, mammals, skeleton, Newton's Laws of Motion, etc.

## Activity Adaptation

### Materials:

Painters tape

Picture books

Give each participant a picture book. Introduce how libraries are a great way to learn something new. *Have you ever been to a library? What are some things you can find in a library?*

Explain how picture books have their own section in a library and, to keep them organized, librarians put them in alphabetical order by the author's last name. Can you work together to help organize some of your favorite picture books in alphabetical order, like the library?

Pretend you are a librarian putting books away, and the participants (and their books) are the books. Use painters' tape to make a long line on the floor—this is the bookshelf. Work together to identify the first letter of each author's last name. For each "book," sing the ABCs. Stop when you get to the first letter of the author's last name. Guide the "book" to its new spot on the line. Repeat until all the "books" have been put on the "shelf." Or have participants place their books on the "shelf."

**Virtual adaptation:** *Invite participants to share some of their favorite books from home, then sing the ABCs to help alphabetize their books.*



## Micropractice

Scientists all over the world study the weather. Next time you check the weather report for the day, consider the people who use their minds to help us predict and understand the rain, sun, clouds, and snow. Bless them with a caring thought.



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## Prayer

Dear God, you know our brains—everything we know and everything we don't. Give us the courage to keep wondering and the curiosity to keep asking questions, and forgive us when we forget to listen and learn. Amen.

**JOB**

answered  
the **LORD**,

"I KNOW YOU CAN DO  
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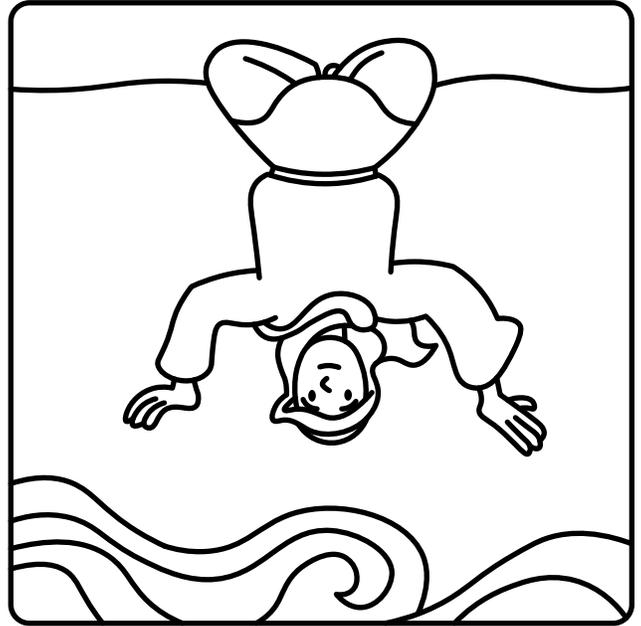
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2. When Job replied to God, he said, "You asked, 'who is saying silly things and messing up your plans?' It was me! I talked about things I didn't understand, wonderful things I knew nothing about."

1. There once was a man named Job who suffered much pain and loss. Job wanted God to tell him why he was suffering. When God finally appeared to Job in a mighty wind, God instead asked Job many questions.



3. "God," Job said, "When you showed up and asked me so many questions about how the world works, I realized how much I don't know about your mysterious ways! I take back all that I said."

4. Even though Job wanted answers for why he was suffering and God answered him only with more questions, God knew Job was faithful. Even in Job's suffering and not knowing all of God's mysterious ways, Job remained faithful, and God blessed him.