

Do you know who I am?

Job's friends thought his bad luck meant that God was punishing Job for being bad, but Job explained that he was innocent. Confused, Job wondered why God allowed him to suffer ✨, even though he was a good man. His friends could find no reply, but then the Lord answered Job, speaking out of a mighty whirlwind.

God said, 'Who is this, who talks about my plans but doesn't really understand?

Prepare yourself, Job;

I will ask you a series of questions;

Do you dare to reply?

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? ✨

Tell me, if you are wise.

Here's an easy one – Who measured the dimensions of the globe?

Who wound the equator around it?

Who determined the earth's place in the solar system

Or set its orbit round the sun

While all the stars sang together for joy

Accompanied by angels? ✨

Can you – Job – call out to the clouds

Causing rain to flood down on you?

Can you make lightning bolts crack?

Do they report to you saying, "Here we are"?

Who puts wisdom into human beings,

Or gives their minds understanding?

Who, in their cleverness, knows the clouds?

Who can tilt them, pouring down rain from heaven

To put an end to drought

And water the hardened earth?

Tell me, Job,

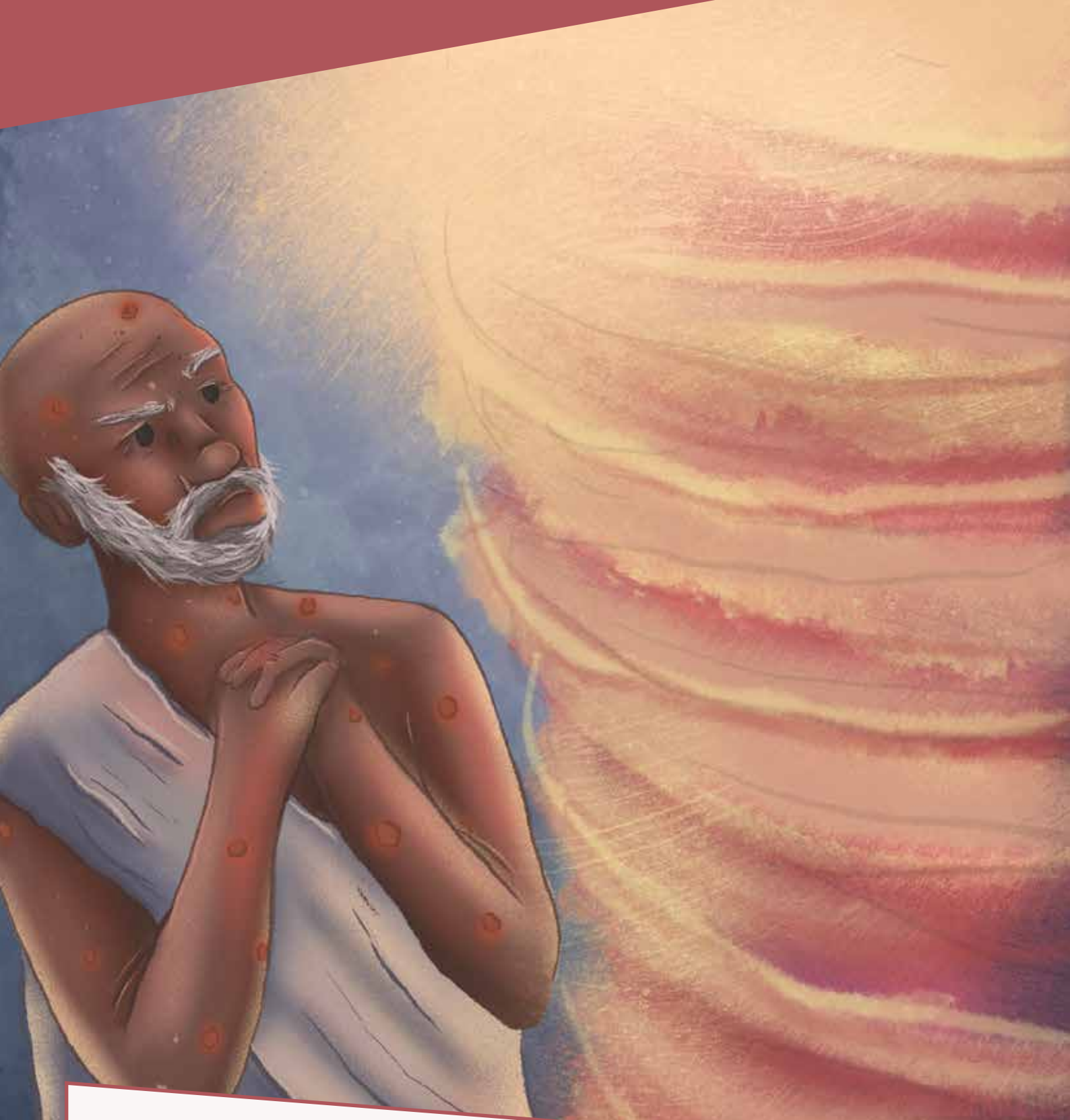
can you hunt like a lioness, to feed her hungry cubs

who crouch in their dens, or lie waiting in the bushes?

What about the raven ✨?

Who provides for its chicks

When they cry to God for food?



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Stop and share

Read the story and pause at the ✦ to share these points with the children.

- ✦ Suffer means physical or mental pain that a person or animal is feeling.
- ✦ This is a poetic way of talking about how God created the earth, comparing it to a building or a house that has foundations laid first as a strong level base to build on.
- ✦ When God formed the earth and galaxy, humans and animals had not yet been created, but angels had, and they sang for joy.
- ✦ A raven is a big, black bird. God set up creation so that the animals can look after themselves and feed their young. By setting it up this way, God is looking after them.