

Today we are carrying on our series on God's providence and we're thinking about

the fact that even hard and

painful things are in the hand of God. But we also need to remember that God is not just God but also our

Father and so we want

to learn to trust Him more with our sufferings.

We're going to see three things today:

1. Suffering and

sorrow

(sadness) are normal for a Christian.

Although as Christians we are

adopted into

God's family, we still live now in a world full of sin and

suffering so

we can't expect not to experience that in our lives. Even our saviour,

Jesus suffered.

2. Our Father brings us

adversity

(that's hard times)

This is hard for us to understand, but there are two bits of bible teaching that will help us:

Christians share in

Jesus' sufferings and our Father

disciplines

his children

3. We can learn from Job in
the bible.

The story of Job helps us to see that God is more powerful than Satan and encourages us to bring our pain to Jesus.

Colour the picture below of Job sitting on the ground after everything has been taken from him and remember that he was able to say "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job1v21). Pray with your grown-up that you, like Job, would be able to worship and trust God even when suffering comes.



Trust

Good