

Key Words/Terms Checklist

- The problem of evil** is the idea that an all-loving, all-powerful God would not allow evil and suffering to exist in the world.
- Moral evil** is suffering caused by humans
- Natural evil** is evil caused by nature
- Incarnation** (in an RE lesson) refers to God incarnate, this means God coming to earth as man (Jesus)
- Theodicy** refers to a Christian response to the problem of evil, aka how a Christian can still believe God is all-loving and all-powerful despite evil existing in the world He created
- Omnipotent** = all-powerful
- Omniscient** = all-knowing
- Benevolent** = all-loving

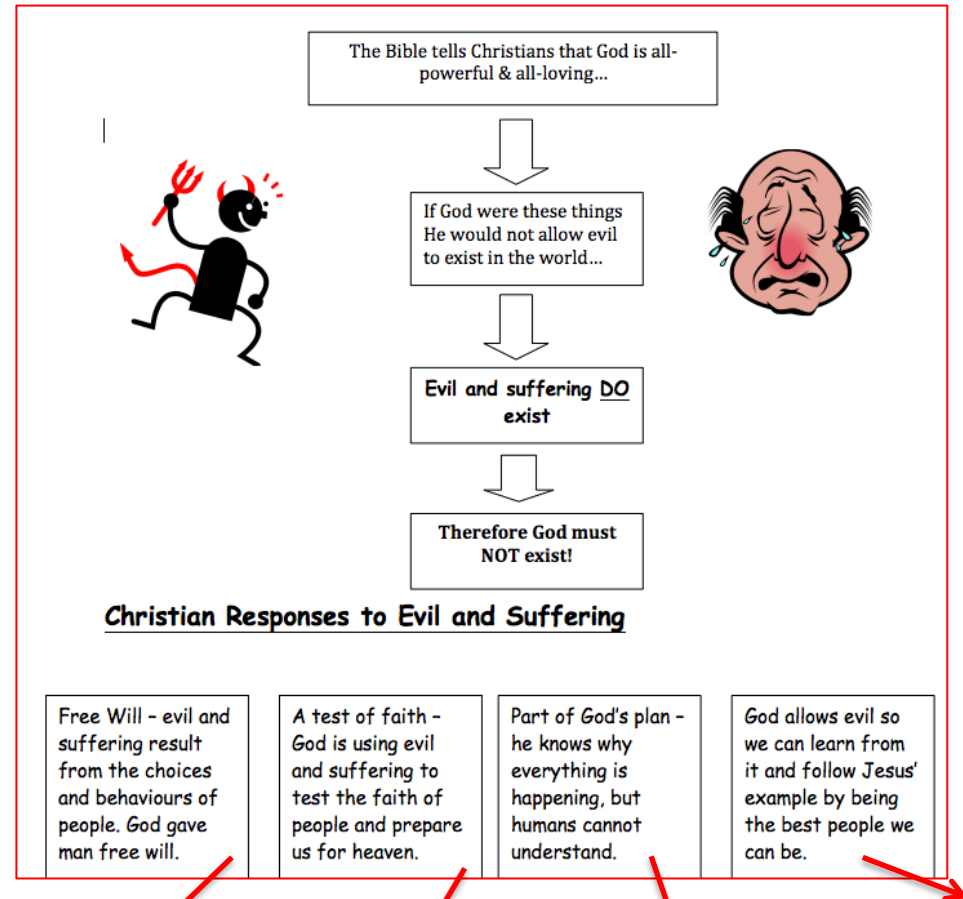
Bible Quotes

Hebrews 5:8 "... he learned obedience from what he suffered"

James 1:2-3 "Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

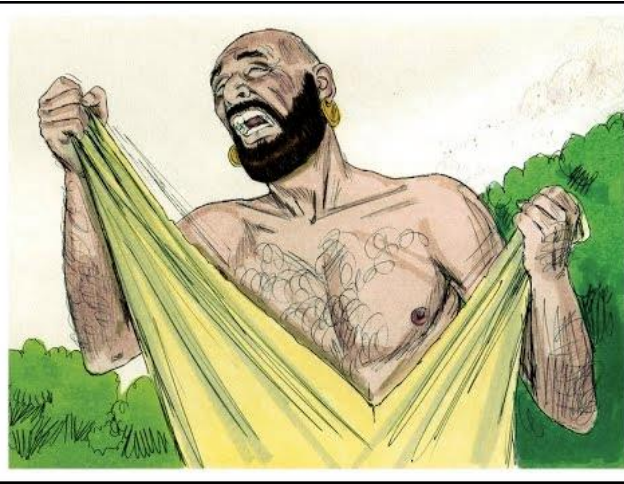


The Problem of Evil Revision Sheet



HELPING OTHERS GIVES SUCCESS TRUE MEANING

Story of Job



1. Job was a righteous man who was very wealthy and happy spending his life worshipping God.

2. The devil believed Job only loved and worshiped him because he was wealthy with a large family and happy life.

3. God had so much love and faith in Job and his ability to stay strong in his faith that he allowed Job to be tested by the devil.

4. The devil too almost everything from Job; he children, home, way to make a living, & his health.

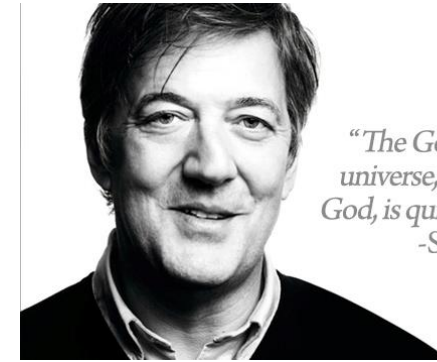
5. Job's friends told him his suffering was a punishment for being sinful but it was not.

6. Job questioned God but ultimately still believed and worshiped Him.

7. God rewarded Job greatly for his faith.

When atheists (people who do not believe in God) see evil they will argue that either...

- God does not exist
- God does exist but cannot be benevolent (loving)
- God does exist but cannot be omnipotent (all-powerful)



"The God who made this universe, if it was created by God, is quite clearly a maniac."
-Stephen Fry

"Remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do"
Galatians 2:10



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6 (niv)



God incarnate came to earth and suffered alongside us.

Jesus died on the cross despite being sinless. His friends betrayed Jesus in his final days. Jesus was called names and beaten for what he believed.

Jesus knows and understands earthly suffering and he told us of the promise of heaven for those who do not let suffering kill their faith in Him

Many people use the story of Adam and Eve to explain why there is **natural evil** in the world.

This story demonstrates why God allows freewill; without it we wouldn't be able to make decisions such as if we want to follow Him. Without freewill we would be like robots.

Original sin refers to the first sin that entered the world when Adam & Eve ate from the tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden.

The fall refers to original sin, when mankind fell from God's grace a

Adam and Eve used their freewill to sin & God punished them by sending them out of the perfect paradise (Garden of Eden) and into a world full of natural evil.

