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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language: (And God Said...: Lesson VI)

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Series Superbook, Batman The Animated Series, and Animaniacs

Topic: Bad Days

Episodes: The Patience of Job (Superbook), Joker's Favor (Batman The Animated Series), Can't Buy a Thrill (Animaniacs)

I) Opening Prayer and Introduction: Have you ever had a bad day? What is your definition of a bad day? Think of a bad day that you have had or think up a bad day that you think could happen. What happened to make it bad? What was your reaction to the day that you thought of? If it hasn't happened and it's from your imagination, how would you react?

II) Bible Story: This story is out of the book of Job in the Bible. Job had one of the worst times imaginable. It lasted days.

I will show a cartoon out of the Superbook series and we will have a discussion. This is our Bible Story and I want you to pay special attention to it!! This Covers the book of Job chapters I, II, III, VI: 1-4, X: 1-2, XXXVIII (paraphrased), XL: 1-2, XLII: 1-3, 12-13, 16

III) Show Superbook episode “The Patience of Job”

IV) Discussion: As Superbook says we will all have good days and bad days.

What God wants for us to do is praise him

in good days and have patience and a good attitude in the bad days. Pray for this as well to praise Him. Bad days can be huge witnesses to people whom need the faith boost.

V) Cartoon Show: To start this discussion off with a bang we will show a clip of a Batman The Animated Series that comes from a clip of the episode “Joker’s Favor”.

(Teacher Note: Show Clip Up Through

Joker Cackling to just Before the “Two Years Later Sign”)

VI) Q&A: Did Charles have a good or bad attitude with his bad day? What consequences does Charles suffer? What could he have done to avoid this lousy situation? Charles got into an even bigger mess because he lost his temper. He cussed out the Joker and provoked him to mess with his head. The Joker probably won't forget the incident and Charlie is

afraid. What do you think will happen next? (Let students respond)

The Joker, being who he is, started harassing Charles' family and eventually the dastardly favor takes place. The Joker wants to go to a fancy policeman's award dinner to gas the cops and blow up the commissioner. Charles' bad attitude of the past makes a bad situation worse.

VII) Cartoon Show II: I will show a different situation. Show Animaniacs episode "Can't Buy a Thrill".

VIII) Q&A II: Overall, do you think the zoologist has a good or a bad attitude?

How does she handle her bad day? (Let students respond.) Does everything work

out? How does she show patience like

Job? She keeps plugging away at her job

doing the best she can, even though she

questions her being in the right line of

work. Job questioned God but he never

really drifted from the truth; that he was a

great servant. When you have a bad day,

you more often than not will feel pretty

lousy. However, you need to pray for a good attitude and to see the good even in bad situations. Don't be like Charles and get mad at the world or at life. This isn't worth it. Getting mad at the world, life, or God won't solve much. In fact, it probably will make things worse. I know that this is hard to do, but it is sound advice to anyone. Pray for endurance, patience, and mostly joy in even bad situations. Bad days won't last forever. They are only for a season. God richly

blesses a great attitude!!! Ask the
students “How can you have a great
attitude this week?”

IX) Closing Prayer