



Our Christian Life and Ministry

MEETING WORKBOOK

Sample Presentations



AWAKE!

Offer: Here is your copy of the latest *Awake!*

Question: Notice the question here on page 2. May I ask your opinion?

Scripture: **Lu 7:35**

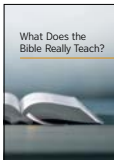
This article discusses how that principle applies to the Bible itself.

AWAKE!

Question: Would you agree that these are wise words to live by?

Scripture: **Mt 6:34**

Offer: [Open to the article “The Bible’s Viewpoint –Anxiety.”] This article shows how the Bible can help us deal with anxiety.



Bible Teach

Question: Many who believe in God would like to feel closer to him. Did you know that the Bible invites us to draw close to God?

Scripture: **Jas 4:8a**

Offer: This book is designed to help us learn more about God by means of the Bible. [Highlight chapter 1 of the *Bible Teach* book.]

BUILD YOUR OWN PRESENTATION

Question:

Scripture:

Offer:

- Song 79 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Encourage and Strengthen Others With Kind Words”:** (10 min.)
 Job 16:4, 5—A counselor’s words should strengthen others (w90 3/15 27 ¶1-2)
 Job 19:2—Bildad’s unkind words caused Job to cry out in distress (w06 3/15 15 ¶6; w94 10/1 32)
 Job 19:25—The resurrection hope sustained Job when he was pressed to the limit (w06 3/15 15 ¶5; it-2 735 ¶2-3)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Job 19:20—What did Job mean by the expression “I escape with the skin of my teeth”? (w06 3/15 15 ¶1; it-2 977 ¶1)

Job 19:26—How could Job “see God,” since no human can see Jehovah? (w94 11/15 19 ¶17)

What does this week’s Bible reading teach me about Jehovah?

What points from this week’s Bible reading can I use in the field ministry?

- **Bible Reading:** Job 19:1-23 (4 min. or less)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Prepare This Month’s Presentations:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play each sample presentation video, and then discuss the highlights. Encourage publishers to build their own presentation.

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 42
- **“New Feature for Starting Conversations”:** (10 min.) Discussion. Encourage all to use “What Does the Bible Say?” to start conversations that may lead to a Bible study.
- **Questions From Readers:** (5 min.) Talk by an elder based on the February 15, 2015, *Watchtower*, page 30, paragraphs 4-6.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** *ia* chap. 12 ¶¶13-25, review on p. 107 (30 min.)
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 65 and Prayer

New Feature for Starting Conversations

Since January 2016, the back page of the public edition of *The Watchtower* has featured “What Does the Bible Say?” This new feature is designed to help us start conversations on Bible topics. The format is similar to that of our tracts. There is a viewpoint question followed by a Scriptural answer, as well as additional points for discussion.

Pleasant conversations on Scriptural topics often lead to Bible studies. Use this new feature to help many more to satisfy their spiritual hunger. —Mt 5:6.

HOW TO USE THE FEATURE:



- 1 **Ask** for the householder’s opinion on one of the questions
- 2 **Listen** to and acknowledge his answer
- 3 **Read** the scripture under the heading “What the Bible Says,” and ask for his thoughts on the verse. If he has time, continue the conversation, using a point under the heading “What Else Can We Learn From the Bible?”
- 4 **Offer** the magazine
- 5 **Arrange** to return and discuss the second question

JOB 16-20 | Encourage and Strengthen Others With Kind Words

16:4, 5

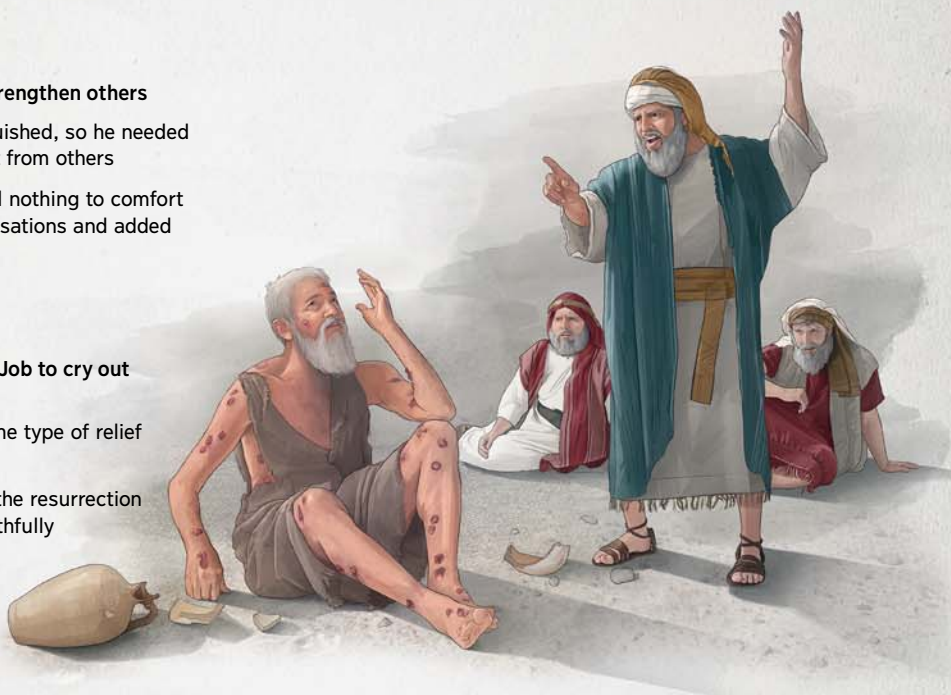
A counselor's words should strengthen others

- Job felt depressed and anguished, so he needed support and encouragement from others
- Job's three companions said nothing to comfort him. Rather, they made accusations and added to his anxiety

19:2, 25

Bildad's unkind words caused Job to cry out in distress

- Job cried out to God for some type of relief—even death
- Job focused on his hope in the resurrection and continued to endure faithfully

**JOB'S ACCUSERS****Eliphaz:**

- Possibly from Teman in the land of Edom. Teman is noted at Jeremiah 49:7 as a center of Edomite wisdom
- Likely the oldest and most influential of the "comforters," Eliphaz was the first to speak. He gave three speeches and spoke longer than the other two men

**Bildad:**

- A descendant of Shuah. He may have lived along the Euphrates River
- He was the second to speak. His three speeches were shorter and more hurtful than those of Eliphaz

**Zophar:**

- A Naamathite, possibly from northwest Arabia
- He was the third to speak and the harshest accuser. He gave only two speeches

False accusations:

- Ridiculed Job's integrity and claimed that God had no faith in his servants (Job 4, 5)
- Called Job presumptuous and wicked and claimed that Job had no fear of God (Job 15)
- Accused Job of greed and injustice and claimed that man is useless to God (Job 22)

False accusations:

- Implied that Job's sons had sinned and deserved the calamity that struck them and suggested that Job himself was godless (Job 8)
- Implied that Job was a wrongdoer (Job 18)
- Claimed that man's integrity is in vain (Job 25)

False accusations:

- Accused Job of empty talk and told him to put away his evil practices (Job 11)
- Implied that Job was wicked and enjoyed sin (Job 20)

- Song 83 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- “**Job Resisted Wrong Thinking**”: (10 min.)
 Job 22:2-7—Eliphaz gave counsel based on false assumptions and personal opinion (*w06 3/15 15 ¶7; w05 9/15 26-27; w95 2/15 27 ¶6*)
 Job 25:4, 5—Bildad presented wrong ideas (*w05 9/15 26-27*)
 Job 27:5, 6—Job did not allow others to make him think that he had failed as an integrity keeper (*w09 8/15 4 ¶8; w06 3/15 15 ¶9*)

- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Job 24:2—Why was moving a boundary marker a serious offense? (*it-1 360*)

Job 26:7—What is notable about Job’s description of the earth? (*w15 6/1 5 ¶4; w11 7/1 26 ¶2-5*)

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- **Bible Reading:** Job 27:1-23 (4 min. or less)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** *g16.2 cover*—Lay the groundwork for a return visit. (2 min. or less)
- **Return Visit:** *g16.2 cover*—Lay the groundwork for the next visit. (4 min. or less)
- **Bible Study:** *bh 145 ¶3-4* (6 min. or less)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 129
- **Beat a Bully Without Using Your Fists:** (15 min.)
 Discussion. Play the whiteboard animation *Beat a Bully Without Using Your Fists*. (Go to jw.org, and look under BIBLE TEACHINGS > TEENAGERS.) Afterward, discuss the following questions: Why might a person be bullied? What are some negative effects of bullying? How can you deal with bullying or possibly avoid it? Whom should you talk to if you are being bullied? Direct attention to the *Young People Ask* book, Volume 2, chapter 14.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** *ia chap. 13 ¶1-12* (30 min.)
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 23 and Prayer



JOB 21-27 | Job Resisted Wrong Thinking

Satan uses lies to discourage Jehovah’s servants today. Note the contrast between Satan’s lies and Jehovah’s true feelings, as shown in the book of Job. List additional Bible verses that prove to you that Jehovah cares about you.

LIES SATAN TELLS

- God is so exacting that nothing his servants do is good enough. No creation can please him (*Job 4:18; 25:5*)
- Man is useless to God (*Job 22:2*)
- God does not care that you are righteous (*Job 22:3*)

HOW JEHOVAH REALLY FEELS

- Jehovah appreciates our humble efforts (*Job 36:5*)
- Jehovah accepts and blesses our faithful service (*Job 33:26; 36:11*)
- Jehovah watches over the righteous (*Job 36:7*)

- Song 17 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Job Was an Example of Integrity”:** (10 min.)
 Job 31:1—Job made “a covenant” with his eyes (w15 6/15 16 ¶13; w15 1/15 25 ¶10)
 Job 31:13-15—Job was humble, just, and considerate of others (w10 11/15 30 ¶8-9)
 Job 31:16-25—Job was generous to those who had less (w10 11/15 30 ¶10-11)

- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Job 32:2—In what sense did Job try “to prove himself right rather than God”? (w15 7/1 12 ¶2; it-1 606 ¶5)

Job 32:8, 9—Why did Elihu feel that he could speak even though he was younger than his listeners? (w06 3/15 16 ¶1; it-2 549 ¶6)

What does this week’s Bible reading teach me about Jehovah?

What points from this week’s Bible reading can I use in the field ministry?

- **Bible Reading:** Job 30:24–31:14 (4 min. or less)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** g16.2 12-13—Lay the groundwork for a return visit. (2 min. or less)
- **Return Visit:** g16.2 12-13—Lay the groundwork for the next visit. (4 min. or less)
- **Bible Study:** bh 148 ¶8-9 (6 min. or less)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 115
- **Learn From the Integrity of Others (1Pe 5:9):** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Harold King: Remaining Faithful in Prison*. (Go to tv.jw.org, and look under VIDEO ON DEMAND > INTERVIEWS AND EXPERIENCES.) Thereafter, consider the following questions: How did Brother King maintain his spirituality while in prison? How can singing Kingdom songs help us to endure difficult circumstances in life? How does Brother King’s faithful example motivate you?
- **Congregation Bible Study:** ia chap. 13 ¶13-25, review on p. 114 (30 min.)
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 81 and Prayer

JOB 28-32 | Job Was an Example of Integrity



31:1
Job was determined to follow Jehovah’s moral standards

- He controlled his eyes and gave romantic attention only to his wife

31:13-15

Job was a good example in how he treated others

- He was humble, just, and merciful. He was considerate of all people regardless of their social or economic status



31:16-19

Job was generous, not selfish

- He was helpful and gave to those in need

- Song 50 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“A True Friend Gives Upbuilding Counsel”:** (10 min.)
 Job 33:1-5—Elihu showed respect for Job (w95 2/15 29 ¶3-5)
 Job 33:6, 7—Elihu was humble and kind (w95 2/15 29 ¶3-5)
 Job 33:24, 25—Elihu encouraged Job even while giving counsel (w11 4/1 23 ¶3; w09 4/15 4 ¶8)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Job 33:24, 25—What might have been the “ransom” that Elihu mentioned? (w11 4/1 23 ¶3-5)

Job 34:36—To what extent was Job to be tested, and what does that teach us? (w94 11/15 17 ¶10)

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- **Bible Reading:** Job 33:1-25 (4 min. or less)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** Offer the 2016 regional convention invitation using the sample presentation. (2 min. or less)
- **Return Visit:** fg lesson 12 ¶4-5—Demonstrate how to make a return visit on someone who accepted the convention invitation. Lay the groundwork for the next visit. (4 min. or less)
- **Bible Study:** jl lesson 11—Encourage the student to attend an upcoming convention. (6 min. or less)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 124
- **“Convention Reminders”:** (8 min.) Talk. Play the video *Convention Reminders*. (Go to tv.jw.org, and look under VIDEO ON DEMAND > OUR ACTIVITIES.) Encourage all to finalize their plans to attend all three days. Outline local arrangements for the invitation campaign.
- **Local needs:** (7 min.)
- **Congregation Bible Study:** ia chap. 14 ¶1-13 (30 min.)
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 21 and Prayer

Convention Reminders

As at other times, we want to be guided by love for God and neighbor during the convention season. (Mt 22:37-39) First Corinthians 13:4-8 describes love in action: “Love is patient and kind. . . . [It] does not behave indecently, does not look for its own interests, does not become provoked. . . . Love never fails.” As you watch the video *Convention Reminders*, think about ways you can show love for others at the convention.

HOW CAN WE SHOW LOVE . . .



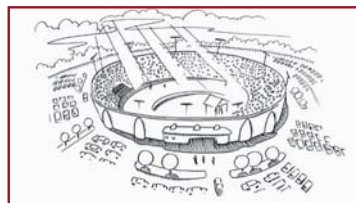
when saving seats?



when the musical program is about to begin?



at our lodgings in the convention city?



by volunteering to help?

JOB 33-37 | A True Friend Gives Upbuilding Counsel

When Elihu entered the conversation, his counsel was completely different from that of Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, both in content and in the way he dealt with Job. He proved himself to be a true friend and an effective counselor, worthy of imitation.



QUALITIES OF AN EFFECTIVE COUNSELOR

- PATIENT
- ATTENTIVE
- RESPECTFUL
- HUMBLE
- APPROACHABLE
- EMPATHETIC
- BALANCED
- KIND
- GOD-ORIENTED

ELIHU SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

32:4-7, 11, 12; 33:1

- Elihu waited patiently for the older men to finish speaking before he spoke
- By listening attentively, he had a better understanding of the issues at hand before giving counsel
- He used Job's name and spoke to him as a friend

33:6, 7, 32

- Elihu was humble and kind, admitting his own imperfection
- He was empathetic to Job's suffering

33:24, 25; 35:2, 5

- Elihu kindly showed Job that his viewpoint was unbalanced
- Elihu helped Job to see that his own righteousness was not the most important thing
- Elihu's sound counsel prepared the way for Job to receive additional instruction from Jehovah himself

Convention Invitation Campaign

Each year, anticipation builds for the spiritual feast that we enjoy at our regional conventions. So that others too may taste Jehovah's goodness, we will invite as many as possible to attend with us. (Ps 34:8) Each body of elders will determine how to make the best possible use of the invitations.

DETAILS TO KEEP IN MIND

When is my convention?

When does the campaign begin locally?

When are the local meetings for field service?

What are my goals for the campaign?

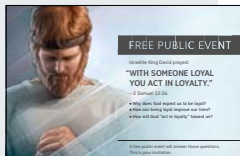
Whom do I plan to invite?



WHAT WILL YOU SAY?

After giving a customary greeting, you might say:

“We are involved in a global campaign to distribute this invitation to a very important event. The date, time, and address are printed on the invitation. We would enjoy having you present with us.”



HOW CAN YOU CULTIVATE INTEREST?

Although we want to invite as many people as possible to the convention, we should be alert to cultivate any interest shown.

On weekends, you may offer the magazine along with the invitation.



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