

Jonah and the Whale



The LORD spoke to a man named Jonah and said, "Get up, go to the city of Nineveh, and preach to them, because I see the evil things they do."

But Jonah didn't want to go because he heard that they were evil. He ran away from God by getting on a ship and going to a city called Tarshish. But the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, which made the sea so stormy that the ship was in danger of breaking apart. The sailors were afraid, but Jonah had gone down far inside the ship to lie down, and he fell fast asleep. The captain of the ship came and said, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray to your god! Maybe your god will pay attention to us, and we won't die!"

When the men figured out Jonah was the reason for the storm they said, "Tell us, who are you? What is your job? Where do you come from? Who are your people?"

Then Jonah said to them, "I am a Hebrew. I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land."

The men were very afraid, and they asked Jonah, "What terrible thing did you do?" They said to him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?"

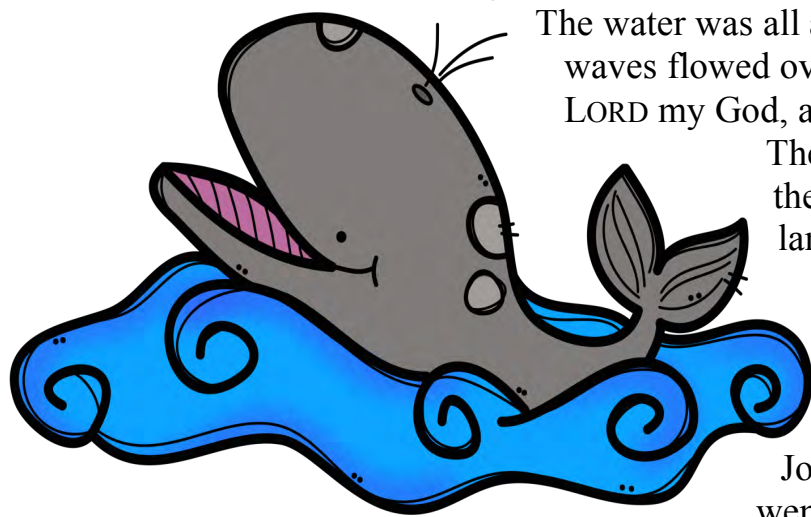
Jonah said to them, "Pick me up, and throw me into the sea, and then it will calm down. I know it is my fault that this great storm has come on you." So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea became calm. Then they began to fear the LORD very much.

The LORD caused a big fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.¹ While Jonah was inside the fish, he prayed to the LORD his God and said,

"When I was in danger, I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

The water was all around me, and your powerful waves flowed over me. You saved me from death, O LORD my God, and I will keep my promises to you.

Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and the fish threw up Jonah onto the dry land.



The LORD spoke his word to Jonah again and said, "Get up, go to the city of Nineveh, and preach what I tell you to say." So Jonah obeyed the LORD and got up and went to Nineveh. He preached to the

people, and the people of Nineveh believed God.

Jonah and the Big Fish Puppet Script

God said to Jonah, "I have a little task.
Get up and go to Nineveh and do just what I ask.
The people there are wicked, so tell them to obey
But Jonah got on board a ship and sailed the other way.

God sent a windstorm to shake up Jonah's boat,
The frightened sailors worried that it wouldn't stay afloat.
Jonah had been sleeping, but he heard the captain cry,
"Jonah call your God right now or we will surely die!"

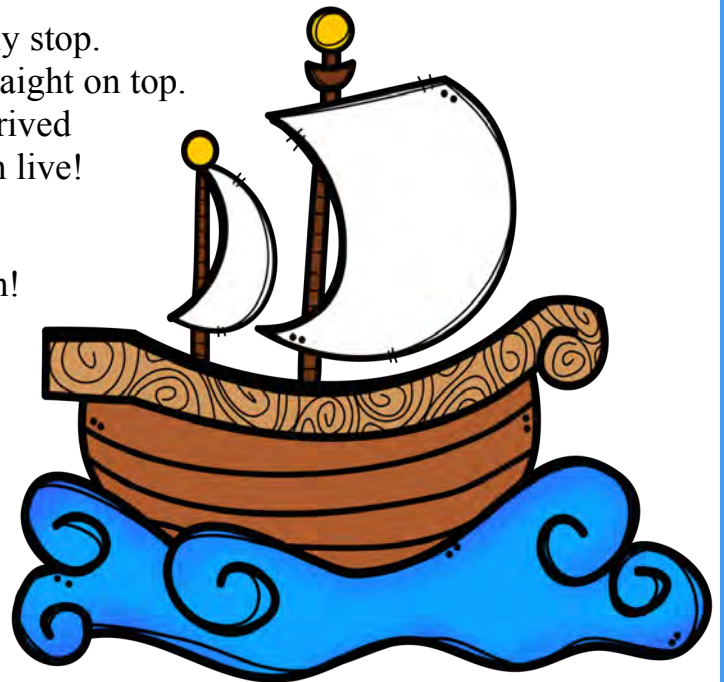
But Jonah told the sailors, "It's all because of me.
I'm sure the wind will quickly stop if you throw me in the sea.
They didn't want to do it, but the wind it howled and roared.
So they picked up good old Jonah and they threw him overboard!

When Jonah hit the water, the wind did quickly stop.
The boat did stop its lurching and it landed straight on top.
Then God prepared a fish, and as soon as it arrived
It opened up its mouth and it swallowed Jonah live!

Down went Jonah with a great big swish
He landed at the bottom in the belly of the fish!
For three days and three nights he stayed
inside that way.
And he prayed for help from God and he
promised to obey!

Jonah was relieved when he saw what God
had planned.
The fish threw him up and tossed him on
dry land.
God said to Jonah, "I want them to repent,
So go preach to Nineveh." This time Jonah went!

The people lost in Nineveh believed the word of God
With Jonah preaching for 3 days down all the streets he trod.
To trust God's word and follow Him can give us life anew.
Just like Jonah long ago God has a plan for you.



Jonah's Song

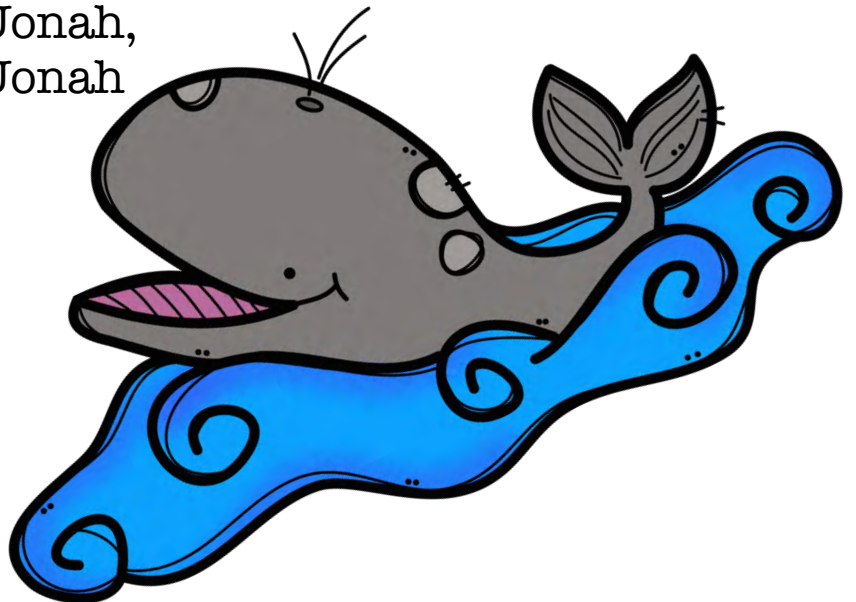
Who did, who did, who did, who did
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jonah?
Who did, who did, who did, who did
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jonah?
Who did, who did, who did, who did
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jonah?

Who did swallow Jonah, Who did swallow Jonah,
Who did swallow Jonah up?

The whale did, the whale did,
the whale did, the whale did,
The whale did swallow Jo, Jo, Jonah,
The whale did, the whale did,
the whale did, the whale did,
The whale did swallow Jo, Jo, Jonah,

The whale did, the whale did, the whale did, the whale did,
The whale did swallow Jo, Jo, Jonah,

The whale did swallow Jonah,
The whale did swallow Jonah,
The whale did swallow Jonah
uuuuup!



A cartoon illustration of a boat on the sea. The boat is brown with a green sail and is on a blue sea with stylized waves. A large blue whale is swimming in the water, and a man with brown hair and a beard, wearing a brown robe, is sitting inside the whale's belly. The sky is grey with two white clouds. The entire scene is framed by a blue border.

Jonah

Memory Verse

“Jesus said, ‘Just as Jonah was in the belly of the big fish for three days and three nights, the Son of Man will be in the grave three days and three nights.’”

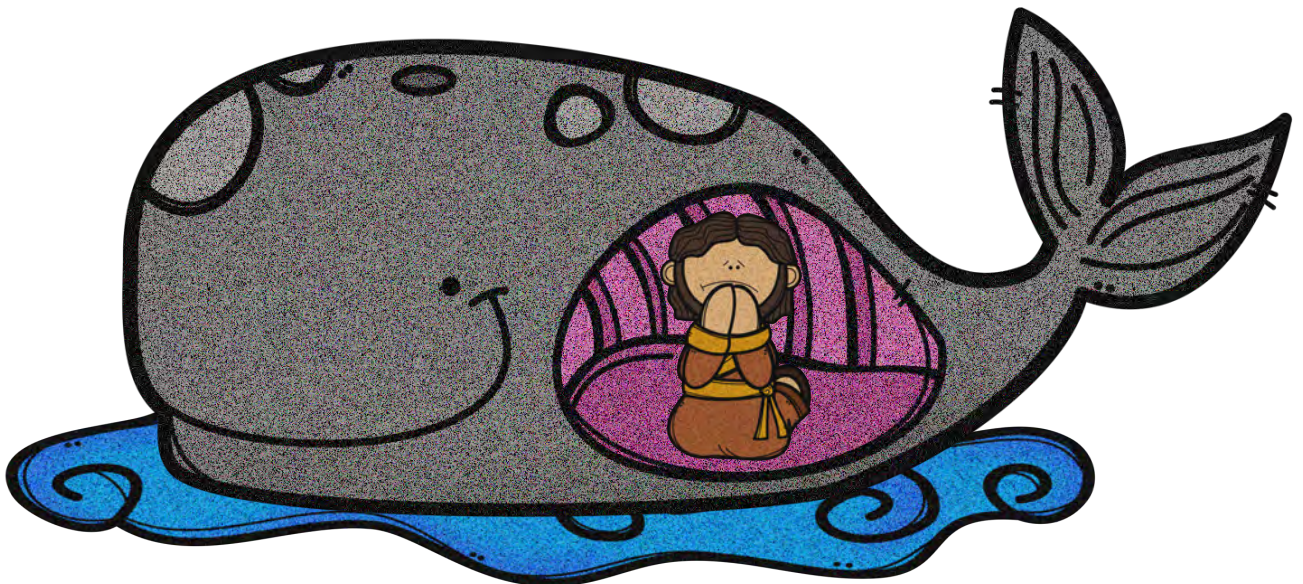
Matthew 12:40

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Application Questions

Jonah was scared, but he prayed to the Lord, and the Lord heard his voice!

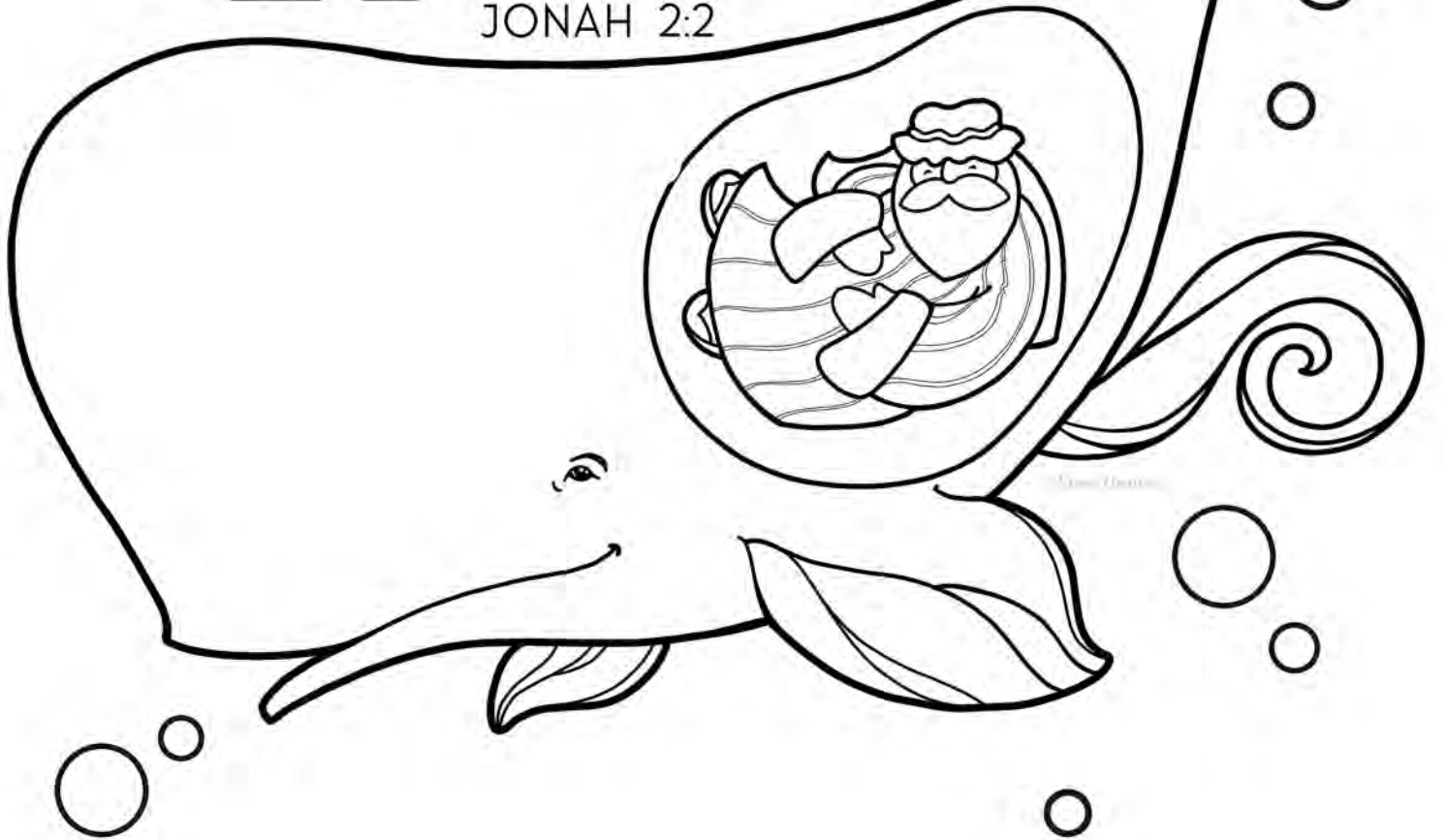
1. Why do you think Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh? (he didn't think the people would want to hear about God because they were evil, he was scared).
2. Did running away help Jonah? (no, it made it worse)
3. When he got on the ship with the other men, what happened? (God made a storm come up, the men threw him overboard)
4. Where was Jonah when he prayed to God (in the belly of the fish) How long was he in there? (3 days and three nights)
5. What did Jonah pray about? (he thanked God for saving him and promised God he would obey him this time)
6. What are some times we should pray? (when we are scared, when we are thankful, more specific answers from kids)





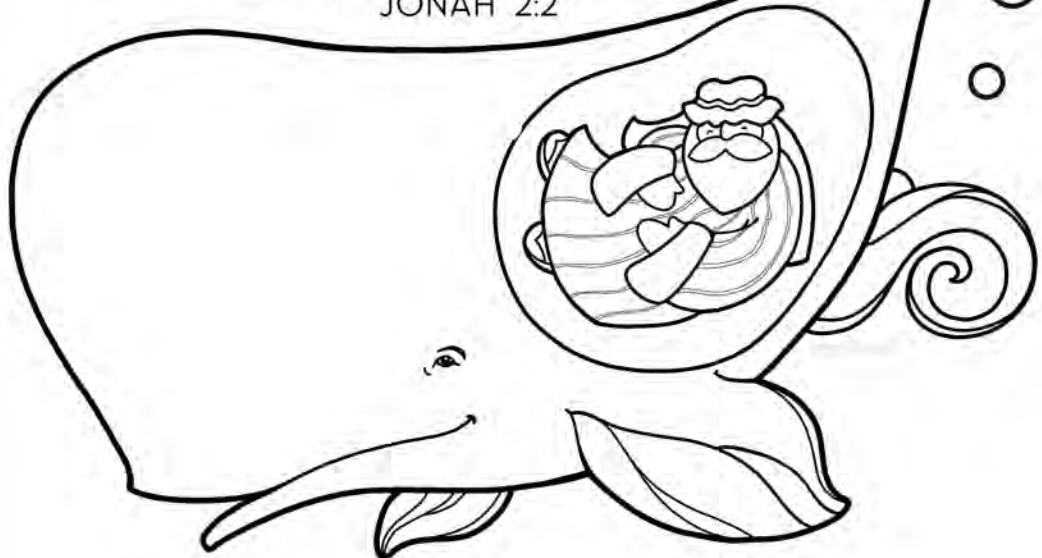
I cried unto the Lord
and He heard me.

JONAH 2:2





I tried to hide
from the Lord
but he saw me
and he heard my voice.
JONAH 2:2



Jonah Crafts



Awesome paper plate whale! Make your own Jonah or use a toy!

https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-themes_-_jonah.html



What a cute paper bag whale craft!

<https://alittlepinchofperfection.com/blue-whale-paper-bag-craft-and-template-for-kids/>



Love this whale banana snack! Is that peanut butter, whipped cream or frosting "water"???

<http://graced1.blogspot.com/2010/10/whale-wouldnt-you-know.html>



Love this idea! Draw a whale with sidewalk chalk, and YOU be Jonah!!!

Don't forget to take a picture!

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/59039445094295433/>



Super easy paper plate whale!

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/318700111116677791/>



All you need is a clothespin and some paper to make this movable Jonah and the whale!

<https://wehavekids.com/education/all-christian-crafts>



Another yummy snack idea! Graham crackers, frosting and whales!!!

<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/dd/fb/1a/ddfb1a65b5611f546bb870dcc1b57b46.jpg>