



Here's what happens...

God tells Jonah to go warn Nineveh. Jonah doesn't want to go, so he tries to run away by getting on a boat. But God knows where Jonah is and sends a storm. Jonah ends up getting thrown overboard, where a big fish swallows him. After three days, the fish spits Jonah out, and he goes to Nineveh.

Bible Point:

God is all-knowing.

"No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

Family Together Time

- See how well you know each other by playing a game like *The Newlywed Game*.
- One person will write his or her answer to one of the questions below.
- Everyone else will try to guess that person's answer. Or guessers can write their answers and reveal them after the person answers the question. Anyone who doesn't know how to write can just be a guesser.
- Then the person will reveal the paper with his or her answer to see who was right.
- Use these questions:
 - What's your favorite color?
 - What's your favorite thing to do?
 - What's your favorite kind of candy?
 - What's your favorite vegetable?
 - What's the most recent dream you remember having?
 - What are you most afraid of?
 - What's something you pray about?

How many times have we heard "God is always present"? I am sure more times than we can count. However, as we get older, we forget that God is always present and that He knows not just where I am at physically but more importantly where my heart is. This week we will be looking at the Bible account of Jonah. The story of Jonah is one that I believe we can all relate to. Jonah is a man of God called to share a message of repentance to the city of Nineveh. Sadly, Jonah had his own ideas about Nineveh and its people and instead of obeying God's call He went the opposite direction to run and hide from God. Paul says it best in Romans 7:15, "I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate." I thank God for His mercy. He had mercy on Jonah and not even for a second did God not know where Jonah was. God sent a storm and a huge fish to bring him back in to His will. For you and I, God sent His Son, Jesus to bring us back and just like in Jonah's case He knows exactly where to find me and meets me where I am at. Thank you God because you are All - Knowing.

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Talk About This...

- Try to share one fact about yourself that your family doesn't know.