



The Family Worship Experience

Week 11

Worship: Check out our Song of Week! Jonathan and Walter will help lead your family in a sweet time of worship through song. Check it out here:

www.friendlyavenue.com/family-worship

Bible Story: Jonah

- Preschool: Jonah 1:1-4, 15-17; 2:10; 3:4-5, 10 (You can also read *God's Messenger*, pages 160-169, in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*.)
- Grade School: Jonah 1:1-4, 15-17; 2:10; 3:1-5, 10 (pg. 111-112 in *Foundations for Kids*)
- Adults: Jonah 1-4

Have you ever been told to do something that you just didn't want to do? Maybe you even had good reasons for not doing it. It just wasn't fair. No one else had to do it. Maybe, it even seemed scary. Well, what did you do? When Jonah was faced with doing something that God told him to do, that he didn't want to do, Jonah decided to run away! Are we ever able to go somewhere that God doesn't know where we are? Of course not! But Jonah sure did try! Only, just as it always happens, when Jonah didn't listen and obey, he and those that he was with, found themselves in the middle of a big mess! (Side note, sometimes our sin doesn't just get us in trouble, it also causes others who didn't sin get in trouble too.) God sent a BIG, SCARY storm to get Jonah's attention. After a time out in the belly of a big fish, Jonah decided that he could do what God had told him to do. Jonah told the people of Nineveh that if they didn't stop sinning, God was going to destroy their city. When they heard God's message, the people of Nineveh decided to stop sinning and asked God for forgiveness. Just like God gave Jonah and the people of Nineveh a second chance, God gives us second (and third, fourth and, well, you get the idea) chances. God wants to have a relationship with us and will always forgive us, if we ask.

Ask:

- What did God tell Jonah to do?
- What did Jonah do?
- What happened when Jonah, when he didn't listen and obey God?
- What helped Jonah change his mind?
- What happened because Jonah decided to listen and obey?
- What does this story teach me about God? About me?

Activity:

- We are making a Jonah and the Big Fish Cup and Ball Game. In your packets this week, you will find string, a balloon and a whale tale. You will need to provide the plastic or paper cup and flour. Here are the assembly instructions:
 - Poke a hole in the bottom of the blue Solo cup.
 - Thread the string through the hole and tie it to itself on the other side of the cup. Basically, you will have a string wrapped and tied around one edge of the cup.
 - To attach tail, fold the end so you have a tab to attach to the cup. Use a marker (or sharpie) to give your whale some eyes.
 - Fill your balloon with flour so that it is just filled. Tie it off.
 - Have kids draw a person on the balloon with Sharpie.
 - Tie your Jonah balloon to the end of the string.
- This week, there is also a whale origami activity. After you make your whale, set it out as a reminder that we always need to listen and obey.

Memory Verse:

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.” John 11:25 CSB

Memory Verse Game:

This week we are going to play Vacuum Verse to learn our memory verse! Everything you need has been included in your Family Worship Experience Kit. After making plenty of room at the table for everyone, place the strips of words on the table. In order to move the words of the verse around into the correct order, you'll need to use your straw to “vacuum” them up. You will have to suck through the straw to move the paper and put the words in order. NO HANDS ALLOWED! Need a challenge? Move the slips of paper from the table to the floor or floor to the table!

Pray:

Reading cards and Bible verses are made from recycled, tree and chlorine free and acid free paper to help protect our planet. We hope your prayers help the world and help ourselves.

FAMILY WORSHIP experience

Day of	Prayer	Family Member	Friend	Place to Be Prayed	Something that I Prayed for
Sunday					
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					

As a family, take a few minutes to fill out who or what you would like to pray for each day. Put this somewhere everyone can see it throughout the day. Then, make sure your family prays for these things together, each day.

We would love to see your family worshipping together!

Tag us in your pics! **#fabcfamilyworship**