

TODDLER LESSON (0-3 YRS)

Sunday, October 11, 2020

CHURCH AT HOME



JONAH, PROPHET TO NINEVEH

BIBLE PASSAGE: Jonah

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:15

MAIN POINT: God loves everyone.

Big Picture Question: Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.

Catechism Question:

Q: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

A: No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness and goodness of God and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgement both in this life, and the life to come.

SUPPLY LIST:

- The Beginner's Bible, Timeless Children's Stories.

The Bible Story: Jonah and the Big Fish

BIBLE POINTS

- *Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh.*
- *God showed mercy to Jonah and the Ninevites.*
- *God sent Jesus to show us mercy.*



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TELL THE BIBLE STORY (5 minutes)

SIT DOWN with your children and share a snack together. *Cuddle each other close and fully engage with them when reading the Bible story. Provide a bible for your baby to hold and open. Open your Bible to Jonah. If you have The Beginner's Bible, Timeless Children's Stories, you can follow along on page 257, Jonah and the Big Fish.*

God gave Jonah a message for the people of Nineveh: "Nineveh will be destroyed in 40 days." But Jonah did not want to tell the people in Nineveh God's message! Jonah got onto a boat to go far away instead. So God sent a big storm, and the sailors were afraid. Jonah said, "This storm is my fault. Throw me into the water so it will stop." When they threw Jonah overboard, the storm stopped! God sent a large fish to swallow Jonah. For three days, Jonah was in the fish's belly. God made the fish throw up Jonah, and Jonah went to Nineveh. The people of Nineveh were sorry for their wrong choices, and God forgave them.



*God gave Jonah a message for the people of Nineveh, but Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. **GOD'S PLANS ARE GOOD.** God showed mercy to Jonah and the Ninevites. Later, God sent Jesus to show us mercy.*

SING

Have your kids sing along: *Jonah and the Whale* <https://youtu.be/5RHrqSX7xgk>



*Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. He did not want to do God's plan at first. **GOD'S PLANS ARE GOOD.** Jesus obeyed God's plan to rescue us.*

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CATECHISM QUESTION

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If you are able, please consider downloading the **New City Catechism app** on either the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

There are short, simple songs that correspond to some of the catechism questions. To play the song, click the play button in the bottom right corner.

This is a great way for kids to memorize and internalize foundations of the Christian faith.

PRAY

PRAY -Dear Lord, you are so loving and guide us down the path that you want us to live everyday. But even when we get off track or find it hard to follow your path, you give us second chances. We pray that you forgive us for making mistakes and we thank you for loving us enough to guide us back to the right path. In Jesus' name, Amen.

EXPERIENCE & APPLY THE STORY

OPTION 1: Jonah inside the whale.

Supplies:

1. Printed template from below.
2. Crayons or colored pencils.
3. Scissors.
4. Split tack or pipe cleaner.
5. String.

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Description/Make:

Print the template below. Color Jonah and the big fish. Cut out the big fish. Then cut out the hole in the fish. Next, cut out Jonah and discard the rest of the hole. Make a hole where the "x" is and insert a split pin/tack or a pipe cleaner into it. Measure out a piece of string that is just long enough to let Jonah dangle inside the fish and tie it onto the split pin or the pipe cleaner.



Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. He tried to run the other way! God sent a fish to swallow Jonah. God showed mercy to Jonah and the Ninevites. **GOD'S PLANS ARE GOOD!**

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Jonah & the Big Fish

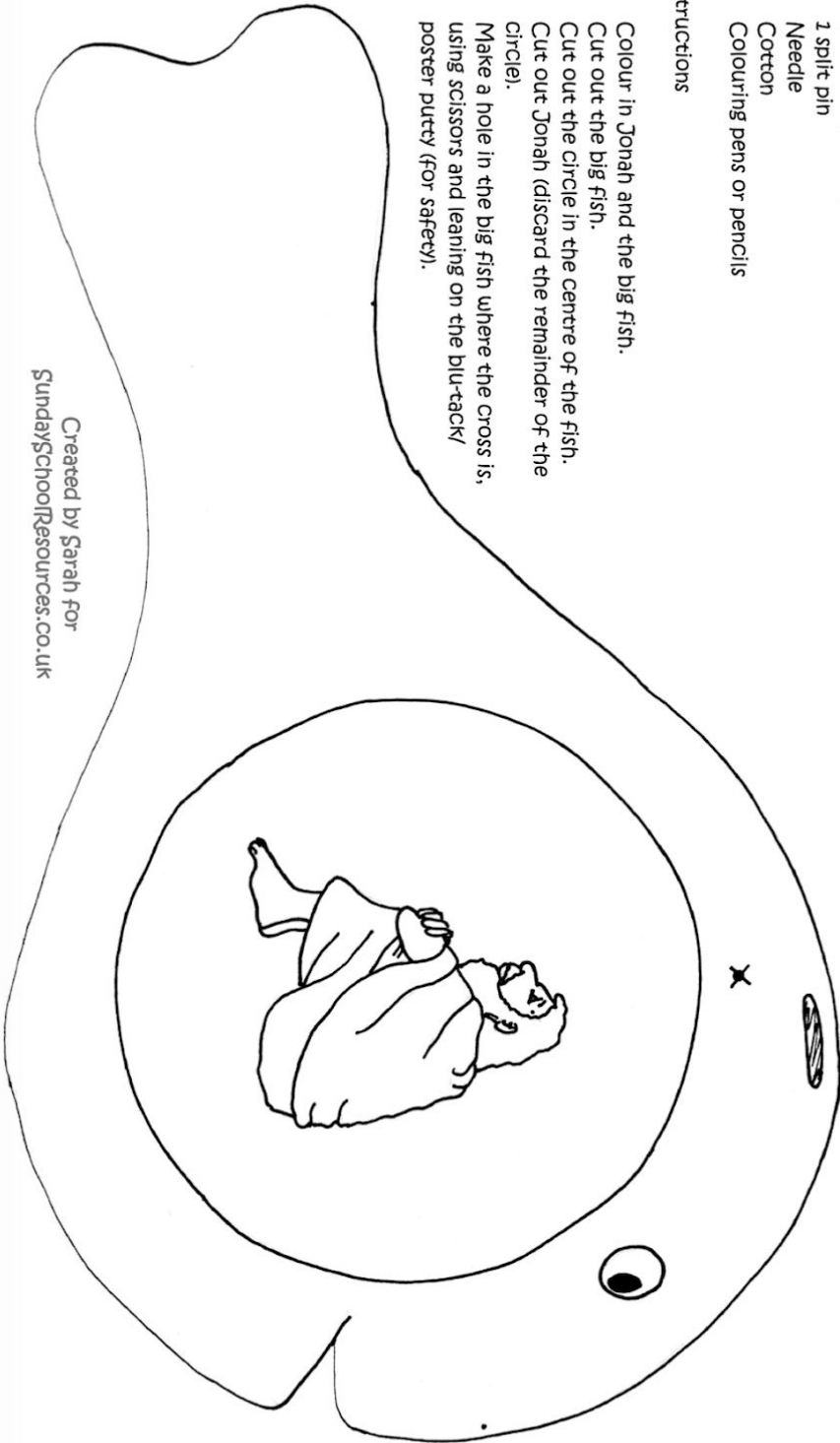
You will need:

- Thin card
- Scissors
- Blu-tack / Poster putty
- 1 split pin
- Needle
- Cotton
- Colouring pens or pencils

Instructions

1. Colour in Jonah and the big fish.
2. Cut out the big fish.
3. Cut out the circle in the centre of the fish.
4. Cut out Jonah (discard the remainder of the circle).
5. Make a hole in the big fish where the cross is, using scissors and leaning on the blu-tack/poster putty (for safety).

6. Put a split pin in the hole.
7. Thread some cotton on to the needle.
8. Where the small dot on Jonah's head is, use the needle to thread the cotton through at this point (lean on blu-tack/poster putty).
9. Form a loop with cotton and tie it in a knot, ensuring the length will suspend Jonah in the middle of the fish's tummy.



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OPTION 2: Coloring Page and Activity Pages (crayons, markers)

Have your child use crayons or markers to color the sheet on the next page.



Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh, so God sent a storm and a fish to Jonah. **GOD'S PLANS ARE GOOD!** God showed mercy to Jonah and the Ninevites. Later, Jesus obeyed God's plan to rescue us.

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