Jonah and the Big Fish

Jonah 1–4 · To read together with your child



Name _____



The LORD told Jonah to go to the great city of Nineveh. Jonah 1:1-2

The wickedness of that city had come up before the LORD. Jonah 1:2

But Jonah got up to flee from the LORD and boarded a ship bound for Tarshish. Jonah 1:3

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The LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and the ship was in danger of breaking apart. Jonah 1:4

The sailors were afraid, and each one cried out to his own god. Jonah 1:5

Jonah slept below, and the captain told him to call upon his God. Jonah 1:5-6

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The sailors cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Jonah 1:7

Jonah said he was a Hebrew and worshiped the LORD, who made the sea and the dry land. Jonah 1:9

The men were even more afraid, because they knew he was fleeing from the LORD. Jonah 1:10

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Jonah told them to throw him into the sea, for the storm had come because of him. Jonah 1:12

The men rowed hard toward land but could not, so they cried out to the LORD. Jonah 1:13-14

Then they threw Jonah into the sea, and the raging sea grew calm. Jonah 1:15

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The men feared the LORD greatly and offered Him a sacrifice. Jonah 1:16

The LORD had appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah 1:17

Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of the fish. Jonah 1:17

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From inside the fish, Jonah
prayed to the LORD his God. Jonah 2:1

He said, “In my distress I called to the
LORD, and He answered me.” Jonah 2:2

Then the LORD commanded the fish, and
it vomited Jonah onto dry land. Jonah 2:10

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The LORD spoke to Jonah a second time,
and this time Jonah went to Nineveh. Jonah 3:1-3

He proclaimed, “Forty more days and
Nineveh will be overturned!” Jonah 3:4

The people of Nineveh believed God and proclaimed
a fast, from the greatest to the least. Jonah 3:5

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God saw that they turned from evil, and He did not send the disaster He had threatened. Jonah 3:10

Jonah was greatly displeased, and God made a vine grow to give him shade. Jonah 4:1, 4:6

God said He cared about the great city of Nineveh, with so many people and animals. Jonah 4:11

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What we learned

God cares about everyone and forgives those who turn from their evil ways.

Jonah 3:10, 4:11

Draw your favorite part of the story

About this story

This little book leaves out that Jonah, angry, asked God to let him die (Jonah 4:3 and 4:8). Read chapter 4 with an adult. Text checked against the Berean Standard Bible.

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