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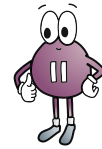
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& Friends



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A wise guide



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STORY 1: Jonah in the ship

This story is about God knowing all about us.

Adult Guidance - Ask the children for examples of times when they have been told to do something, but they haven't done it – they have disobeyed. In today's story Jonah disobeys God. However, God is everywhere, and Jonah couldn't hide from Him.



READ:
Jonah 1: 1-4

Jonah was God's helper. God told him to go to Nineveh.

Jonah did not want to go. He ran away and got on a ship.

But God knew exactly where Jonah was.

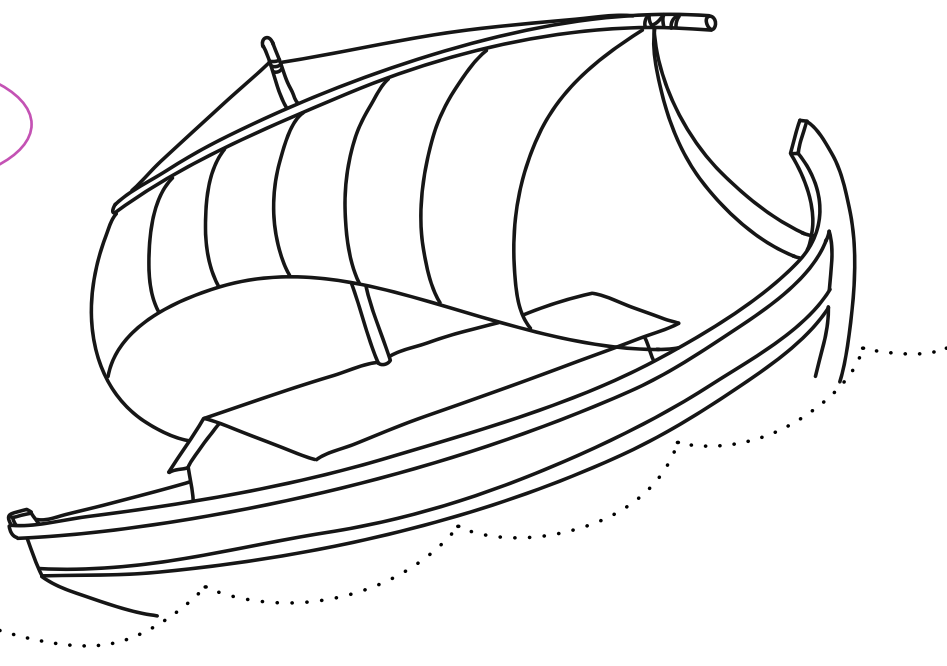
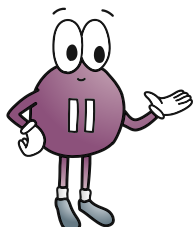
God sent a big storm because Jonah disobeyed Him.



Jonah

Join the dots and colour the picture.

*The Bible
tells us we cannot
hide from God!*



The Bible teaches that God knows all about us too.

STORY 2: Jonah in the sea

This story is about how God can save.

Adult Guidance - Use the picture from Story 1 to talk about what it would be like to be in a storm. Point out that Jonah did a good thing by being honest and admitting he was to blame. Talk about fish – can the children name any? Explain that although Jonah had disobeyed, God wanted to give him another chance.



READ:
Jonah 1: 5-17a

The sailors on the ship were frightened.

Jonah told them that the storm was because of him.

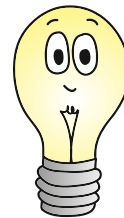
He told them to throw him into the sea.

The sailors did this. The storm stopped.

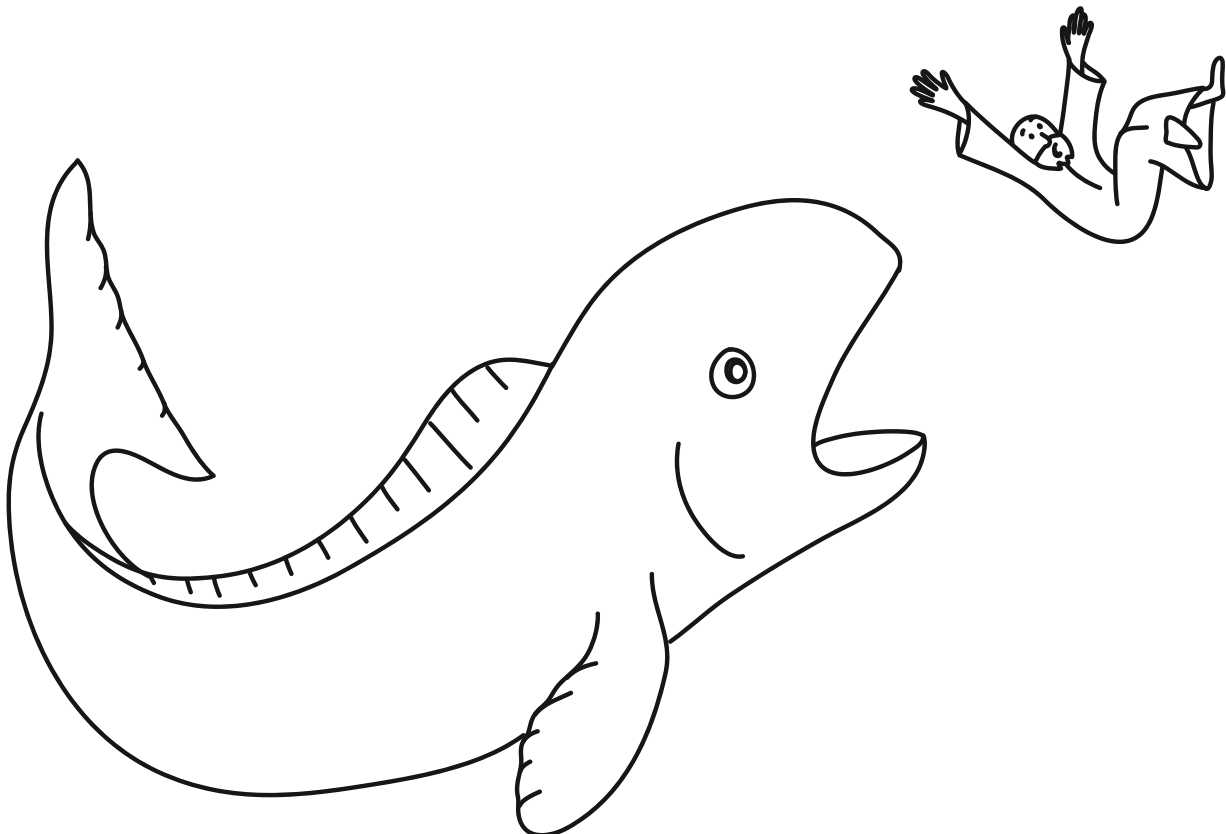
Jonah sank deep into the sea.

God wanted to save Jonah so He sent a big fish to swallow him.

Jonah deserved to be punished by God. Instead, God showed him great kindness.



Colour the picture of Jonah and the fish.



STORY 3: Jonah in the fish

This story is about Jonah thanking God.

Adult Guidance - Talk about what it would have been like inside the big fish. Jonah was not alone, God was with him. Talk about prayer and how we can pray to God anywhere.



READ:
Jonah 1: 17b,
2: 1-10

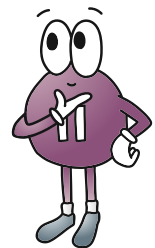
Inside the fish, Jonah thanked God for saving him from the sea.

He promised that he would do what God told him to do from then on.

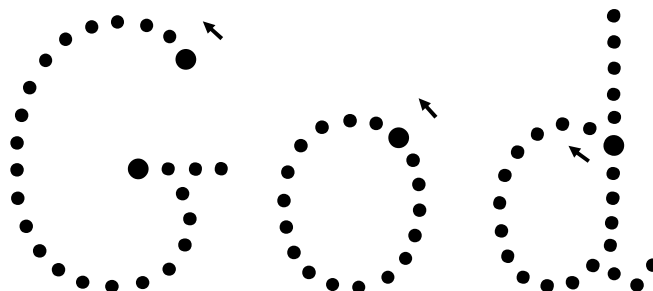
After three days God told the fish to spit Jonah out on to the land.

How many days was Jonah inside the big fish? Circle the right number.

1 2 3



Who did Jonah thank for saving him? Join the dots to find out.



God saved Jonah's life.

The Bible says that God wants to save us from our sins.

STORY 4: Jonah in the city

This story is about Jonah obeying God.



READ:
Jonah 3: 1-10

Adult Guidance - Review the story so far. Talk about the task God gave Jonah. Nineveh was a very large city. The people there did not please God. Contrast Jonah's response this time with Story 1. Focus on God's love for people. The Bible teaches that God is ready to forgive those who say sorry for the wrong things they have done.

Again, God asked Jonah to be His helper.

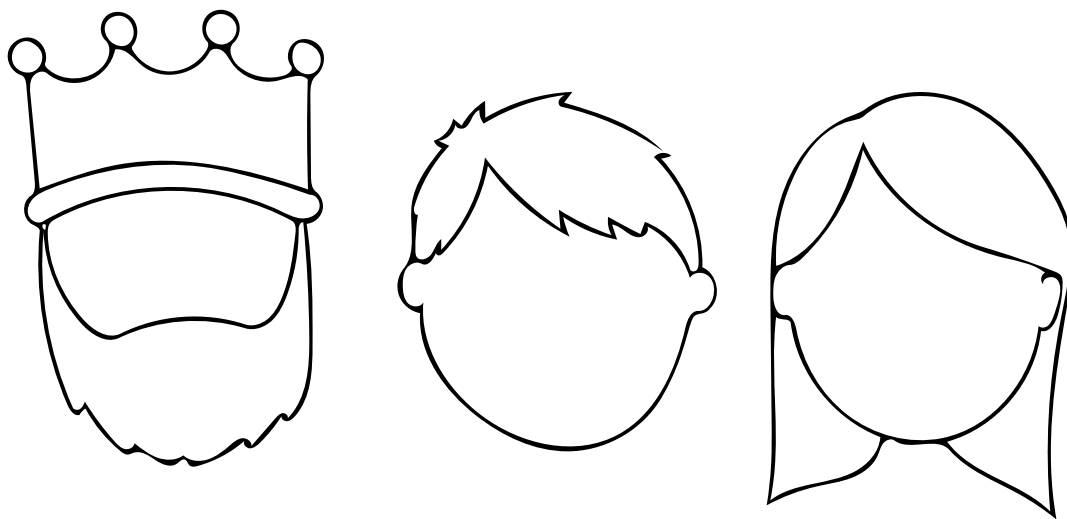
This time, Jonah obeyed God and went to Nineveh.

He told the people and the king that God wanted them to be sorry for their sin.

They prayed to God.

God knew they were sorry so He did not punish them.

Draw happy faces on the people of Nineveh to show that they now obey God.



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Marks (to be entered by leader)

Leader's comments:

Return your lessons to:

STORY 1: _____

STORY 2: _____

STORY 3: _____

STORY 4: _____

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