

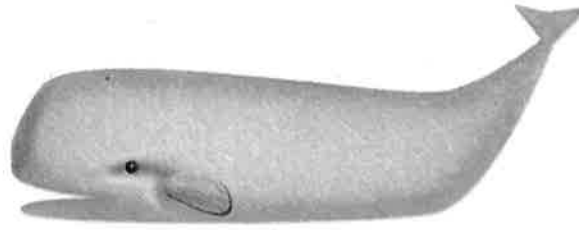
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3rd-5th Activities

The Story of Jonah and the Whale

Jonah 1-2



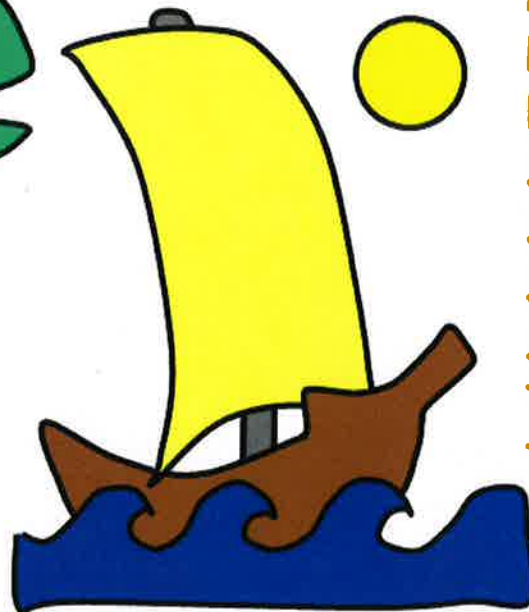
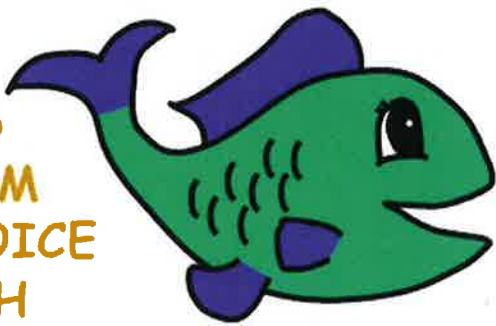
Fill in the blanks to uncover the sequence of events that happened to Jonah.

1. God told Jonah to go to _____, but Jonah decided to _____ from the Lord.
2. God sent a big _____ that threatened to _____ the ship Jonah was on.
3. Jonah was _____ during the storm.
4. The sailors decided that _____ was responsible for the storm because he _____ from God.
5. Jonah told the sailors to _____ him into the sea to _____ the storm.
6. A huge fish _____ Jonah and he spent _____ days and _____ nights in the belly of the fish.
7. While in the belly of the fish, Jonah _____.
The Lord _____ the fish and it _____ Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah Word Search

S E G B Z P N M V I W O F C C
G W A N F R B R J K B B O E S
T D A O I M E E O E Y F R E P
E R Q L L Y C P D H G O G R I
H Z H A L I A I E L T R I H T
P U C S O O E R J N P T V T A
O C V H H N W O P Z T Y E U C
R Y C G T I N E H E V E N I N
P F I S H A P G D L I S T E N
F I C D H M R O T S V E W A P

BAD
CALM
CHOICE
FISH
FORGIVEN
FORTY
JONAH
LISTEN
NINEVAH
OBEDIENT



PRAYING
PROPHET
REPENT
SHIP
SPIT
STORM
SWALLOWED
THORN
THREE

Bible Ball Balancing Bonanza

Supplies:

- Bibles
- Ping-Pong balls, 1 per team

Set Up: Make sure you have a clear space to play this game. This activity would work well outside.

Activity Instructions

SAY: In today's story, God used Jonah to encourage people to change from bad behavior to good. Sometimes the things God asks us to do are difficult, like telling someone they have to stop doing bad things. Other times it's easy, like telling people that God loves them. How do you share God's story with others? Allow time for kids to respond. Divide the group into three teams. Each person will need a Bible.

SAY: We're going to play a game that might be easy for some people and really hard for others. We're going to race from one end of the room to the other as if we're stuck in the whale with nothing better to do. We need to keep our spirits up while we're stuck in here for three days. To make the race interesting, you will need to balance a ball on a Bible while holding it with only one hand. Your other hand must be behind your back. If you drop the ball you must go back to the beginning and start over. The first team to get back and forth with every member wins. Remember, you have to keep the ball on the Bible all the way down and back. If someone is struggling, show them a trick of opening the Bible and putting the ball in the opening.

Talk about the difference between the two ways of balancing the ball. After the game, gather in a circle.

Ask: That was pretty hard, wasn't it? What made it easier? (opening the Bible) The Bible is filled with stories, isn't it? (yes) God's story is always there to help us, and God wants us to share that story. Now you know the story of Jonah and the Big Fish, and you know that you can tell God's story.