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# Preschool Activities

## **Fish, Fish, Whale**

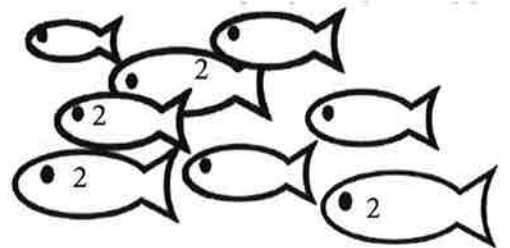
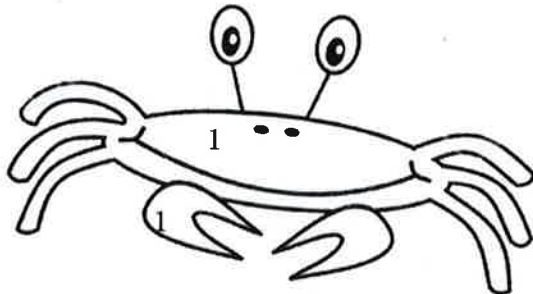
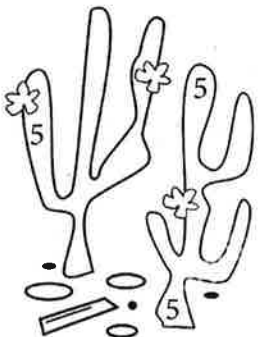
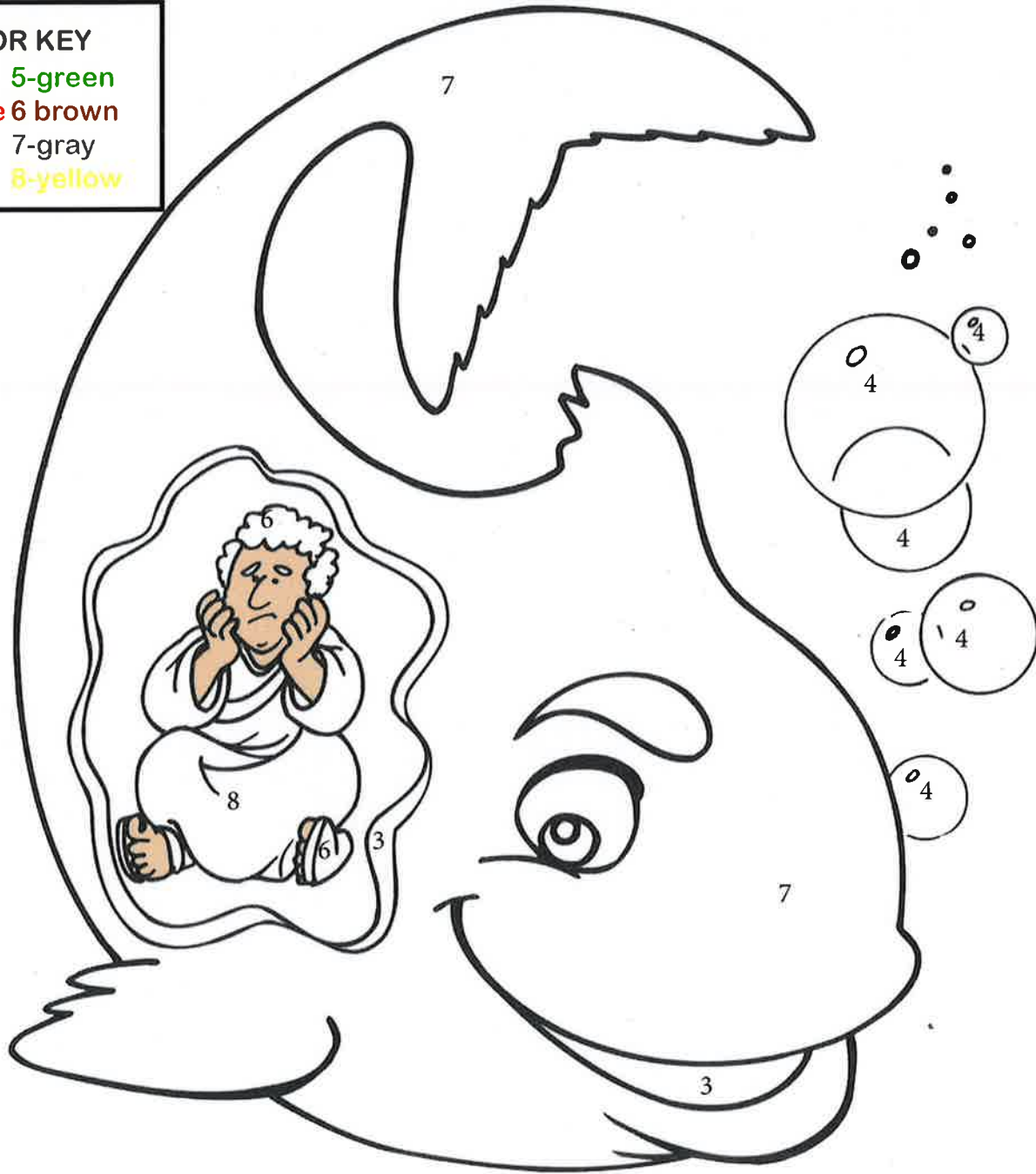
In a variation of the game Duck, Duck, Goose. The adult leader sets up a small tent, covers it with a bed sheet and makes eyes out of felt to represent a giant whale. Kids gather in a circle around the tent; one player at a time goes around the circle chanting, "Fish, fish, fish ... ." Finally he shouts, "Whale!" and the tagged person must get up and catch him before he sits down. If the "whale" succeeds in catching the person who tagged him, the first player goes into the tent and remains there until someone else is tagged.

# Jonah's Prayer Closet

Use the color key below to color the picture of Jonah while he's in the whale.

## COLOR KEY

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|----------|----------|
| 1-red    | 5-green  |
| 2-orange | 6 brown  |
| 3-pink   | 7-gray   |
| 4-blue   | 8-yellow |



## JONAH (SIDEWALK CHALK)

### **Materials:**

- Sidewalk Chalk

Watch the "Jonah" video together as a family. God used prophets to deliver messages. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and warn the people to change their wicked ways. Jonah was scared of the mean people in Nineveh, so he hitched a ride on a boat going in the opposite direction. The boat became caught in a storm. Jonah confessed that he was running away from God and the people in the boat threw him overboard. The storm stopped, and Jonah was swallowed by a huge fish. He lived inside the fish for three days. In the dark, slimy, smelly belly of the fish, Jonah prayed to God. The fish spit Jonah out onto the land, and Jonah went to Nineveh to deliver God's message.

**SAY:** There are a lot of lessons in this story but I want to highlight two key points. First, the fish did not swallow Jonah as punishment. God used the fish to protect Jonah from drowning. Jonah made a bad choice to run from God but when he confessed his sin, God saved him and gave him a second chance. Second, in the worst of times...inside the belly of the fish...Jonah prayed to God. God can use difficult times in our lives to get our attention, causing us to rely on him.

**ACTIVITY:** Do this activity on a driveway or playground. I am going to draw a big fish on the driveway. Every person will have a turn to lie down and be traced inside the big fish. While I'm tracing you, say a prayer to God thanking him for his love and protection.

Memorize

*When I'm in dismay*

*I can pray*

*Close in prayer*