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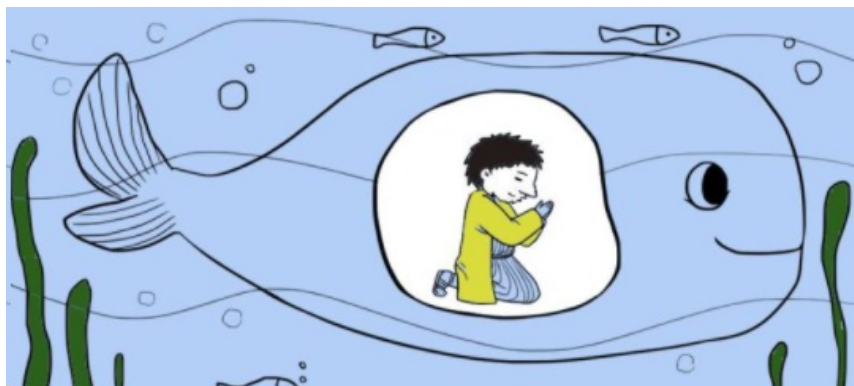


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VBS @ Home: The Sequel “Superhero Animals of the Bible”

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Day 2 The Big Fish



Welcome back!

In addition to today's story, crafts, activities and snacks, please join us online and check out the extras there.

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The Story - The Big Fish

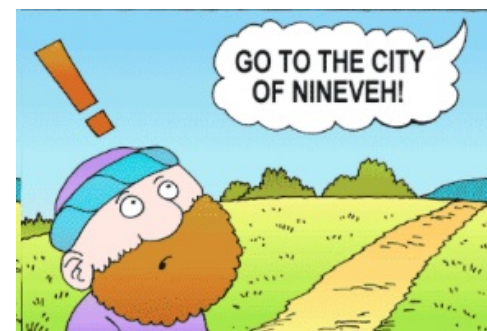
(based on Jonah 1 - 2, especially 1:17-2:10)

Superpower:

Can spit people a really far distance, also obedient to God.

God was very upset with the people of the city of Nineveh. They were not behaving in the loving, caring ways God wanted for them.

So God asked a man name Jonah to get up and go tell them that God wanted them to change how they were behaving.



Jonah did not want to be God's messenger, so instead of going to Nineveh, he got on a ship to go someplace else instead!

While Jonah was on the ship a huge storm came up. The wind and waves were so bad that the sailors were afraid that their ship would be destroyed. Jonah was taking a nap, and didn't even notice the storm.



The sailors asked Jonah to pray for them, but the storm kept getting worse.

Jonah had told them that he was running away from God's mission for him. They asked Jonah what they should do, and Jonah said "Throw me in the sea and the weather will calm down. It's my fault for trying to run away from what God wants me to do."

The sailors tried to row to land, but it was no use.

They didn't want Jonah to drown, but they were afraid they all would, so they finally threw Jonah in the sea, and the storm did indeed stop.



God sent a huge fish to swallow Jonah and save him from drowning.



Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of the big fish, praying all the time.

The big fish took Jonah to the shore and spit him out on dry land.



God reminded Jonah that he had a message to take to the people of Nineveh, so Jonah went and did as God had asked.

The people of Nineveh heard Jonah's message from God, and changed the way they were behaving.

How exciting that a big fish could rescue Jonah and spit him out on dry land to continue his work!

Thinking about the Story

Do you think it's possible to run away from God?

Have you ever been on a boat or ship in a storm? How did you feel?

What do you think it would be like to be inside a huge fish?

Do you know of animals whose job it is to save people, help people or keep people safe? How do they do that?

What prayer would you say if you were very afraid?

How would you tell someone about how God wants us to behave?
What are some of the things we should, and should not, do?

Prayer

God of the land and of the sea, thank you for your amazing creatures, and for the surprising ways they can help us. Help us to be the sort of people you want us to be, and to share that message with others. Amen.



Jonah Runs from God

The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." Jonah 1:1

The puzzle is based on Jonah 1:1 through 3:3.

A number of words have been removed from each sentence and listed below the sentence. Use the listed words to fill the blanks in the sentence.

God spoke to Jonah and told him to go preach in the city of _____.

Jonah got on a _____ heading in the opposite direction from where God told him to go.

God caused a great _____ to come upon the sea.

The sailors tossed Jonah into the sea to _____ the storm.

God sent a great _____ to swallow Jonah.

Jonah was in the fish for _____ days.

While in the fish, Jonah repented and promised to go _____ in Nineveh.

God caused the fish to spit Jonah out onto the _____.

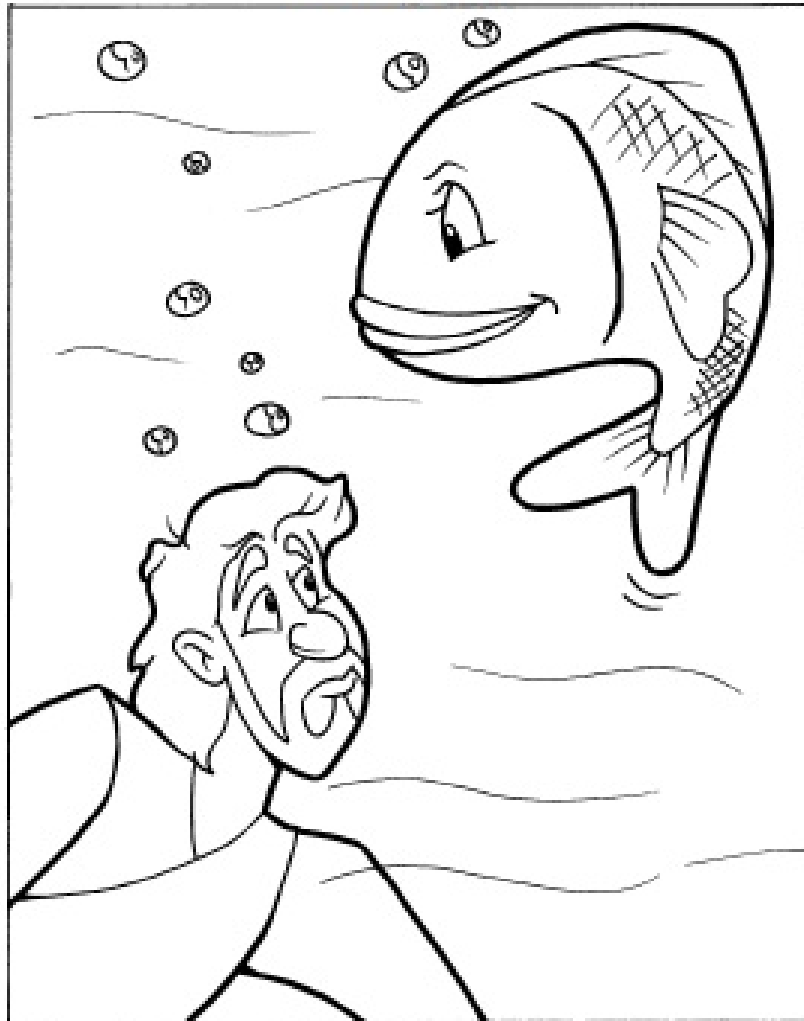
God spoke to Jonah a _____ time and told him to go to Nineveh.

This time, Jonah _____ God and went to Nineveh.

Nineveh	calm	obeyed	ship	three
fish	shore	second	storm	preach

JONAH AND THE GREAT FISH

(JONAH 1:1-3:3)



"Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."

JONAH 1 : 17

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Jonah Crossword



Word List:
 calm forty
 Nineveh ship
 obedient spit
 fish praying
 prophet three

Across

4. Jonah lived inside the belly of a fish for this number of days.
5. This is the number of days the people of Nineveh had to change and repent.
6. The fish did this to Jonah to get rid of him.
8. This is the name of the city Jonah was to send a message to.
10. Jonah spent most of his time inside the fish doing this.

Down

1. Jonah was swallowed by a very large ____.
2. It's better to be ____ to God than not to listen and go your own way.
3. Jonah was called this because he gave messages from the Lord.
7. Instead of going to Nineveh Jonah ran away on this instead.
9. The water became ____ as soon as Jonah was thrown overboard.