

Story 10: Jonah

Main Bible verse
[Jonah 4:11]

And shouldn't I show concern for the great city of Nineveh?
It has more than 120,000 people. They can't tell right from wrong.
Nineveh also has a lot of animals."

A long time ago in Israel there lived a man named Jonah. He was a preacher of the word of God.

One day, God came to Jonah and spoke to him.

"Jonah, go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it for its wickedness has come to my attention."

Nineveh was an extremely big city.

It was a strong city full of rich men, but the people of Nineveh did not love their neighbors.

They liked to live for themselves. So Jonah did not want to obey God's command.

Jonah ignored God's instructions and boarded a boat going to Tarshish instead of Nineveh.

The journey was progressing very smoothly when suddenly a violent storm arose!

The people on the boat decided to cast lots to find out who was responsible for the calamity.

They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. The people threw Jonah off the boat into the sea to calm the storm.

Surprisingly, as soon as they did this the wind and the sea calmed down.

Suddenly a very large fish came along and swallowed Jonah.

This fish had been sent by God. Jonah spent three nights and three days in the fish's belly.

God heard Jonah's prayer. On the third day, the fish spat Jonah out onto land.

Finally, Jonah was free from the fish's belly.

As God had first commanded, Jonah went to Nineveh and preached the word of God.

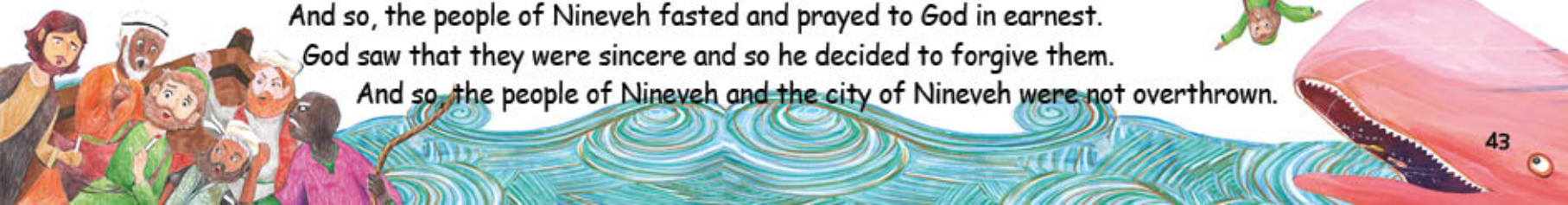
Jonah walked through the city all day long proclaiming the word of God.

The people of Nineveh heard him and were afraid.

And so, the people of Nineveh fasted and prayed to God in earnest.

God saw that they were sincere and so he decided to forgive them.

And so, the people of Nineveh and the city of Nineveh were not overthrown.



Activity 1.

Think about what we learned today, and color the picture below.



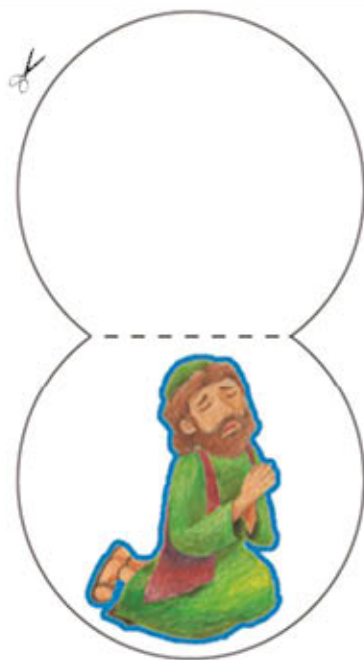
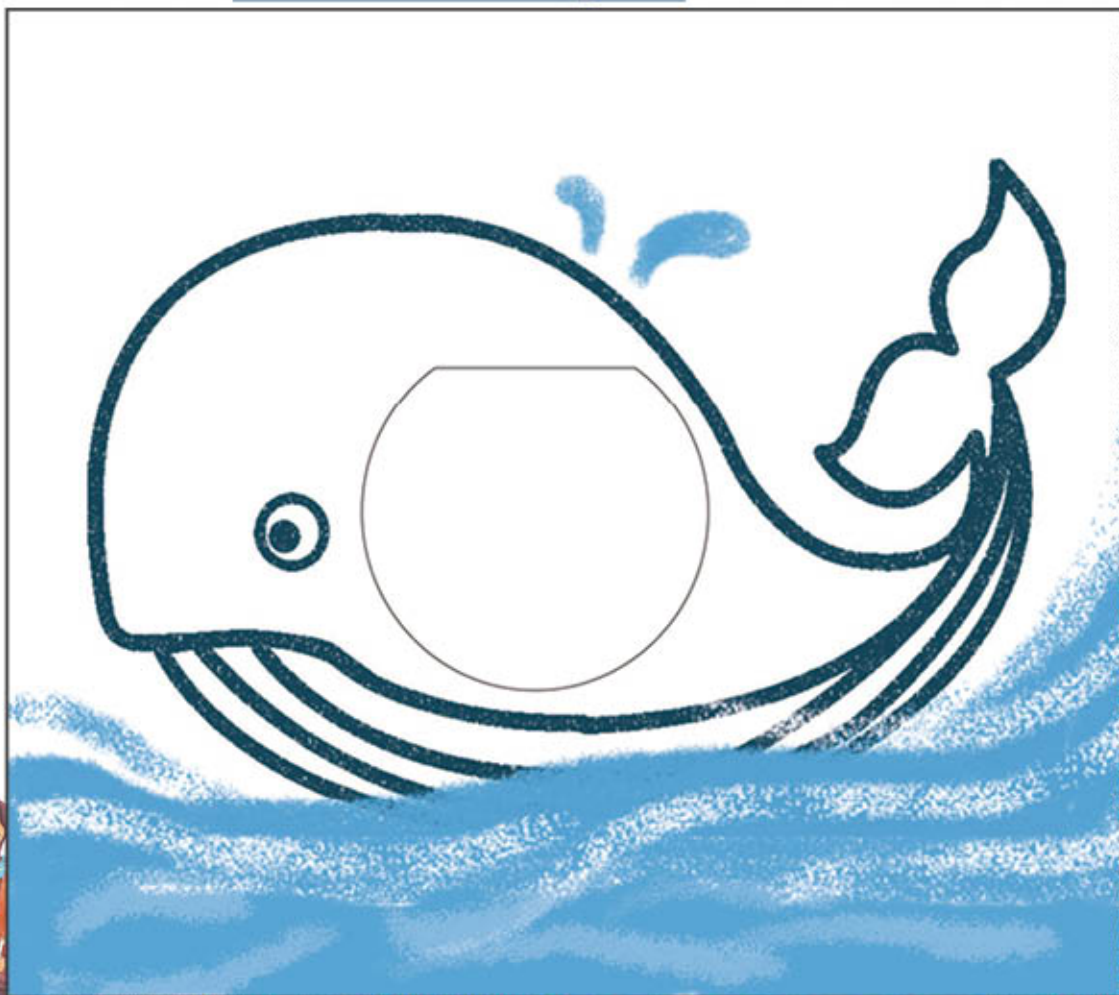
- Trace and memorize the Bible verse. (Jonah 4:11)

... shouldn't I show concern ... ?

Activity 2.

Cut out the image of Jonah and glue it to the belly of the big fish.

Materials: Scissors, glue.



Finished image





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