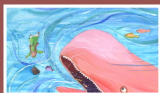




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Jonah

Narration A long time ago in Israel lived a man named Jonah. He was a preacher of the word of God. One day, God came to Jonah and spoke to him.

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

Narration Nineveh was an extremely big city. It was a strong country full of rich men. But the people of Nineveh did not love their neighbours but liked to live for themselves. Jonah did not want to obey God's command.

Jonah That city is filled with evil men. They deserve to suffer and if I don't preach to them, God will punish them all as he wishes...

Narration 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!

People Ahhhhh! Ahhhh!! Help us!! God must be extremely angry!! There cannot be any other reason!! Let's find out who has made God so angry! Yes, let's!!

Narration 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.

Jonah Oh dear.. the truth is.. the Lord, whom I serve, has sent this storm. Throw me into the sea, then the sea will calm down.

Narration The people threw Jonah off the boat into the sea to calm the storm. Surprisingly, as soon as they did, 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 four days in the fish's belly.

Jonah Lord, I have sinned. Please forgive me and save me!



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Narration God heard Jonah's prayer. On the fourth 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 Everyone, in forty days God will overthrow Nineveh.

Narration 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.

People Lord, please forgive us for our sins and please do not overthrow this city.

Narration 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.