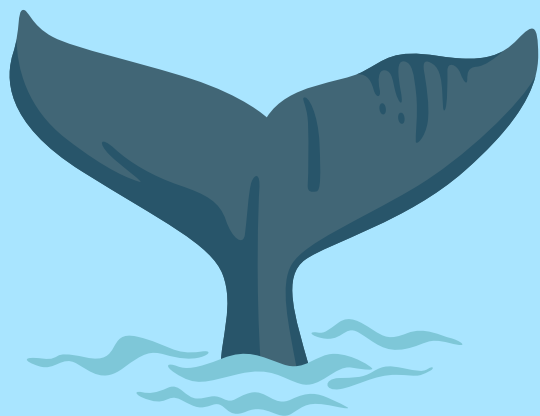




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*October 11
Toddlers*

REMINDERS

- As kids arrive, be sure they are engaged in an activity. For any sad toddlers, try to engage them as quickly as possible.
- Limit TV to 1-2 songs over the course of the service. Sing along with them! Be careful not to rely on screens for the whole morning.
- Coloring sheets are always available. Please watch closely to make sure crayons don't go in mouths.
- Remove name tags when they leave.
- For the next 6 weeks we are going to be in the book of Jonah. We will read different story books to keep reinforcing the story.

STORY & SNACK TIME

- About halfway through the service, gather the kids to pray and eat snack together.
- Read Jonah and the Very Big Fish from the marked pages. We won't read the whole thing but stop before he gets swallowed by the fish. The last sentence says, "God had not finished with grumpy Jonah yet..." Talk about what they think might come next in the story! Come back next week to hear more about Jonah!
- Not all kids will listen the whole time, and that's okay. Still take time to read the story while they eat.

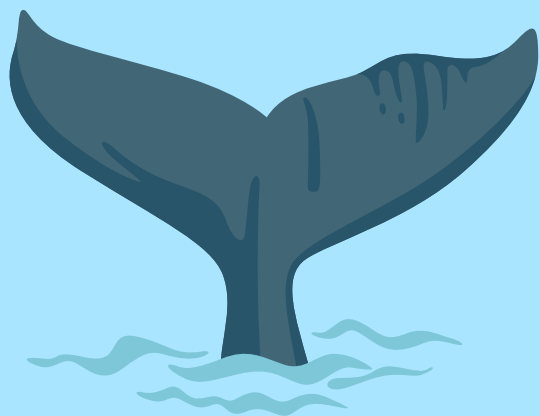
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October 11
3-5a

OPENING OPTIONS (first 25 minutes)

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- Jonah going overboard: Kids can color and glue their “boat”. They can add storm clouds and rain. Remind kids of the memory verse. “God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.”

CLEAN UP SONG and BIBLE BOX

- About 25 minutes into the service, play clean up song and gather kids on carpet.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Pray on the carpet and head into snack time.

SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack as soon as they return
- Snack Discussion: We talked about God always being with us today. Can you think of some times that you are so thankful that God is with you? (give some suggestions to get them going)

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

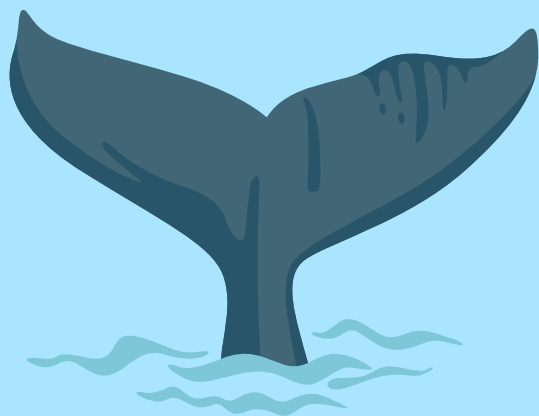
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October 11
Bible Box

Hey friends, I'm so glad you came to church today!

Let's play a game called God Says and they have to do what God Says.

God Says stand up.

God Says put your hands on your head.

God Says put your hands down.

God Says sit down.

God says put your hands in your lap.

(feel free to add some others)

You did a great job doing what God Says! When you do what someone asks you to do, that's called obeying.

God asked Jonah to do something important, let's find out if Jonah obeyed God and did what God asked Him to do!

The people in Nineveh were very mean. Everyone made scared faces.

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell them He was going to destroy their city.

Jonah was scared. He was afraid of the people in Nineveh. Jonah did not do what God asked him to do. Jonah ran away and hid on a boat that was going far away.

Instead of obeying God, Jonah ran away! He got on a boat and sailed far across the sea. God saw Jonah on the boat. Use hands to make binoculars.

Then a big storm came! Slap your legs to make rain.

The sailors were so scared! Jonah knew the storm was because he did not obey God. Jonah told the sailors to throw him off the boat. Pretend to throw something over your head.

The sailors threw Jonah into the water. Clap your hands loudly. And just like that, the storm stopped.

Did Jonah obey God?

Everyone shake your head NO!

Jonah did not obey God!

And that made God sad.

Everyone make a sad face.

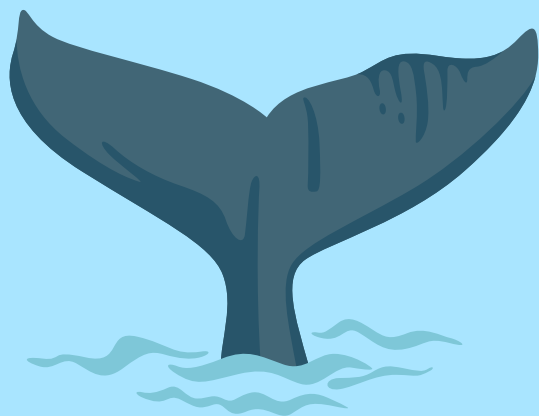
Now Jonah is in the middle of the ocean! But God still loves Jonah and is going to take care of him. Come back next week to find out what happens to Jonah in the sea!

Optional Song: Runaway Jonah (Tune: London Bridge)

Jonah sailed across the sea, on a boat, on a boat.

Jonah chose to run away, but he can't hide from God!

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for showing us how listen and obey you. Help us remember that you are always with us and help us make good choices. Amen.



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*October 11
Kinder / 1st*

OPENING OPTIONS

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WORSHIP and STORYTIME

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SMALL GROUP TIME (upon returning to your classroom, gather immediately on the carpet for small group time; you may not use all the questions, go through what you are able to)

- What was Jonah doing instead of obeying God in our Bible story today? (He was running away from God)
- What was happening while Jonah was on the ship? (There was a huge storm)
- How did the sailors figure out that Jonah was the reason for the storm? (They cast lots which is like rolling the dice or picking randomly)
- What did Jonah tell the sailors to do and why? (Throw him into the sea. Jonah said that would calm the sea. And it did!)
- Who was really in control of the storm? (God)
- What did the sailors do when they saw God's power? (They worshiped God and promised to serve Him)
- When you make a mistake do you try to hide from God? (answers will vary but help them to be honest)
- When we make a mistake, do we need to hide from God? Why? (Nope! God already knows what we did, and He still loves us no matter what)
- What should we do when we make a wrong choice? (Tell the truth, take responsibility, ask for forgiveness, and turn to God)
- What does it mean that God is our "refuge"? (God is our safe place. We can go to Him when we are scared or in trouble)
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CLOSING OPTIONS

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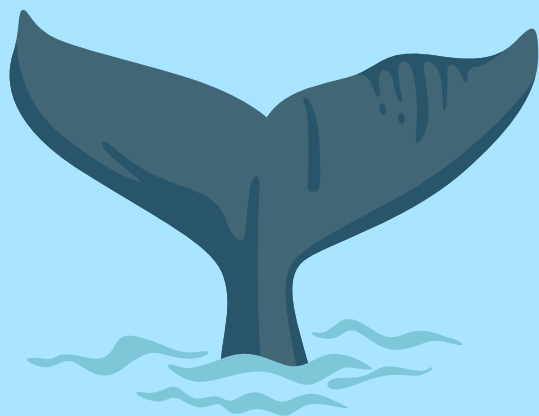
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October 11
2nd-3rd

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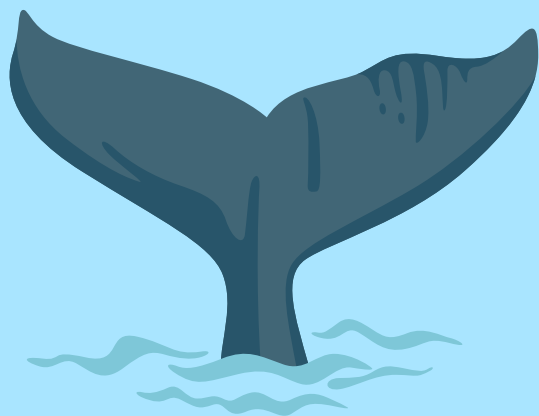
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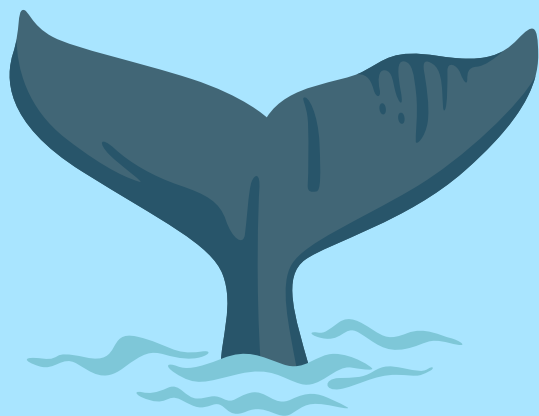
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October 11th
4th and 5th

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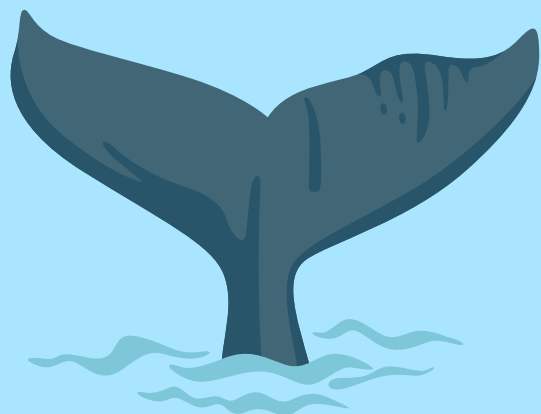
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Schedule

October 4 - Jonah 1:1-6

October 11- Jonah 1:7-16

October 18 - Jonah 1:17-2:10

October 25 - Jonah 3:1-4

November 1- Jonah 3:5-10

November 8- Jonah 4

Storm or Safe Harbor

Directions for Kids

1. We will read a scenario.
2. You must decide if the person in the scenerio is headed towards a **STORM** by making a bad choice or a **SAFE HARBOR** by turning to God and doing the right thing.
3. Some scenarios might be tricky and could be either.
4. Think about why you are choosing a side because some of you will need to defend your answer!

Scenerios

1. You accidentally leave your homework at home. You tell your teacher the truth instead of making up an excuse. SAFE HARBOR
2. You get in trouble for something your friend actually did, so you stay quiet because you don't want to get involved. STORM
3. You say something mean to your brother, but you think, "It's not that big of a deal. I'll just pretend it didn't happen." STORM
4. You know you made a bad choice, but you're afraid God will be disappointed in you, so you avoid praying about it. STORM
5. You mess up, confess what you did, and ask God to help you make it right. SAFE HARBOR
6. Your friend hurts your feelings. Instead of getting revenge, you pray and ask God to help you respond the right way. SAFE HARBOR
7. You tell the truth about what happened, but only because you know you'll get caught if you lie. STORM
Could be tricky- telling the truth is good, but our heart and reason for doing it matter.
8. You make a mistake and think, "God already knows, so I might as well be honest with Him." SAFE HARBOR
9. You're nervous about a test, so you pray, study, and trust God with the outcome. SAFE HARBOR
10. You know you should apologize, but you keep thinking, "They were wrong first, so they should apologize to me." STORM
11. You do something wrong and immediately start thinking of excuses so nobody will blame you. STORM
12. You're embarrassed about something you did, but you decide to talk to a trusted adult and ask God for help. SAFE HARBOR
13. You make a mistake. You pray and ask God to forgive you, but you don't tell anyone else because you're embarrassed. STORM or SAFE HARBOR- Could be either. If someone was hurt or you need to make something right, you may need to take responsibility with them too. Going to God is right, but sometimes we also need to make things right with the people involved.
14. You're in trouble and pray, "God, please get me out of this!" but you don't want to admit that your own choices caused the problem. STORM- You're talking to God, but you're still avoiding responsibility.
15. You confess your mistake to God, but you still feel embarrassed and wish you could hide what happened. SAFE HARBOR- Feeling embarrassed isn't running from God. Choosing to turn toward Him is what matters.
16. You apologize to someone, but you're mostly doing it because you don't want to get in trouble. STORM- Apologizing is the right thing to do but we have to remember the heart behind it.
17. You make a mistake and think, "I've messed up too badly. God probably doesn't want to hear from me." STORM- Our mistakes are not a reason to run FROM God, we can run TO God.
18. You know you made a wrong choice, so you pray, "God, I messed up. Please forgive me and help me make a better choice next time." SAFE HARBOR
19. You're having a difficult day, and instead of praying, you complain to everyone around you, but eventually you remember you can ask God for help. SAFE HARBOR- The important part is that you eventually turn TO God.
20. You're afraid that telling the truth will have consequences, but you decide to tell the truth anyway and trust God with what happens next. SAFE HARBOR

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