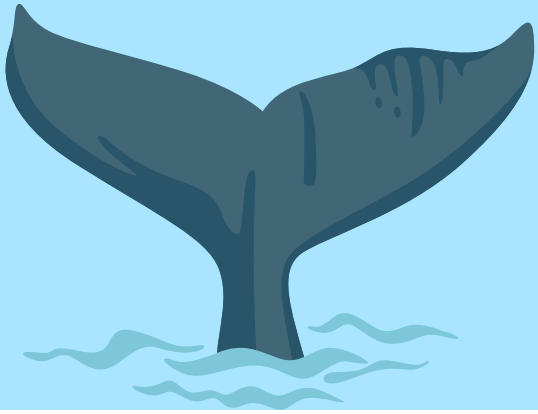


The Book Of Jonah

November 1
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 Big Fish* in the Beginners Bible page 257. Focus on Jonah made a mistake and ran from God the first time but God gave Him a second chance to obey. God loves us and cares for us so much!
- Finish up storytime with a song on Youtube. Jonah's Song by Saddleback Kids.
- Not all kids will listen the whole time, and that's okay. Still take time to read the story while they eat.

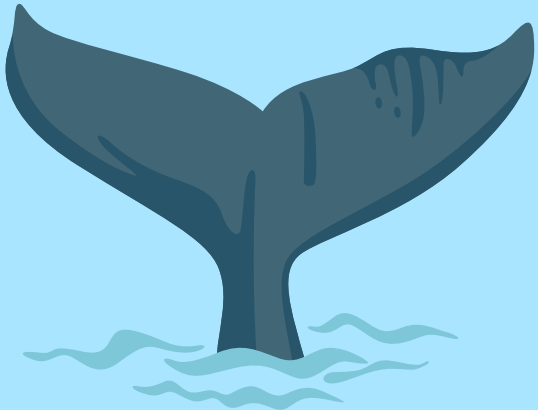
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November 1
3-5s

OPENING OPTIONS (first 25 minutes)

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- Use a heart shape and stickers to create a colorful collage reminding us how much God loves us and forgives us! Jonah received a second chance, and we can receive forgiveness when we turn to God, too. God asks us to repent, which means turning away from our wrong choices and turning toward Him. No matter what mistakes we make, we can come to God, confess our sins, and trust in His great mercy!

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've been learning all about Jonah. What happened when Jonah went to Ninevah? (talk about second chances and how God loves everyone so much and wants us to repent- to turn to God when we make mistakes)

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

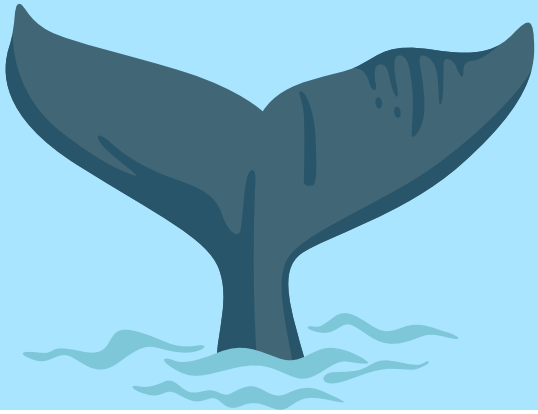
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November 1 Bible Box

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

We've been talking about one guy the last few weeks. Anyone remember his name? *Allow kids to answer.* Jonah! Let's remember where we are at in the story. God told Jonah to go to a big city called Nineveh and tell the people to stop doing bad things and turn back to God.

At first, Jonah didn't want to obey God and he ran the other direction. But after a big fish swallowed Jonah, Jonah prayed, and God gave him a second chance! Jonah went to Nineveh and shared God's message with the people.

(Hold up the crown) The king of Nineveh heard God's message, too! He knew that he and the people had done wrong things. The king told everyone to stop doing bad things and pray to God. The people listened! They were sorry for their sin, and they wanted to turn away from doing wrong.

(Hold up the sad face) Have you ever done something wrong? Maybe you didn't listen to your mom or dad, took a toy from a friend, or said something unkind. We all make wrong choices sometimes. When we do, God wants us to tell Him we're sorry and turn back to Him.

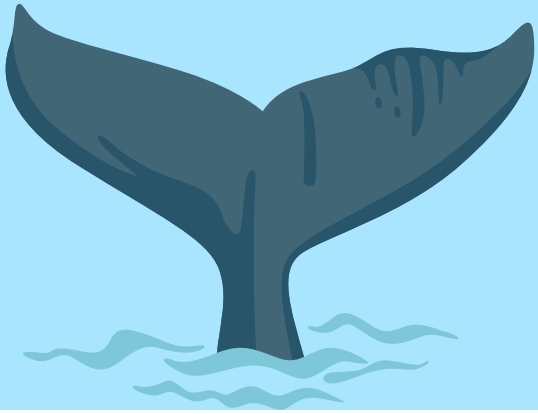
(Hold up the happy face) Now here's the great news! When God saw that the people of Nineveh were turning away from their wrong choices, He showed them mercy and forgave them! God did not destroy their city. God loved the people of Nineveh, even though they had done many wrong things.

God loves to forgive us when we turn to Him! We don't have to hide when we make a mistake. We can tell God what we did wrong, ask for forgiveness, and ask Him to help us make better choices. And guess what? God's love and forgiveness are for everyone! Even people who have done lots of wrong things can turn to God and receive His mercy.

The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful … and will forgive us our sins."

Before we pray we are going to watch and sing a short song about Jonah. Play Jonah's Song by Saddleback Kids.

Prayer: Thank you, God, for loving us and always forgiving us. Help us to always turn to you! Amen



The Book Of Jonah

November 1
Kinder / 1st

OPENING OPTIONS

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WORSHIP and STORTYTIME

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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)

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- What did the people of Nineveh do when they heard God's message? (They believed God and turned away from their wrong choices)
- Did the king of Nineveh listen to God's message? (Yes! He humbled himself and told the people to turn away from their evil ways)
- What did God do when He saw that the people turned away from their sin? (God showed them mercy and did not destroy their city) Follow up question- What is mercy? (Showing kindness and compassion instead of giving someone the punishment they deserve)
- What does it mean to repent? (To be sorry for our sin, turn away from it, and turn back to God)
- Does God want us to hide our mistakes from Him? (No! We can tell God honestly when we have done wrong)
- Read 1 John 1:9, what does God promise when we confess our sins? (He promises to forgive us and make us clean from our sin)
- What is the best choice to do when you disobey your parents or make a wrong choice? (Admit what I did, confess my sin to God, ask for forgiveness, and repent or turn towards God. Stop making that choice in the future)
- If you say you're sorry for taking a toy from someone, what could you do to show that you really want to change? (Give the toy back, apologize, and ask before taking something next time)
- What if someone in your class has been unkind but then says they're sorry and tries to change? How can you respond? (Forgive them, choose kindness and be happy that they chose to make a change)
- Is anyone too far gone for God's love and mercy? (No! God offers forgiveness to everyone who turns to Him)
- What is one thing you can remember this week when you make a mistake? (I can tell God the truth, repent, ask for forgiveness, and trust that He loves me)

Memory Verse

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- Kids can work on their memory verse throughout the morning and get a prize during the last 10 minutes of class
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CLOSING OPTIONS

- Finish craft
- Work on memory verse

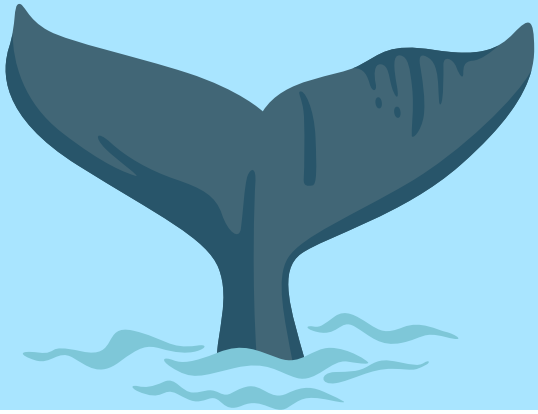
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November 1
2nd-3rd

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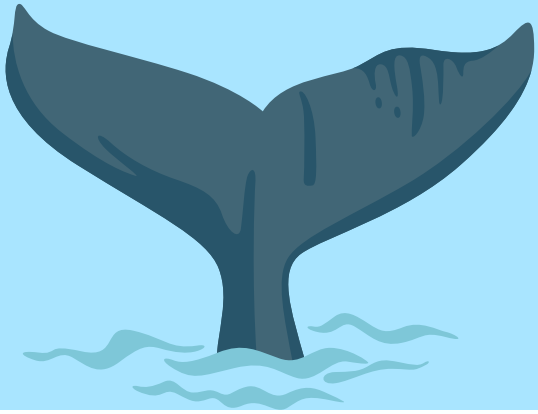
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November 1 3rd

OPENING OPTIONS

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- What is the difference between simply feeling sorry and truly repenting? (Feeling sorry is recognizing that we did something wrong. Repenting means turning away from our sin and choosing to follow God)
- Why do you think God gave the people of Nineveh mercy even though they had done so many wrong things? (God is compassionate and merciful. He welcomed their response when they turned away from their sin)
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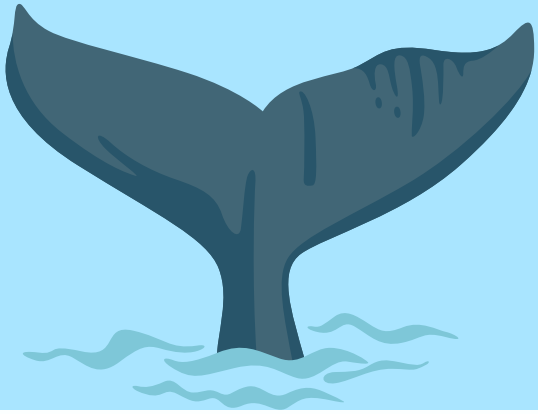
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November 1 4th and 5th

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