

JONAH & THE WHALE ACTIVITY

God wants us to listen to him, to trust in him and to be kind and forgiving to others. He wants to be part of our lives.

Paper Bag Fish

Make a big fish to remind yourself that God will not give up on you just like He didn't give up on Jonah.

You will need:

Old newspapers

A large paper bag

Coloured paper

A large rubber band

Scissors

Glue

Paint or felt pens

Glitter or sequins or anything else you have to decorate in a craft box

- Find a good place to do your art work.
- Cover your paper bag with paint or felt pen the colour you want your fish to be.
- Add glitter or other decorations.
- Screw up pieces of newspaper and loosely fill up your paper bag with your scrunchies.
- Pull the top of the paper bag together and tie it with the rubber band. Fan the end out to look like the tail of a fish.
- Turn the other end of your paperbag into the fish's face. Make sure you paint on two eyes and a huge mouth.
- Cut out a large fin (the dorsal fin) and a smaller fin to stick on each side of your fish from the coloured paper. If you wanted to you could fold the large fin into a fan shape before you stick it on.
- Place your fish in a special place where you can look at it and be reminded that:

God loves you and wants you to trust in him and obey him but even when we find that hard to do he still loves us and won't give up on us.



Activities that help to understand the whole of the story of Jonah and the Whale

Tell the story of Jonah and the whale through Emojis



You will need:

Sheets of white paper folded into a booklet

Circles to draw round

Coloured pencils



Tell the story of Jonah and the whale through drawing emojis.

Try to make your emojis look:

Grumpy – Jonah not listening to God's instruction

Mad – Jonah refusing to go to Ninevah

Scared – Jonah afraid of the people of Ninevah

Hopeful – Jonah running away hoping that God will choose someone else

Tired – Jonah on the board the ship feeling tired after running away from God

Afraid – Jonah afraid in the boat in the storm

Surprised – Jonah surprised when the sailors threw him into the sea

Anxious – Jonah felt worried in the whale

Prayerful – Jonah prayed to god while in the whale

Happy – God told the whale to spit out Jonah onto dry land and Jonah was glad

Embarrassed – Jonah was embarrassed at the way he looked and the way that he had behaved

Thankful – Jonah praised God for saving him and promised to go to Ninevah

Smiley – Jonah telling the people of Ninevah all about God



Can you answer these questions about the story of Jonah and the Whale?

What did God want Jonah to do?

What did Jonah do?

Why didn't Jonah want to go to Ninevah?

What happened to Jonah on the ship?

What happened when Jonah was thrown overboard?

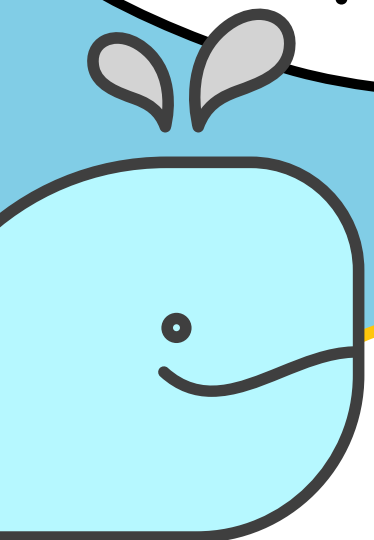
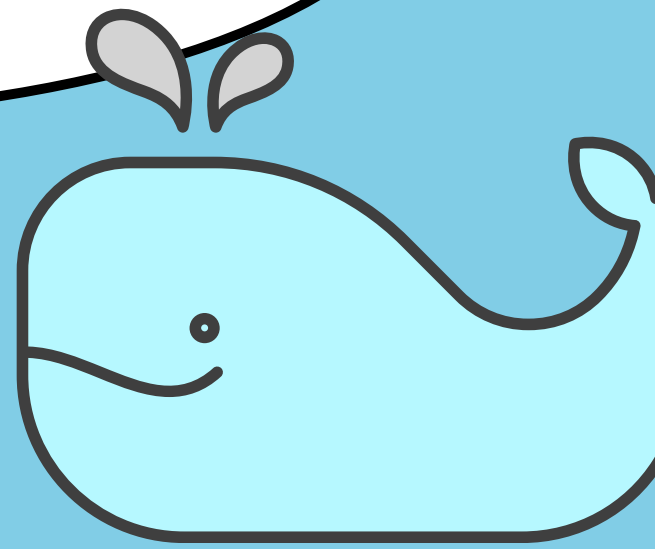
What did Jonah do inside the fish?

What did Jonah do after the fish had spat him out?

How did the people of Ninevah feel when Jonah told them about God?

What does God want us to do when we do something wrong?

What does God do when we are sorry ask him to forgive us?



Jonah and the whale word search

- Jonah
- Ship
- Whale
- Believe
- Storm
- Swallow
- Sea
- Fish



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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