

# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is mercy? How has God shown us mercy?
- What can you do when someone opposes you because of Jesus?
- Challenge each person to tell one person about Jesus this week. Discuss what you might say.

# Jonah, Prophet to Nineveh

Jonah

**STORY POINT: GOD LOVES ALL PEOPLE AND SHOWED MERCY TO THE NINEVITES.**

God told Jonah, "Go to the great city of Nineveh. Tell them to stop doing evil things." Jonah did not want to go. He got on a boat heading the other way! God sent a terrible storm, and the sailors were afraid. The sailors asked Jonah, "Who are you? What are you doing here?"

Jonah replied, "I worship the one true God who made everything."

The sailors did not know what to do, so Jonah told them to throw him into the sea. When they did, the storm stopped. God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah prayed and thanked God for sending the fish to save him. Then the fish vomited Jonah onto dry land.

God told Jonah, "Go to Nineveh and preach My message." So Jonah went. He shouted God's message: "In 40 days, Nineveh will be destroyed!"

The people turned from their evil ways. Even the king repented. God decided not to destroy Nineveh.

"I knew it!" Jonah said. "You are a gracious God. I knew You would decide to not destroy Nineveh. I am so mad!"

"Is it right for you to be angry?" God asked.

"Yes!" Jonah said.

God said, "Nineveh is a big city with thousands of people. I created them and care about them."

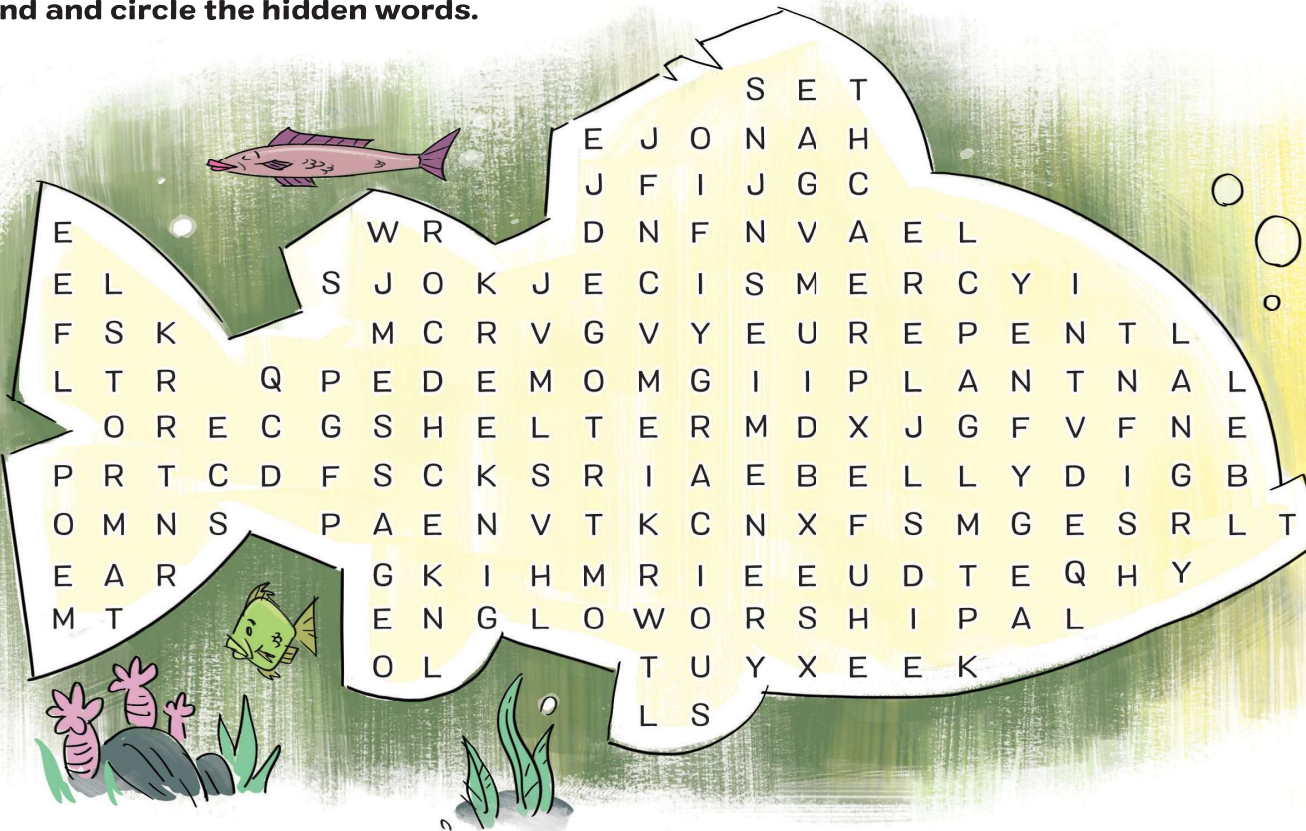
*Christ Connection: God called Jonah to go to his enemies and call them to turn away from their sin, but Jonah refused. Instead, he ran away. Later, God sent Jesus to His enemies to call us to repentance. Jesus willingly obeyed. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin.*



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# Underwater Word Search

Find and circle the hidden words.



## WORD LIST

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|----------|---------|
| ANGRY    | MERCY   |
| BELLY    | MESSAGE |
| DESTROY  | NINEVEH |
| ENEMIES  | PLANT   |
| FISH     | PREACH  |
| GRACIOUS | REPENT  |
| HOT      | SHELTER |
| JONAH    | STORM   |
| LOTS     | WORM    |
| LOVING   | WORSHIP |



## THE STORY OF JONAH

Correct each sentence by choosing a word from the word list to replace the underlined word.

- God told the prophet Jonah, "Go to the great city of Jerusalem. Tell them to stop doing evil things." \_\_\_\_\_
- Instead, Jonah got in a boat going the other way. God sent a rainbow, and the sailors were afraid. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jonah told the sailors to throw him into the sea. God sent a big octopus to swallow Jonah. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jonah was in the tail of the fish three days and three nights. \_\_\_\_\_
- The fish vomited Jonah onto dry land. God told Jonah, "Go to Nineveh and preach My dreams." \_\_\_\_\_
- So Jonah went. The people turned from their evil ways and God decided not to invade Nineveh. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jonah was so happy. He sat outside the city to see what God would do. \_\_\_\_\_
- God provided a plant for Jonah, but the next day God sent a snake that attacked the plant. \_\_\_\_\_
- God said, "Aren't the people and animals in Nineveh more important than a party?" \_\_\_\_\_
- Many years later, God sent Jesus to His friends to call us to repentance. \_\_\_\_\_