

Jonah

God told His prophet Jonah to go preach to the wicked city of Ninevah (show on map) and tell them to change their evil ways. Jonah did NOT want to preach to the people of Ninevah so he got on a ship that was sailing to Tarshish (show on map).

God sent a terrible storm after the ship and all the sailors were afraid. They tried to make the ship lighter by throwing things overboard so the ship wouldn't sink. They prayed to their false gods. Finally, the captain woke Jonah up and asked him to call on his God.

Jonah told the sailors that his God was the true God and had created everything. The sailors were afraid because they knew that Jonah was trying to run away from God.

The storm grew worse, so Jonah told the men they would have to throw him overboard to calm the storm. When they threw him into the sea, the storm calmed. A great fish came and swallowed Jonah up!

For 3 days and 3 nights, Jonah prayed to God from the belly of the great fish while it swam in the deep sea. God heard Jonah and had the great fish vomit Jonah onto dry land.

AGAIN, God told Jonah to go to Ninevah and preach. This time Jonah obeyed. He told the people of Ninevah that if they didn't change their evil ways, God would destroy the city in 40 days. The people of Ninevah showed they were sorry so God did not destroy the city.

Jonah became very angry that God would not destroy the city because he didn't want them to be saved. God asked Jonah if he had a right to be angry.

While Jonah was watching to see what would happen to the city, God caused a vine to grow and shade Jonah. Jonah was very happy. Then God sent a worm to destroy the vine and Jonah got angry.

This was a lesson for Jonah because he worried about a plant that he didn't work hard to cause to grow. God told Jonah that there were many people in the city that didn't know which way they should behave and Jonah should have pity on them and want them to be saved.

Main Points:

1. We can't escape God.
2. If we disobey we will be punished.
3. If we change our wicked ways, God will do good things for us.
4. We should be glad when people change their evil ways so that they can enjoy good things from God

The Who Did Swallow Jonah Song

Jonah Attitude Song

(To the tune of : London Bridges Falling Down)

Jonah had a bad attitude

When God saved the city

Of Ninevah.

God sent a vine and then

Took it away

To teach Jonah.

Lesson 1 Questions: The Book of Jonah

1. Did Jonah go preach to the people of Ninevah when God asked him?

Yes

No

2. When God sent the storm after Jonah, who were the sailors praying to?

God

false gods

3. What did Jonah do while he was in the belly of the great fish?

Sleep

pray

4. Did Jonah obey the second time he was asked to go preach?

Yes

No

5. Did the people of Ninevah repent and say they were sorry?

Yes

No

6. Was Jonah angry or happy that the people changed their wicked ways?

Happy

Angry

7. God used a vine to teach Jonah a lesson. Was God happy with Jonah?

Yes

No

8. Can we escape God if we don't want to obey Him?

Yes

No

9. If we disobey God, will we be punished?

Yes

No

10. If we change our wicked ways, will God do good things for us?

Yes

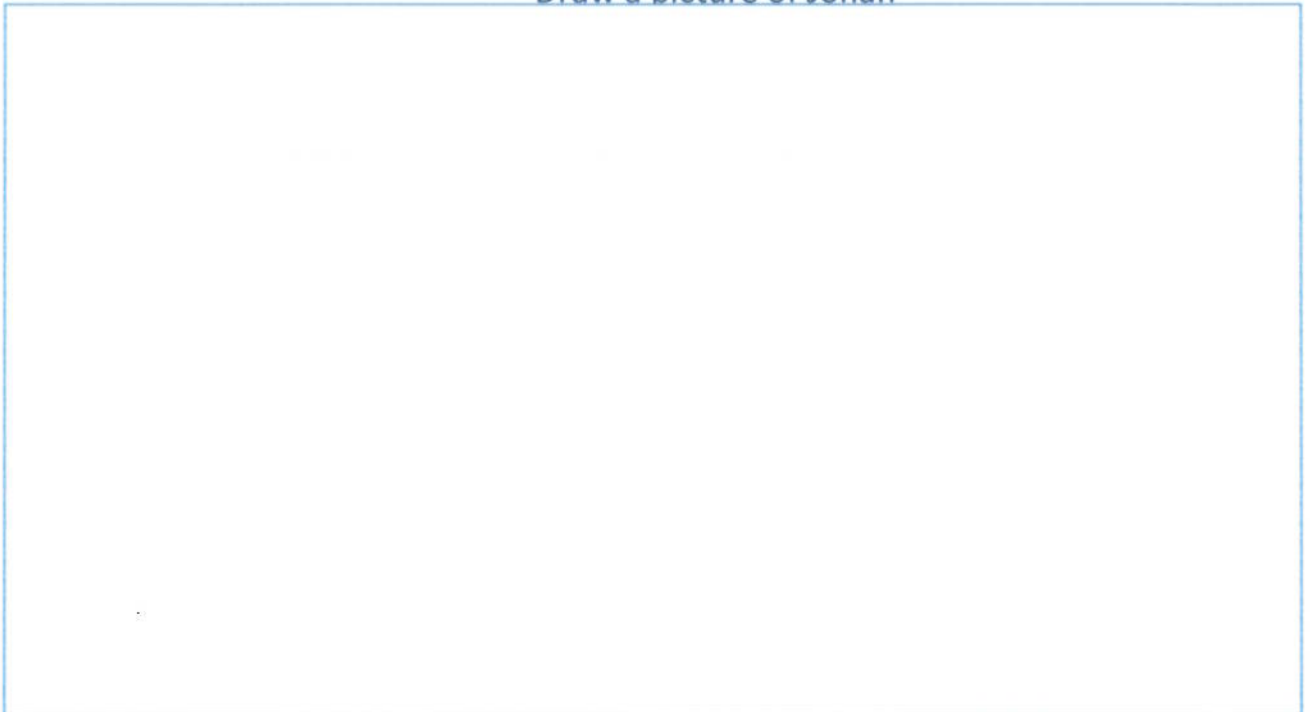
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11. Should we be angry when people change their wicked ways and obey God?

Yes

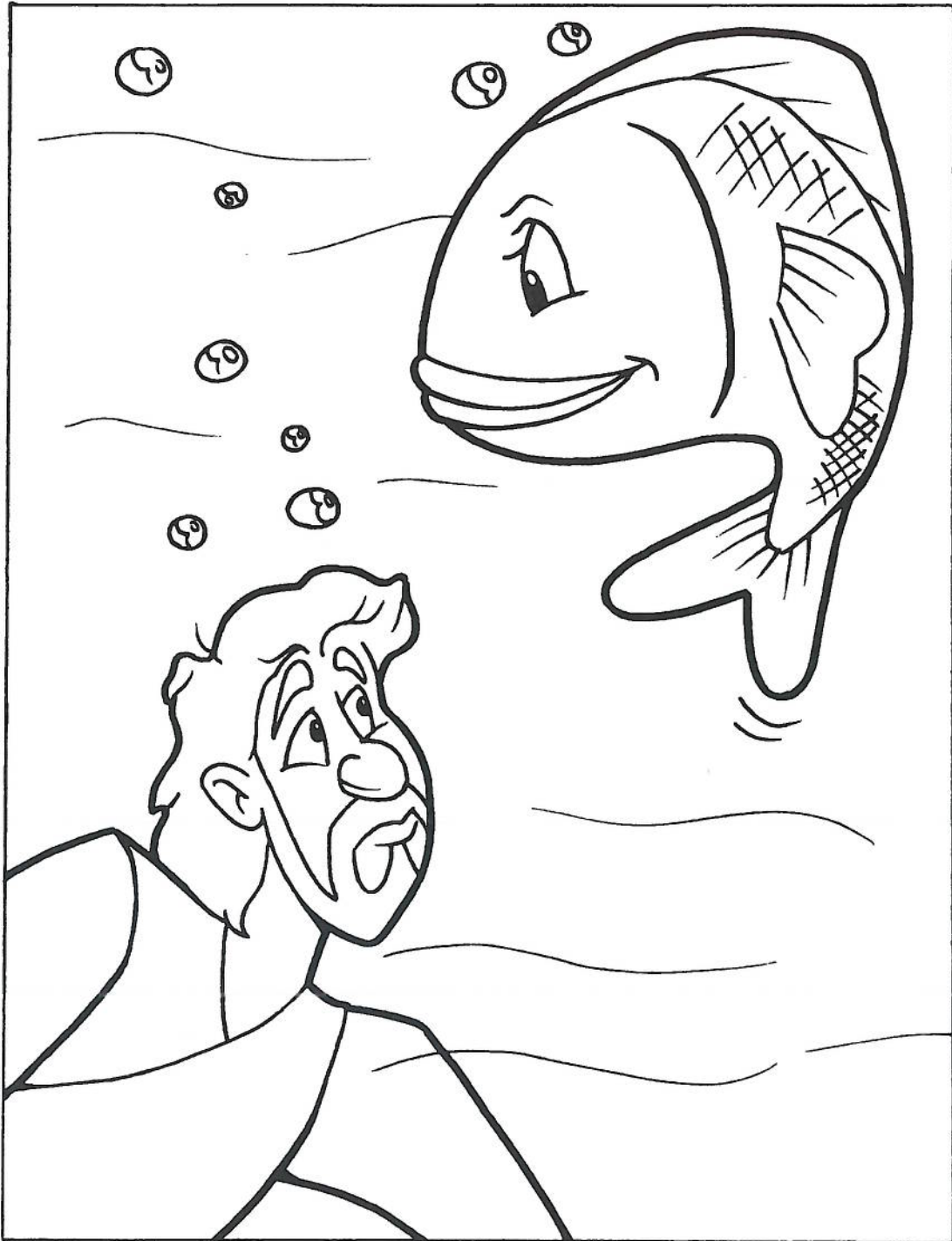
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Draw a picture of Jonah

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin blue border, intended for a drawing of the prophet Jonah.

161. JONAH AND THE GREAT FISH

(JONAH 1:1-2:10)



“So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.”

JONAH 1 : 15

“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