

PRESCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK'S STORY:

Jonah

UNIT: The Old Testament

UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

"Call to me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things that you do not know."

JEREMIAH 33:3

TEACHING TRUTH:

God wants us to listen and obey

READ: Jonah 1 and 3

OPTIONAL: "God's Messenger" (pages 160-169) from [The Jesus Storybook Bible](#)

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. What did God want Jonah to do? *(He wanted Jonah to go tell the people of Nineveh that God would forgive them if they asked because He loved them.)*
2. What happened when Jonah got on the boat? *(There was a huge, scary storm.)* What happened after Jonah was thrown overboard? *(God stopped the storm and sent a big fish to swallow Jonah.)*
3. What did Jonah do after the big fish spit him up? *(Jonah obeyed and went to Nineveh to give them God's message.)*

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. How do you think Jonah felt when he was in the belly of the fish? *(Jonah was sorry for not obeying God and going to Nineveh right away like God told him to.)*
2. What do you think God wants us to learn from this story? *(Let your kids answer and then bring them back to this week's Teaching Truth: God wants us to listen and obey.)*
3. Pray a short simple prayer thanking God that He loves us and wants us to listen and obey because He knows what is best.