



JOURNAL PAGE

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



Unit 15 • Session 1

## JONAH WARNED OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

Jonah

**WHAT MAKES PEOPLE SPECIAL? PEOPLE ARE SPECIAL BECAUSE WE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE, AS MALE AND FEMALE, TO KNOW HIM.**

God told the prophet Jonah, "Go to Nineveh. Tell them to stop doing evil things." But Jonah did not want to go. So Jonah got on a boat heading the other way.

God sent a terrible storm. The sailors cast lots to figure out who caused this trouble. Jonah told them to throw him into the sea.

God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. Jonah prayed and thanked God for sending the fish to save him.

God told Jonah, "Go to Nineveh and preach My message." So Jonah went. He walked into the city shouting 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.

Jonah was so mad. "You are a gracious God. You show mercy to people. You are slow to anger, and You are loving. I knew You would decide to not destroy Nineveh."

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

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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**I Refuse** | Fill in the blank with something you would refuse to do. **Example: I refuse to hold a spider.**

I refuse to hold \_\_\_\_\_.

I refuse to eat \_\_\_\_\_.

I refuse to drink \_\_\_\_\_.

I refuse to go \_\_\_\_\_.

I refuse to listen to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jonah or Jesus?** | Match the statement to either the picture of Jonah or the picture of Jesus.



**DISOBEYED GOD AND REFUSED TO GO TO HIS ENEMIES**

**OBEYED GOD AND CAME TO EARTH TO BE WITH HIS ENEMIES**

**WAS INSIDE THE BELLY OF A FISH FOR THREE DAYS**

**WAS INSIDE A TOMB FOR THREE DAYS**

**PREACHED REPENTANCE TO THE NINEVITES**

**CALLED PEOPLE TO REPENT BECAUSE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAD COME**

**MODELED GRACE AND MERCY TOWARD SINNERS**

**GREW ANGRY BECAUSE GOD SAVED SINNERS**

**BECAME SO ANGRY HE WANTED TO DIE**

**LOVED SINNERS SO MUCH HE DIED FOR THEM**

