



Unit 15 | Session 1

JONAH WARNED OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

Jonah

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.

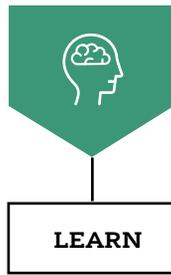
God told Jonah, "Go to Nineveh and preach My message." So Jonah went. He walked into the city shouting God's message: "In 40 days, Nineveh will be destroyed!" The people turned from their evil ways. Even the king repented. God decided not to destroy Nineveh.

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.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Write *Jesus* or *Jonah* beside each statement.

Disobeyed God and refused to go to his enemies

Obedied God and came to earth to be with His enemies

Was inside a tomb for three days

Was inside the belly of a fish for three days

Preached repentance to the Ninevites

Called people to repent because the kingdom of heaven had come

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Called people to repent because the kingdom of heaven had come

Loved sinners so much He died for them

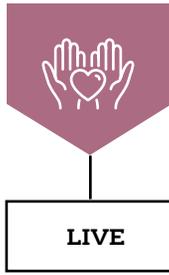
Became so angry he wanted to die

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Before faith in Jesus, how are we God's enemies?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Psalm 139:13-14 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God that Jesus died for you and willingly laid down His life.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Romans 5:7-8

John 10:14-15

Romans 5:10-11

Colossians 2:13-14

Ephesians 2:11-13

Psalm 79:9