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TWOS & YOUNGER

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah said no and hid from God. He got on a boat to run away and almost drowned.

A big fish swallowed Jonah and he felt very sorry. After three days, the fish spat Jonah back onto shore. God spoke to Jonah again and told him to go to Nineveh. Jonah went, and the people of Nineveh were saved thanks to him!

THREES & FOURS

Jonah was a prophet. This means God gave him important messages to share with people. One day, God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people God would destroy their city. Jonah didn't want to go. He hated the people in Nineveh, and they were scary. Jonah decided to disobey God and run away in the wrong direction.

Jonah caught a ship to sail far away. When it was in the middle of the sea, the wind began to blow. The storm was so bad, the ship was going to sink. The sailors tried everything. They threw things off the ship, but nothing helped. Jonah knew the storm was his fault for disobeying God.

He told the men to throw him off the ship. As Jonah hit the water, a big fish jumped up and swallowed him, but God saved Jonah. Jonah was inside the fish for three days. Jonah prayed and said sorry to God. God commanded the fish to spit Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah obeyed God and preached in Nineveh. Everyone listened to Jonah's message from God. They were really sorry. They prayed to God and repented of the wrong things they did. When God heard their prayers, He forgave them and didn't destroy their city.

MAIN POINT

God calls people to repent.

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1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. How many days was Jonah inside the big fish?
4. Does God forgive us if we ask Him to? Yes!

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INSTRUCTIONS

Give each child a fish template, crayons/markers, scissors, and a brad. Have each child take time to decorate their fish. Then, help them to cut out or precut their fish and the fish's jaw out.

Place the bottom of the jaw of the fish over its open mouth, then secure it with the metal brad as the image above shows.

As you work, review today's Bible lesson.