



Sunday Resources for August 30

Lesson: *God's Messenger* from the Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 160-169
Jonah & The Big Fish, from Jonah 1-4; Hebrews 1:1-2

Aim: To understand that God loves people and so should we.

Questions:

- Why did God want Jonah to go to Nineveh? Did Jonah want to? *God wanted Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell them that God loved them. Jonah didn't want to go, he didn't like the people of Nineveh.*
- Did God love the people of Nineveh? *Yes! God told Jonah that he couldn't stop loving them even though they were bad people.*
- Did Jonah listen to God? *No, Jonah ran away and got on a boat. He tried hiding from God but it didn't work.*
- How did God get Jonah's attention? *God sent a big storm to the ocean. Jonah he knew he had to get off the ship in order to save the sailors.*
- What happened to Jonah? *God saved Jonah from the storm. Jonah was swallowed up by a big fish.*
- Did Jonah change his attitude? *Yes, he spent 3 days inside of the big fish. He asked God to forgive him.*
- What happened to Jonah? *The fish spat Jonah on to dry land. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, and Jonah listened.*
- What happened in Nineveh? *They listened to Jonah and started loving and listening to God.*

Review & Reflect: Jonah spent three days inside the fish. Jonah was a lot like Jesus. Jonah was in the belly of a huge fish for three days, and Jesus was in the tomb for three days before he rose from the dead. Jonah and Jesus were both messengers for God's good news. At first, Jonah did not want to love the people of Nineveh and did not want God to forgive him. Jesus is different from Jonah, or any other man. Jesus loves people and wants to forgive them.

Prayer: Thank you God that even though we sin and run away from you, you still love us. Help me to love others, even when it is difficult.

Song: [Go Anywhere](#) by Rend Collective Kids