



Jonah and the Big Fish

Jonah 1:1-3:10

This is Jonah. (Point to Jonah. Pronounced /Jone-uh/.)

Jonah told people special messages from God. One day God told Jonah to go
(point far away) ***to the city of Nineveh*** (pronounced /Nen-uh-vuh/)
and tell the people there to STOP (hold hand up in “stop” motion)
doing wrong things (thumbs down).

But Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh.
Can you shake your head no, like Jonah? (Everyone shakes head no.)

So he decided to get on a boat and sail far, far away.



While they were sailing away, God sent a BIG storm.

Let me hear you pat your legs to sound like thunder.
(Everyone pats legs.)

That's it! Jonah knew that God had sent the storm. Jonah told the sailors to throw him off the boat, and then the storm would stop.

So, that's just what they did!

On the count of three, let me see you pretend to throw Jonah off the ship. One, two three... (Everyone makes throwing motion.)



As Jonah SPLASHED into the water, the storm stopped!

Then, all of a sudden, a huge fish swam up behind Jonah and swallowed him up.

***Let's be the fish that swallowed Jonah. Make a big mouth with your arms
(demonstrate) and say "Gulp!" (Close arms as you & kids say "Gulp!")***



Jonah was in the fish's tummy for *THREE* (hold up three fingers) *days*.

While he was stuck inside, Jonah told God he was *SORRY* for running away.

Can you say, "I'm sorry," like Jonah did?

(Everyone says, "I'm sorry!")



When Jonah said he was sorry, the big fish spit Jonah right onto the sand.

God told Jonah, one more time, to go to Nineveh. This time Jonah obeyed God.

The people listened to Jonah and told God they were SORRY for doing wrong things.

We can be like Jonah and the people and say, "I'm sorry," when we do something wrong.

Let me hear you say that after me:

I Can Say (thumbs to chest)

"I'm Sorry!" (move fist in circle on chest)