



3PK

October 5-6, 2013

DATE

Jonah

LESSON TITLE

Jonah

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jonah Obeys

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Be sure to have things ready for kids as they enter. Coloring pages, Play-doh and toys are all good options. If you finish early, engage kids in a group activity as parents are arriving.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to show their parents how fun it is to obey. (Bonus: parents will love that!)

large group heads up

Today, we're learning about how God rescued Jonah from the belly of a whale!



instructions

Goal: To help kids review the story and practice obedience

Tip: Make the game as fun and crazy as you want!

Why? It's great to remember a story about somebody who obeyed, but this is a really tangible lesson for 3 and 4-year-olds to apply.

small group

**Serve kids a snack as you review the story:*

REVIEW THE STORY

1. God wanted Jonah to go show people how to follow him. Where did God want Jonah to go? (Nineveh)
2. What did Jonah do instead? (he disobeyed; got on a boat)
3. What scary thing happened while Jonah was on the boat? (it got stormy)
4. When the men threw Jonah into the sea, what happened? (a fish swallowed him)
5. How did Joseph get out of the fish? (it threw him up onto dry land)
6. Next time God asked Jonah to go to Ninevah, what did Jonah do? (he obeyed)
7. Have you ever obeyed, like Jonah?

ACTIVITY

Let's have some fun obeying together! Who's ready to play "Teacher, May I?"

- Everybody should stand in a line (or a circle). You should give directives, but make them fun. Some ideas are:
 - spin around
 - say, "I will obey God!"
 - Jump backwards
 - Give your neighbor a high five
 - Make a fishy face
 - Pat the top of your head
 - Do a crazy dance, etc.!
- Before following a command, the kids *have* to ask, "Teacher, May I?" Say, "Yes, you may!" or "No, you may not." The game is to obey!

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- If you want, give kids a chance to make up directives. Before you follow a command, ask “_____, May I?” It’ll be a great way to help the kids get to know each other’s names too!

***Pray together, thanking God that Jonah obeyed.**

*Extra time? Have an Animal Party! Make a circle. Choose one person to be the leader (be the leader first to show kids how it’s done). The leader names an animal and then everybody imitates that animal! (Be sure to include a **BIG FISH** today!) Be as loud and crazy as you want. Do sounds, movements, or both! To mix things up, limit animal choices per round. Ask kids to choose specific animals such as jungle animals, farm animals, birds, bugs, fish, etc.*

special notes

This is another fun animal story: today's story has the crowd acting like a huge whale!

presenter tips

Kids love to be heard! Try taking your mic off your head/shirt...and walk around and let kids give answers into your mic.

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 3 Put On Your Listening Ears (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big thumbs up from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again.

INTRO: JONAH

(**Show picture of Jonah.**) Well, today, we're going to hear about a guy named Jonah. Can everybody say, "Jonah?" (Let kids say: Jonah.)

One day, God spoke to Jonah! He told Jonah to go to Ninevah. Can you guys say, "NIN-eh-vuh?" (Let the kids say it.) Great job! God wanted Jonah to go to Ninevah so the people there



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could follow God. Well, Jonah decided he didn't want to go to Ninevah. So he said, "NO!" and disobeyed God. Instead of going to Ninevah (point one way), he ran the OTHER way (point the other way). Jonah decided to get on a big boat that was sailing *farr* away from Ninevah.

But you know what? God didn't want Jonah to be on that boat! (**show picture of the storm**). So a BIG storm came and rocked the boat back and forth. Can you guys pretend you're rocking back and forth on a big boat? (Lead the kids in rocking back and forth and saying, "Woaaaaah!")

It was scary! The men thought they'd all fall into the deep water. Jonah told the other guys that if they threw him off the boat, they would be safe. The guys on the boat didn't want to throw Jonah into the dark, stormy ocean...but they wanted to stop rocking (dramatically make the motion again). So they threw him overboard!

JONAH IN THE WHALE

We don't know exactly what happened next. Jonah probably started swimming. Can you guys all swim as hard as you can? (Let kids "swim.") Great! Just like that. But he couldn't swim all the way to land, so God sent a HUGE fish to swallow him! Jonah just landed *ker-plump*, in the fish's belly!

Now let's imagine what it would be like in that fish. First, it would be (plug your nose) stinky. (Keep holding your nose.) It would also be wobbly! It would be dark too. Like when your eyes are closed tight. (Squeeze eyes shut while fanning your face and holding your nose.)

Yuck! Now Jonah realized he should have obeyed. And God really wanted Jonah to obey, because he loved Jonah and wanted him to show the people of Nineveh how to follow God. So God decided to let Jonah out of the fish's belly and give him another chance.

We're going to watch a video to see what happened next. As you watch, see if you can figure out if Jonah obeyed God after he got out.

Video: God's Story / Jonah

Wow! Give me a thumbs up if Jonah obeyed after the big fish spit him out. (Let kids give a thumbs up.) That's right, he sure did. And you know what? We can obey too! When we obey our parents and teachers and babysitters, we are obeying God! Give me a thumbs up if YOU want to obey like Jonah (let kids give a thumbs up).

Awesome! Now let's pray together. (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks that Jonah obeyed. Thanks that I can obey. Aaaaaa-MEN.

WORSHIP

Now let's sing some songs to God together!

Song: Come With Me

Song: Great Day



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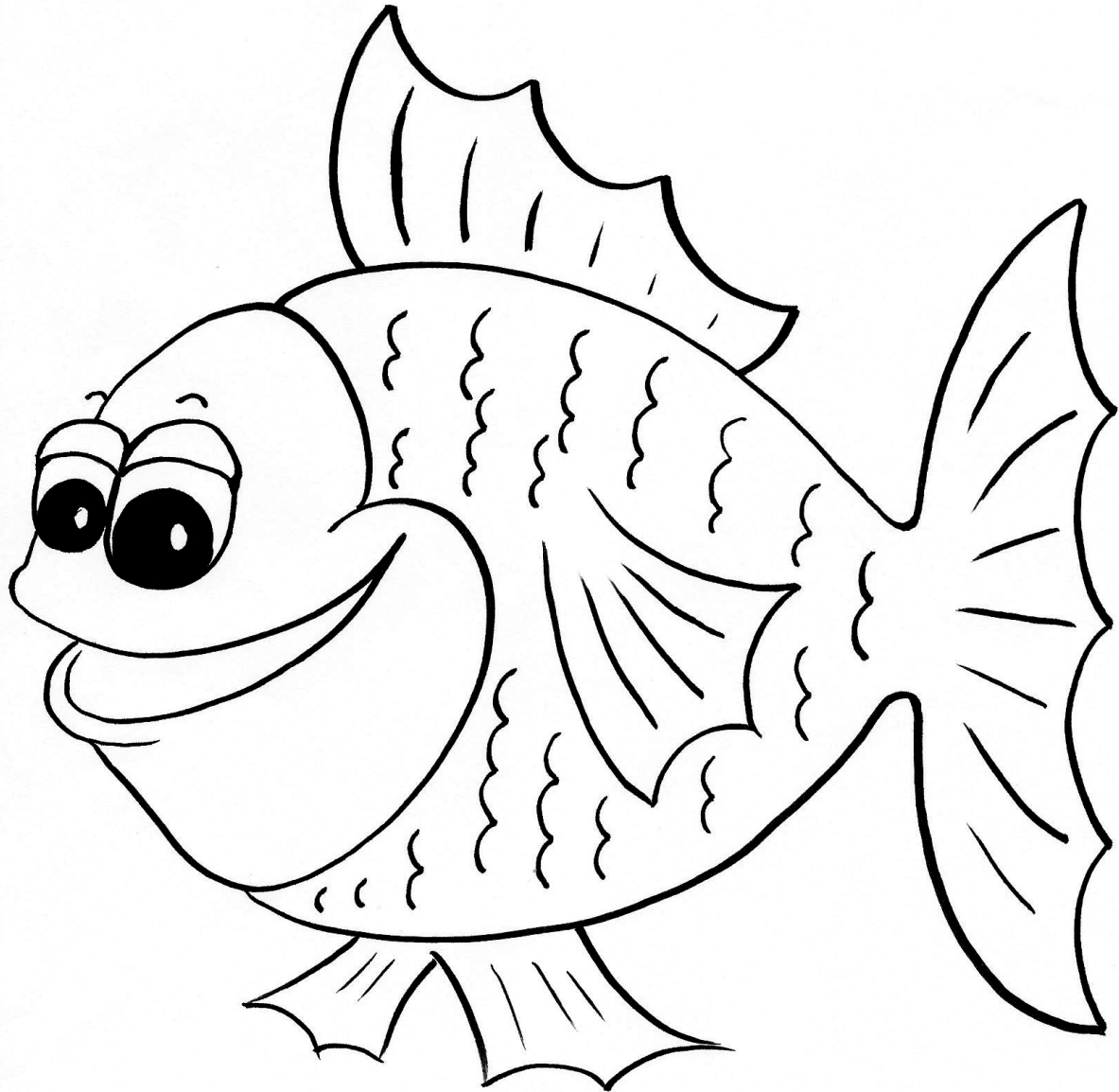
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Fish
markers

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 3 Put On Your Listening Ears
2. Image: Jonah (JSB, pg. 161; no text)
3. Image: Jonah on the boat (JSB, pg. 163)
4. Video: God's Story / Jonah
5. Song: Come With Me
6. Song: Great Day

special room set-up

None needed

connect questions

Tell me about Jonah.
How did Jonah obey?

parent page

We talked about Jonah today and how he had to learn to obey the hard way—after getting swallowed by a huge fish! The great thing is, we can obey God right now. Ask your kid about it. If you want, check out the whole story together in the book of Jonah in the Bible or watch a video of today's story on CrossroadsKidsClub.net.