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Bible Stories for Primaries

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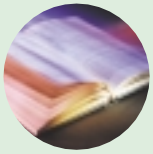
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Colour the pictures in these stories from the Old Testament



READ  
Jonah 1: 1-9

*This story is about:  
God knowing all  
about us.*

## Story 1 Jonah in the Ship

Jonah served God as a prophet, telling people what God said. One day God told Jonah to go to a big city called Nineveh. There, he was to warn the wicked people about God's punishment, because God had seen their sins.

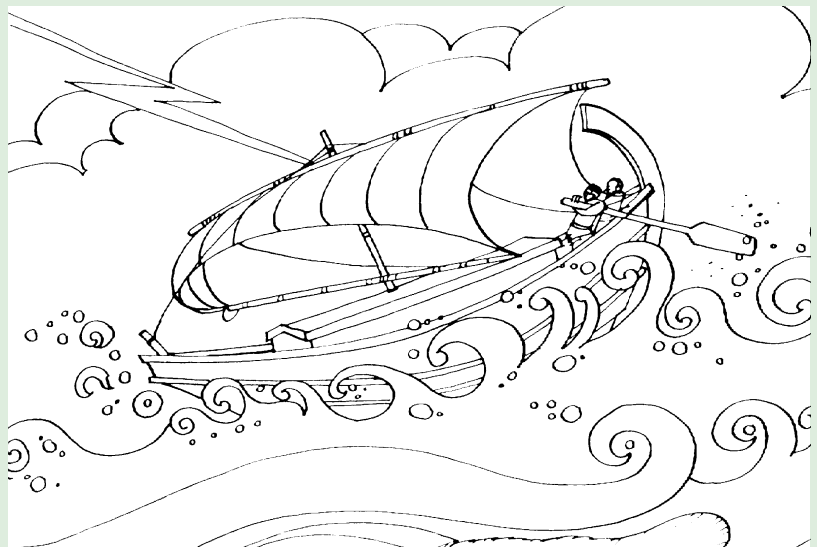
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**Where did God send him?** N \_ \_ \_ \_ h

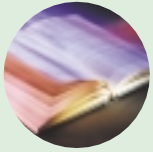
Jonah disobeyed God and ran away. At Joppa, he found a ship, which was going to Tarshish. Before the ship had gone very far, God sent a great storm.

The frightened sailors felt sure Jonah was to blame. He told them he worshipped the God of Heaven, and that the storm was because of his disobedience.

Just as God had seen all the wrong things the people of Nineveh and Jonah had done, so He knows all about our sins too!



How important it is that we do what God wants us to do!



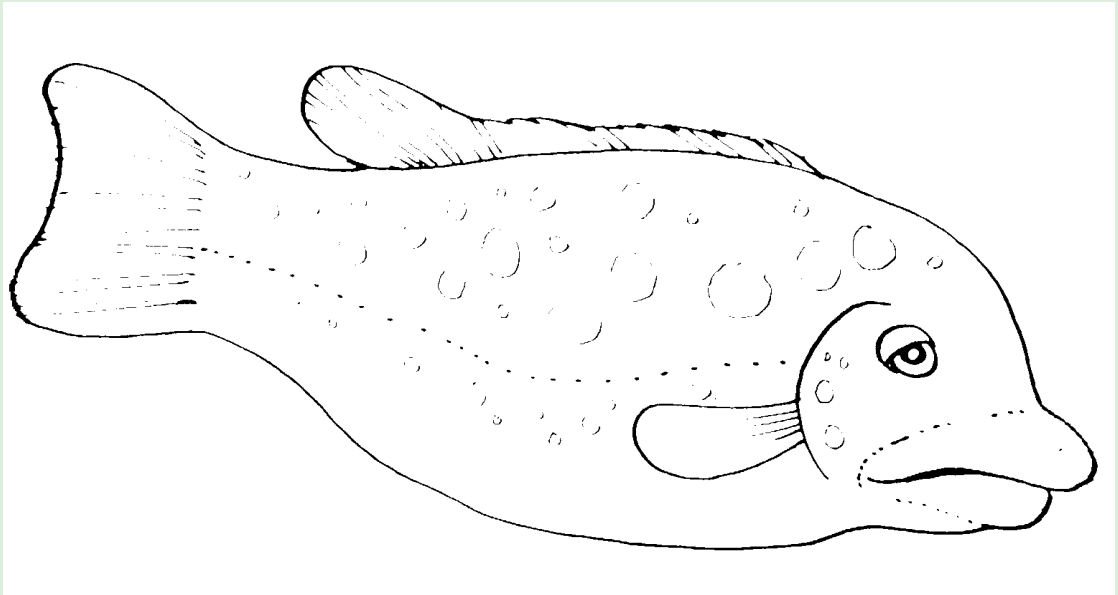
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Jonah 1: 10-17  
and 2: 1-10

*This story is about:*  
**How God can  
save.**

## Story 2 Jonah in the Sea

As the storm grew worse, the sailors asked Jonah what could be done to stop it. "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied. When the sailors did this, the storm ended immediately. Jonah sank deeper and deeper, but God had prepared a big fish to swallow him. For three days and three nights Jonah was inside the fish.



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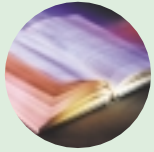
Jonah was in the fish for 30 / 3 / 13 days and 3 / 13 / 23 nights.

He thanked God for saving his life! He remembered how awful it had been to be so close to death! At that moment he had cried to the Lord who had heard and saved him! "Truly", said Jonah,

" Salvation is  
of the Lord."

**Colour the words.**

Just as God had provided a way for Jonah to be saved, so He has provided a way for us to be forgiven. God's way is through the Lord Jesus Who died for us upon the cross. Have you trusted Him and said, "Thank You"?



READ  
Jonah 3: 1-10

*This story is about:*  
**Turning to God.**

## Story 3 Jonah preaches in Nineveh

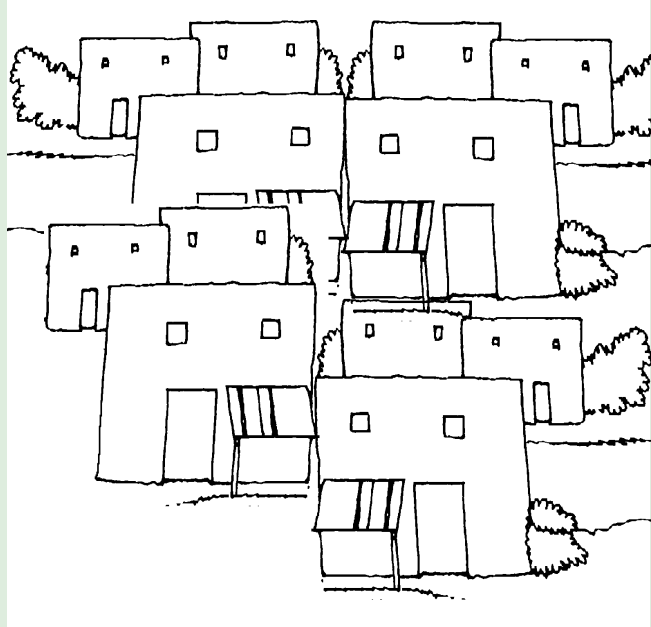
God spoke to the fish and it spat Jonah out on dry land!

Then God told Jonah again to go to Nineveh.

This time Jonah obeyed! When he reached the wicked city he preached God's message.

"In forty days Nineveh will be destroyed," he shouted.

As the wicked people listened to the prophet, they realized how sinful they were and they believed God.



**Put RIGHT or WRONG to the following:-**

In thirty days Nineveh would be destroyed. ....

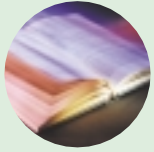
The people of Nineveh believed God. ....



Even the king heard God's message. He ordered all the people to pray to God and to turn from their evil ways.

Then God saw that they were truly sorry about their sins and He decided not to punish them.

How wonderful! First Jonah, and now a whole city, was forgiven because they were really sorry and believed God!



READ  
Jonah 4: 1-11

*This story is about:  
God's love and  
kindness.*

## Story 4 Jonah prays to God

Jonah was angry with God for not punishing the people of Nineveh. When he prayed to God he said, "I know that You are a loving, merciful God."

As Jonah sat outside the city, he made himself a shelter from the sun. God also made a big plant to grow to give him extra shelter from the hot sun.

Then God allowed a worm to destroy the plant. In the morning, as the sun rose, a very hot wind began to blow. This made Jonah feel unwell.

He had been thankful for the plant, but now he was angry with God again.

The Lord said to Jonah, "Just as you have been sorry about the plant, so I have felt sorry for Nineveh, especially as 120,000 of them are young children."



**Circle the three things in this story which God made and controlled.**

wind                      tree                      snake                      plant                      worm

God cares very much for people, however bad they are. He is always ready to forgive those who are sorry and believe Him.

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