
Jonah and a Big Fish

One day the LORD told Jonah to go to the great city of Nineveh and say to the people, “The LORD has seen your terrible sins!” Instead, Jonah ran from the LORD. He went to the seaport and bought a ticket on a ship. Then he got on the ship and sailed away to escape. But the LORD made a strong wind blow, and such a bad storm came up that the ship was about to be broken to pieces. The sailors were frightened, and they all started praying to their gods. They even threw the ship’s cargo overboard to make the ship lighter.

All this time, Jonah was down below deck, sound asleep. The ship’s captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep at a time like this? Get up and pray to your God! Maybe he will have pity on us and keep us from drowning.”

Finally, the sailors got together and said, “Let’s ask our gods to show us who caused all this trouble.” It turned out to be Jonah.

The sailors were frightened because Jonah told them he was running from the LORD. Then they said, “Do you know what you have done?”

The storm kept getting worse, until finally the sailors asked him, “What should we do with you to make the sea calm down?” Jonah told them, “Throw me into the sea, and it will calm down. I’m the cause of this terrible storm.” So they threw Jonah overboard, and the sea calmed down.

The LORD sent a big fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. From inside the fish, Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. Jonah asked God to save him.

The LORD commanded the fish to vomit up Jonah on the shore. And it did. Once again the LORD told Jonah to go to that great city of Nineveh and preach his message of doom. Jonah obeyed the LORD and went to Nineveh.

Based on Jonah 1–3.3

KEY VERSE *Jonah 1.17*

The Lord sent a big fish to swallow Jonah.

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh.



Jonah sailed away instead.

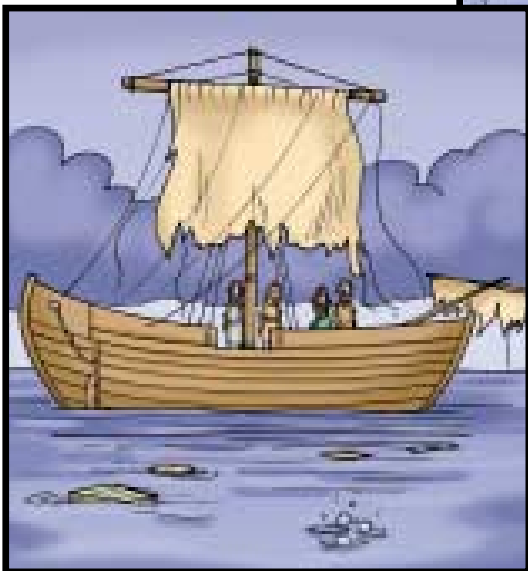


So God sent a big storm.

"I am the cause of this storm."



So the sailors threw
him into the sea.

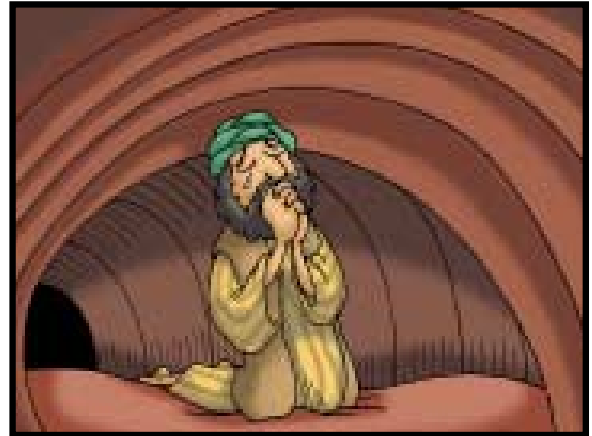


Then the sea calmed.

A big fish swallowed Jonah.



He prayed for
God to save him.



The fish vomited Jonah onto the beach.



This time Jonah listened to God.

