



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 8, Lesson 39

Jonah Part Two: Jonah Prays to God

Lesson Aim: To know God forgives us when we are sorry.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "He will forgive you."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who is faithful. That means the Lord God keeps all His promises. Sing the Unit 8 Bible Memory Verse Song, "The Lord Is Faithful."

Last time, we learned Jonah disobeyed God and sailed away on a ship. God sent a storm and Jonah was thrown into the stormy sea. God sent a big fish to save Jonah by swallowing him whole. Jonah was safe inside the belly of the big fish. Today, we will see Jonah prayed inside the big fish. When I pray, I like to be still and think about God. Let's sing God's words that tell us to do just that! Sing: "Be Still and Know."

We can pray God will use our offering to help show many people that He is faithful. What does faithful mean? (God keeps all His promises.) Play: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Just as He did with Jonah, God promises to forgive us when we are truly sorry. He keeps that promise. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse. Let's try it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: "He will forgive you." Include sign language.

God was with Jonah. He heard his prayer. God promises to be with us wherever we go, just as He was with Jonah in the belly of the big fish. Let's sing God's promise about that. Sing: "I Am with You."

THE WORD JONAH PRAYED CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we heard how Jonah disobeyed God. Today, we will learn how God heard Jonah's prayer and forgave him. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Jonah 2:1. **As we hear this part of Jonah's story, remember "Lord" is another name for God.**

WATCH THE WORD: JONAH 2:1-10

Read poem. Display visual.

- **Jonah disobeyed the Lord.**
- **In a boat, he rowed away.**
- **He was thrown in the stormy sea.**
- **A big fish swallowed him that day.**
- **Jonah prayed inside that fish,**
- **"O Lord, to You I cried.**
- **You heard me from the bottom of the sea,**
- **And then You saved my life."**
- **Jonah prayed to the Lord and said,**
- **"I promise to obey."**
- **That's when the Lord said to the fish,**
- **"Spit him out on the shore right away."**

Where was Jonah when he prayed? (Inside the fish.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Jonah 2:1 from the teacher's Bible.

Do you think Jonah was sorry he had not obeyed God? (Yes.) **When you are sorry, do you think the Lord will forgive you? Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "He will forgive you."** Include the sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY GOD FORGIVES US

CRAFT: Jonah in the Fish

GAMES: Into the Fish, Out of the Fish; God Forgives

SNACK: Fish in the Belly Snack

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Jonah 2:1-10

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: World Toss, Prophet Puppets
STORY TIME