



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi  
Unit 7, Lesson 36

## Jonah and the Ninevites

Lesson Aim: To know God gives second chances because He cares about everyone.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** When has someone given you a second chance?

**GAME:** Dodge Fish

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF POWER

Read Worship Scripture: Jonah 2:7-9.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Shuttle script or read storybook.

### THE WORD GOD GIVES JONAH A SECOND CHANCE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent a message to His people through the prophet Joel.

**Today, we will learn about Jonah and the good news that God will always give us second chances to turn away from wrongdoing.** Point to Jonah (Circa 781 B.C.). Point to Nineveh. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Jonah 1:4-5, 7, 11-12, 17; 3:4, 8-9; 4:10-11. Pray.

**READERS' THEATRE:** Let's act out our Bible passage.

### THE WAY GOD GIVES EVERYONE SECOND CHANCES

**The first time God told Jonah to warn the Ninevites, he did not want to go. He disobeyed God and sailed away on a ship in the opposite direction. What happened next?** (God sent a big storm.) **What did Jonah tell the sailors to do?** (Throw him overboard.) **How did God save Jonah when he was in the sea?** (A big fish swallowed him whole.)

**Jonah realized he had made the wrong choice and he was sorry for disobeying God. What did Jonah do inside the belly of the big fish?** (He prayed.) **God gave Jonah a second chance and commanded the big fish to spit Jonah onto the shore. The second time God told Jonah to warn the Ninevites, did Jonah obey?** (Yes.)

**Have you ever been sorry for your wrongdoing and wanted a second chance to make things right? Has someone ever given you a second chance to do the right thing?**

**We all do wrong in God's eyes, so we all need second chances. If you have done wrong in God's eyes lately and would like to ask Him to forgive you and give you a second chance, you can pray and ask Him for that second chance right now.** Lead the children in a brief prayer asking for forgiveness and for a second chance to do what is right.

**The Ninevites were known for doing evil. Did God give the Ninevites a second chance?** (Yes.) **God saw they repented, which means they turned from doing wrong in God's eyes. Why was Jonah angry?** (He wanted God to punish them.)

**When the worm ate Jonah's shade vine, God was showing him that just as He could do whatever He wanted with the vine He made, He could give a second chance to any of the people He made. By giving Nineveh a second chance, God showed He loves the whole world, not just His own people. God will give a second chance to anyone, no matter who they are or what evil they have done. They just have to turn from their wrongdoing and believe in Him.**

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**God gave Jonah and Nineveh second chances to obey and be close with Him. 800 years later, who did God send to give the whole world a second chance?** (He sent His Son Jesus to give the world a chance for forgiveness and life forever with Him.) **Let's see how Jesus Himself explained the answer.** Reveal John 3:16. Read.

**Jesus gives everyone a second chance to be close with God. Anyone who believes in Jesus as Lord and Savior is forgiven for all their wrongdoings and is given a second chance to be close with God forever.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

#### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Worm-shaped snack
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jonah praying to God from inside the big fish
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Little Fish, Big Fish

**GAME:** Second Chance Toss

**CRAFT:** Jonah and the Giant Fish Mobile

**DISCUSSION:** Jonah Was Angry

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Picture God's Power, Unscramble the Verse

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**