



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah–Malachi
Unit 8, Lesson 38

Jonah Part One: Jonah Disobeys God

Lesson Aim: To know God watches over
and rescues us.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Jonah and the Big Fish
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: How Big Was That Fish?
- BLOCK CENTER: On the Water
- ACTIVITY CENTER: Goin' Fishin'

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL

Who is happy today? What does your face look like when you're happy? God loves it when we are happy to praise Him. But, before we praise Him with our singing, let's praise Him in our prayer. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear God, thank You for Your promise to watch over us. We praise You for keeping all Your promises. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "The Lord is faithful to all His promises." Psalm 145:13b

THE WORD JONAH DISOBEYED GOD CLASSROOM PROMISE

Hold the swim ring or life preserver on your lap. How many of you know how to swim? Have you ever used a swim ring (or life preserver) like this one? When we are learning to swim or if we are in deep water, it can be a little scary. Holding onto something like this that floats can help us feel safer.

Our story today is about someone who landed in deep water that didn't have anything to hold onto. God sent a big fish to keep him safe. Can you guess who our story is about? (Jonah.) Let's listen to the story of Jonah and the big fish. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Jonah 1:3.

WATCH THE WORD: JONAH 1:1-17

Read poem. Display visual.

- The Lord told Jonah, "Go to Nineveh."
- Jonah did not obey.
- Jonah ran away from the Lord;
- In a boat, he sailed away.

- The Lord sent a mighty storm,
- With lots of waves and wind.
- When Jonah was tossed in the water,
- A big fish the Lord did send.

- The big fish swallowed Jonah,
- But, Jonah was safe inside.
- He stayed in the fish's belly,
- For three days and three nights!

The Lord told Jonah to go to Nineveh. Did Jonah obey? (No.) Even though Jonah disobeyed, the Lord still watched over him. Does the Lord God watch over you? (Yes.) Next time we are together, we will find out what Jonah did while he was in the belly of the big fish.

THE WAY GOD WATCHES OVER US

CRAFT: Catching Jonah

GAMES: Watching Over Jonah, Hide and Seek

SNACK: Fishy Snack

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Jonah 1:1-17

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: World Toss, Memory Verse Echo

STORY TIME