



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "The Lord watches over 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 He keeps all His promises. The Lord God promises to watch over us and He is faithful to keep that promise. Sing: "I Am with You."

That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse. Let's try it together.

Review the Whisper Verse together: "The Lord watches over you." Include the sign language or hand motions.

One way we can thank God for being faithful is to give our money offering to His church. This money will go to help people here and everywhere know God is faithful. Play: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" or "How Wide?" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

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

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. Jonah didn't want to go, so he ran away. But, God was with Jonah even when he disobeyed. God sent a storm to stop him from running away. Then, God sent a big fish to save Jonah when he was in the water. God is with us and He is mighty to save us, just as He saved Jonah! Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save."

The Lord was faithful to Jonah. The Lord is faithful to all His promises. Our new Bible Memory Verse Song tells us about that. Let's learn it together. Sing: "The Lord Is Faithful."

THE WORD JONAH DISOBEYED GOD CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned Naaman obeyed God. Today, we will hear how God watched over and rescued Jonah even when he did not obey. 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 the Lord? (No.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Jonah 1:3 from the teacher's Bible. **Remember, "Lord" is one of God's special names.**

Jonah disobeyed, but the Lord still watched over him. Does the Lord God watch over you? (Yes.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us. Let's say it together.** Include sign language. **Next time, 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, Fish Confessions

SNACK: Fishy Snack

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

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

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Jonah 1:1-17

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