



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
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

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Jonah Prays
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Hands in Prayer
- BLOCK CENTER: Forgiveness
- ACTIVITY CENTER: Inside the Fish

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who is faithful. That means He keeps all His promises. Let's talk to Him in prayer. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear God, thank You for being faithful to us. We love You. 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 PRAYED CLASSROOM PROMISE

When I was your age, I didn't like putting away my toys. Sometimes, when my Mom told me it was time to clean up, I would hide them under the table instead of putting them in my room, like she asked. But, my Mom always found them. She could have been angry with me for not doing what I was told, but she knew I was sorry and she forgave me. To forgive means to forget the wrong someone has done.

Have you ever been forgiven for something wrong you have done? When we do things that are wrong in God's eyes, we can ask Him to forgive us and He will! Jonah learned that lesson. Let's find out what happened. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Jonah 2:1.

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.) When Jonah was inside the big fish, do you think He was sorry he had not obeyed God? (Yes.) When you are sorry, do you think the Lord will forgive you? (Yes!)

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

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

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Jonah 2:1-10

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: World Toss, Memory Verse Echo

STORY TIME