



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 8, Lesson 40

Jonah Part Three: Jonah Obeys God

Lesson Aim: To know obeying God involves action.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Now get up and go."

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. Last time we heard about Jonah who disobeyed God when he would not go to Nineveh. Then Jonah was swallowed by a big fish. He prayed inside the belly of the big fish. God was faithful to hear Jonah's prayer. God gave Jonah a second chance to get up and go to Nineveh. That is today's Whisper Verse. Let's try it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "Now get up and go." Include sign language.

Obeying God means doing what is right in His eyes. Loving, sharing, helping others, obeying our parents and our teachers are all ways that we obey God. We are blessed with good things when we obey Him. Sing: "Blessed are Those" or "I Will Always Obey Your Law."

One way we can obey God is to give offering to His church. Let's do that now. Play: "Be Still and Know" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

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

God wants us to get up and go do what He tells us to do. He is faithful to give us the strength and courage to get up and go obey Him in everything we do. Sing: "The Lord is Faithful" and "Here Am I."

THE WORD JONAH OBEYED RIGHT AWAY CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned that after God heard Jonah's prayer, He told a fish to spit Jonah out of his mouth. Today, we will hear how God gave Jonah a second chance to obey. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Jonah 3:2.

WATCH THE WORD: JONAH 3:1-10

Read poem. Display visual.

- God said, "Go to Nineveh."
- Jonah disobeyed.
- Jonah prayed inside the fish;
- The fish spit him out right away.

- "Now get up and go to Nineveh,"
- God said and Jonah obeyed.
- God said, "Warn the people there
- That they must change their ways."

- The people there believed God,
- So, they were very sad.
- They stopped doing evil.
- God saw this and He was glad!

What did God tell Jonah to do? (Go to Nineveh and give them God's message.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Jonah 3:2 from the teacher's Bible. Remember that Lord is one of God's special names.

What should Jonah do? (Get up and go.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Now get up and go." Include the sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY OBEY, RIGHT AWAY

CRAFT: Jonah in Nineveh

GAMES: Race to Nineveh; I say, "Obey, Right Away"

SNACK: Quick Like a Fish Snack

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

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

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Jonah 3:1-10

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