

# KIDS

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP GUIDE

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

God's messenger. Jonah and the big fish, from Jonah 1-4; Hebrews 1:1-2.

### STORY SUMMARY:

Jonah did not like the Ninevites and did not listen to God when He asked Jonah to go to Nineveh. He got on a boat in the opposite. When the seas got rough, the sailors believed it was Jonah's fault that they were suffering this terrible storm, and threw him over board. Jonah stayed inside this fish for three days and three nights. Jonah finally went to Nineveh and told the people God's message.

### INTRODUCTION:

Last time we met Daniel and we learned that Daniel loved and obeyed God whatever the cost. Today we met Jonah. Just as Jonah was in the belly of a huge fish three days, so Jesus was in the tomb for three days before He rose from the dead.

### OPTIONAL LESSON STRENGTHENING:

Did Jonah drown in the sea? (encourage response) No! God sent a great fish to swallow Jonah, and he was inside the fish for three days and three nights. Spending all that time inside the great fish gave Jonah plenty of time to think. He prayed to the Lord from inside the fish. He confessed that he had been wrong to run from the Lord and promised to fulfill his promises to God. Just as God had something for Jonah to do, he has a plan for you and me. I hope we will learn a lesson from the story of Jonah today. When it comes to doing what God wants us to do, we might run, but we cannot hide!

## ACTIVITY

### WHAT YOU NEED:

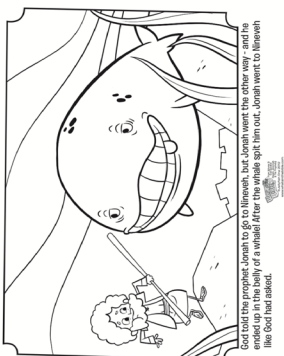
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### PRE-PRIMARY

### GRADE 1 - 2

### GRADE 3 - 4

### GRADE 5



Don't tell the prophet, Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah went the other way - and he ended up in the belly of a whale! After the whale spit him out, Jonah went to Nineveh like God had said.

### Jonah Crossword

**Word List**

- calm
- forty
- Nineveh
- ship
- obedient
- spit
- fish
- praying
- prophecy
- blaze

**Across**

- Jonah lived inside the belly of a fish for this number of days.
- This is the number of days the people of Nineveh had to change and repent.
- The fish did this to Jonah to get rid of him.
- This is the name of the city Jonah was to send a message to.
- Jonah spent most of his time inside the fish doing this.

**Down**

- Jonah was swallowed by a very large \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's better to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God than not to listen and go your own way.
- Jonah was called this because he gave messages from the Lord.
- Instead of going to Nineveh, Jonah ran away on this instead.
- The water became \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as Jonah was thrown overboard.

### Jonah and the Big Fish Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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NINEVAH

**OBEY**  
SEA  
SHIP

**STORM**  
SWALLOW  
WIND

### Jonah and the Big Fish Word Tiles

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**O L I S T E**

**N T O H I**

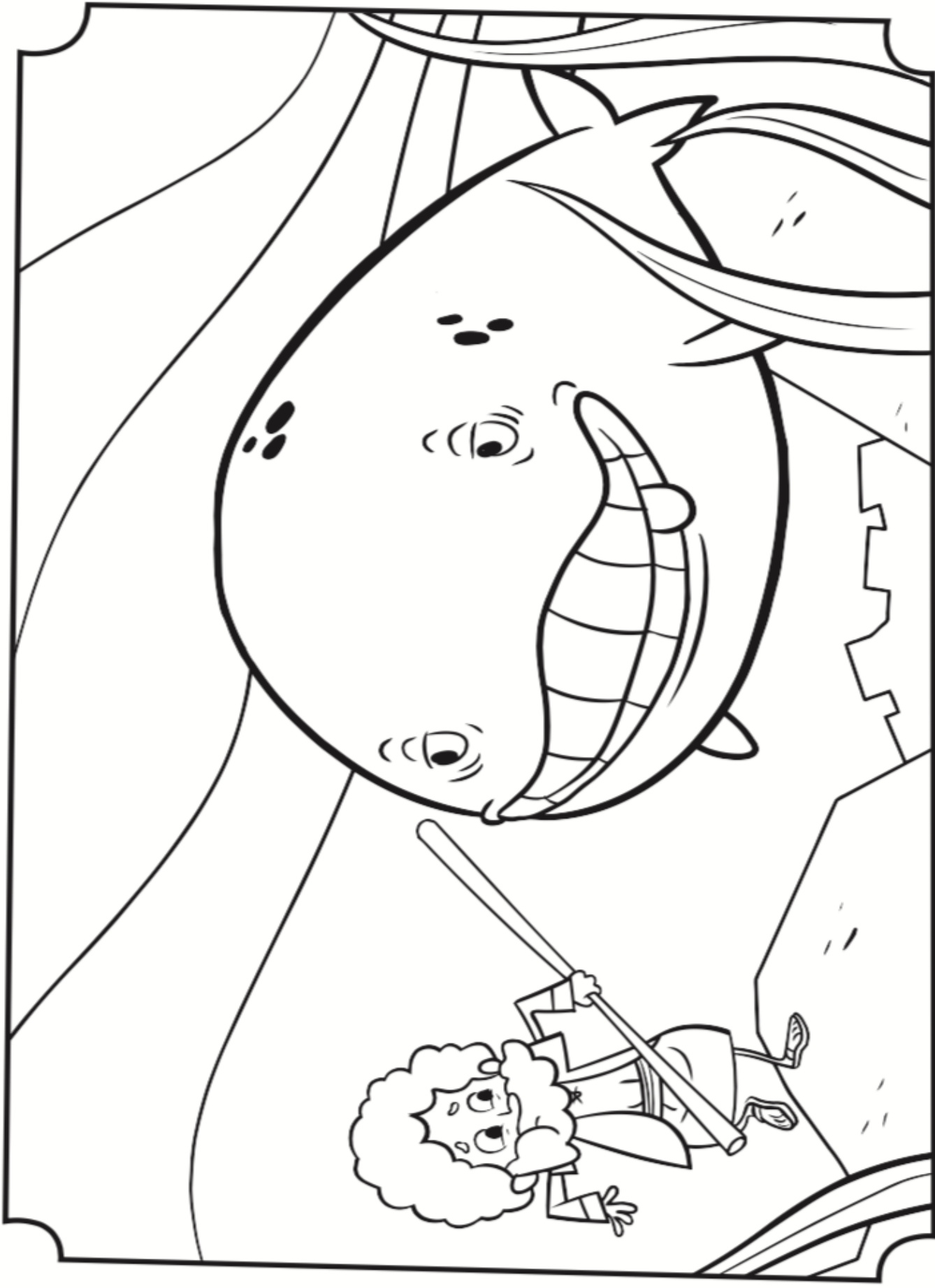
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**L O W H I S**

**C O M M A N D**

**M E N T S**

ANSWER: GOD WANTED TO LISTEN TO HIM AND FOLLOW HIS COMMANDMENTS.

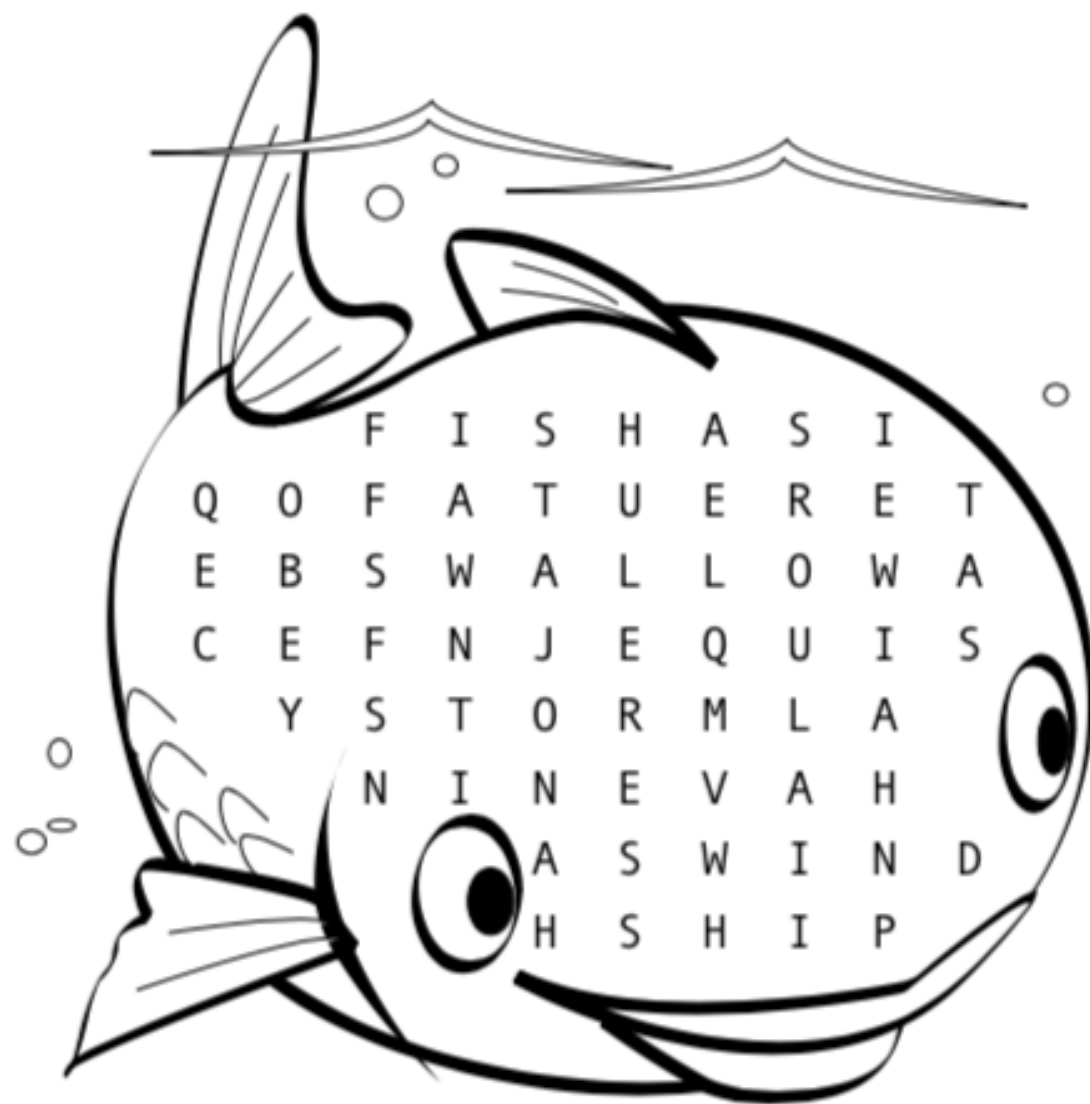


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**M E N T S .**

ANSWER: GOD WANTS ME TO LISTEN TO HIM AND FOLLOW HIS COMMANDMENTS.