

WEEK ONE - DAY ONE - KIDS

Reach Out To God

Close your eyes and think about Jesus being next to you and giving you a big hug for a minute or two. This is just one way He wants to love you.

Think About It

What is the hardest thing you've ever had to do? How did God help you?

God's Word To You - Jonah 1:1-8 (ERV)

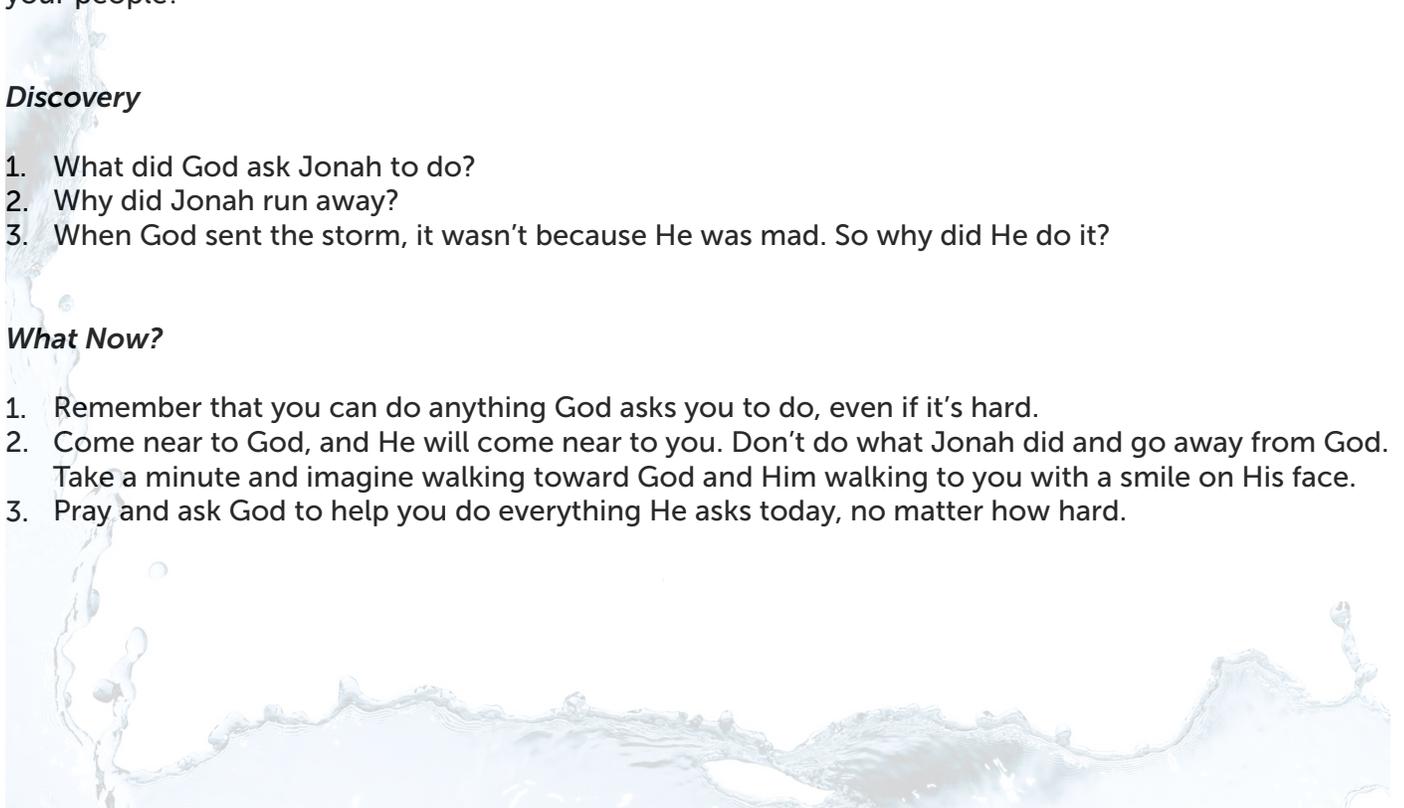
The Lord spoke to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 "Nineveh is a big city. I have heard about the many evil things the people are doing there. So go there and tell them to stop doing such evil things." 3 But Jonah tried to run away from the Lord. He went to Joppa and found a boat that was going to the faraway city of Tarshish. Jonah paid money for the trip and went on the boat. He wanted to travel with the people on this boat to Tarshish and run away from the Lord. 4 But the Lord brought a great storm on the sea. The wind made the sea very rough. The storm was very strong, and the boat was ready to break apart. 5 The men wanted to make the boat lighter to stop it from sinking, so they began throwing the cargo into the sea. The sailors were very afraid. Each man began praying to his god. Jonah had gone down into the boat to lie down, and he went to sleep. 6 The captain of the boat saw Jonah and said, "Wake up! Why are you sleeping? Pray to your god! Maybe your god will hear your prayer and save us!" 7 Then the men said to each other, "We should throw lots to find out why this is happening to us." So the men threw lots. The lots showed that the troubles came to them because of Jonah. 8 Then the men said to Jonah, "It is your fault that this terrible thing is happening to us. Tell us, what have you done? What is your job? Where do you come from? What is your country? Who are your people?"

Discovery

1. What did God ask Jonah to do?
2. Why did Jonah run away?
3. When God sent the storm, it wasn't because He was mad. So why did He do it?

What Now?

1. Remember that you can do anything God asks you to do, even if it's hard.
2. Come near to God, and He will come near to you. Don't do what Jonah did and go away from God. Take a minute and imagine walking toward God and Him walking to you with a smile on His face.
3. Pray and ask God to help you do everything He asks today, no matter how hard.



WEEK ONE - DAY TWO - KIDS

Reach Out

Play or sing a favorite worship song

Think About It

Can you talk to Jesus about anything? Is there anything you keep to yourself?

God's Word To You - Jonah 1:9-17 (ERV)

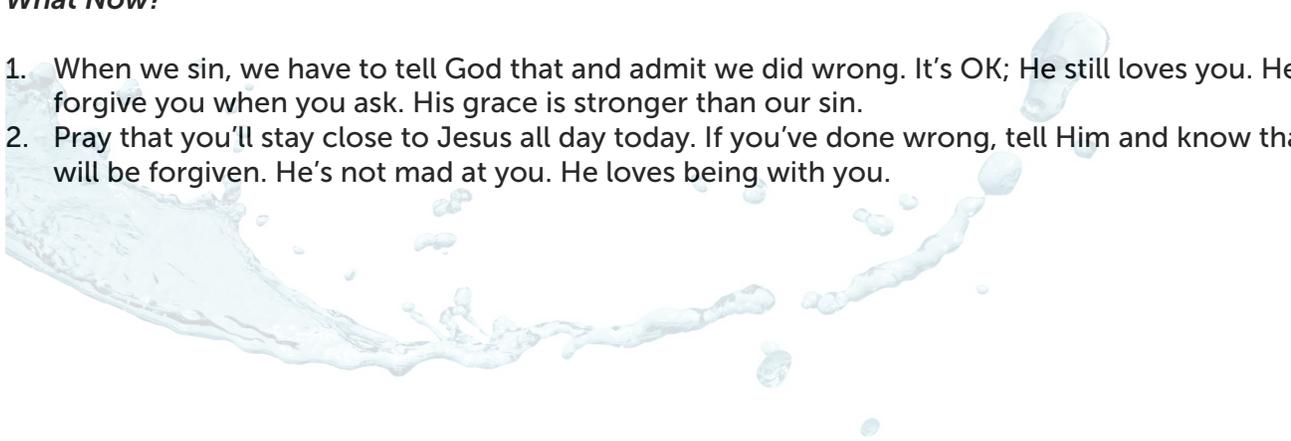
9 Jonah said to them, "I am a Hebrew. I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the land and the sea." 10 Jonah told the men he was running away from the Lord. The men became very afraid when they learned this. They asked Jonah, "What terrible thing did you do against your God?" 11 The wind and the waves of the sea were becoming stronger and stronger. So the men said to Jonah, "What should we do to save ourselves? What should we do to you to make the sea calm?" 12 Jonah said to the men, "I know I did wrong—that is why the storm came on the sea. So throw me into the sea, and the sea will become calm." 13 Instead, the men tried to row the ship back to the shore, but they couldn't do it. The wind and the waves of the sea were too strong—and they were becoming stronger and stronger. 14 So the men cried to the Lord, "Lord, please don't say we are guilty of killing an innocent man. Please don't make us die for killing him. We know you are the Lord, and you will do whatever you want." 15 So the men threw Jonah into the sea. The storm stopped, and the sea became calm. 16 When the men saw this, they began to fear and respect the Lord. They offered a sacrifice and made special promises to the Lord. 17 When Jonah fell into the sea, the Lord chose a very big fish to swallow Jonah. He was in the stomach of the fish for three days and three nights.

Discovery

1. Notice that Jonah told the truth when he was caught.
2. Why did the Lord choose a big fish to swallow Jonah?
3. What do you think it was like being in the fish's stomach for three days?

What Now?

1. When we sin, we have to tell God that and admit we did wrong. It's OK; He still loves you. He will forgive you when you ask. His grace is stronger than our sin.
2. Pray that you'll stay close to Jesus all day today. If you've done wrong, tell Him and know that it will be forgiven. He's not mad at you. He loves being with you.



WEEK ONE - DAY THREE - KIDS

Reach Out

Thank Jesus that He saved you and rescued you. Because you believe in Him, you're on your way to heaven.

Think About It

Think of your favorite superhero saving someone who is in danger. Now think of Jesus doing that for you.

God's Word To You - Jonah 2 (ERV)

While Jonah was in the stomach of the fish, he prayed to the Lord his God. He said, 2 "I was in very bad trouble. I called to the Lord for help, and he answered me. I was deep in the grave. I cried to you, and you heard my voice. 3 "You threw me into the sea. Your powerful waves splashed over me. I went down, down into the deep sea. The water was all around me. 4 Then I thought, 'Now I must go where you cannot see me,' but I continued looking to your holy Temple for help. 5 "The seawater closed over me. The water covered my mouth, and I could not breathe. I went down, down into the deep sea. Seaweed wrapped around my head. 6 I was at the bottom of the sea, the place where the mountains begin. I thought I was locked in this prison forever, but the Lord my God took me out of my grave. God, you gave me life again! 7 "My soul gave up all hope, but then I remembered the Lord. I prayed to you, and you heard my prayers in your holy Temple. 8 "Some people worship useless idols, but those statues never help them. 9 I will give sacrifices to you, and I will praise and thank you. I will make special promises to you, and I will do what I promise." Salvation only comes from the Lord! 10 Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out of its stomach onto the dry land.

Discovery

1. Remember that Jonah thought being in the fish was a blessing, not a punishment. Why?
2. Even under water, Jonah prayed and God heard and answered. He will hear you today too.

What Now?

1. Remember that you're never too far from God's love.
2. Make a list below of times God has answered prayers for you or protected you.

