

WEEK TWO - DAY ONE - KIDS

Reach Out To God

Every time you reach for God's hand, He holds yours. Close your eyes and imagine God holding your hand.

Think About It

When is the last time you said "sorry" for something? Was it hard to do?

God's Word To You - Jonah 3:1-10 (ERV)

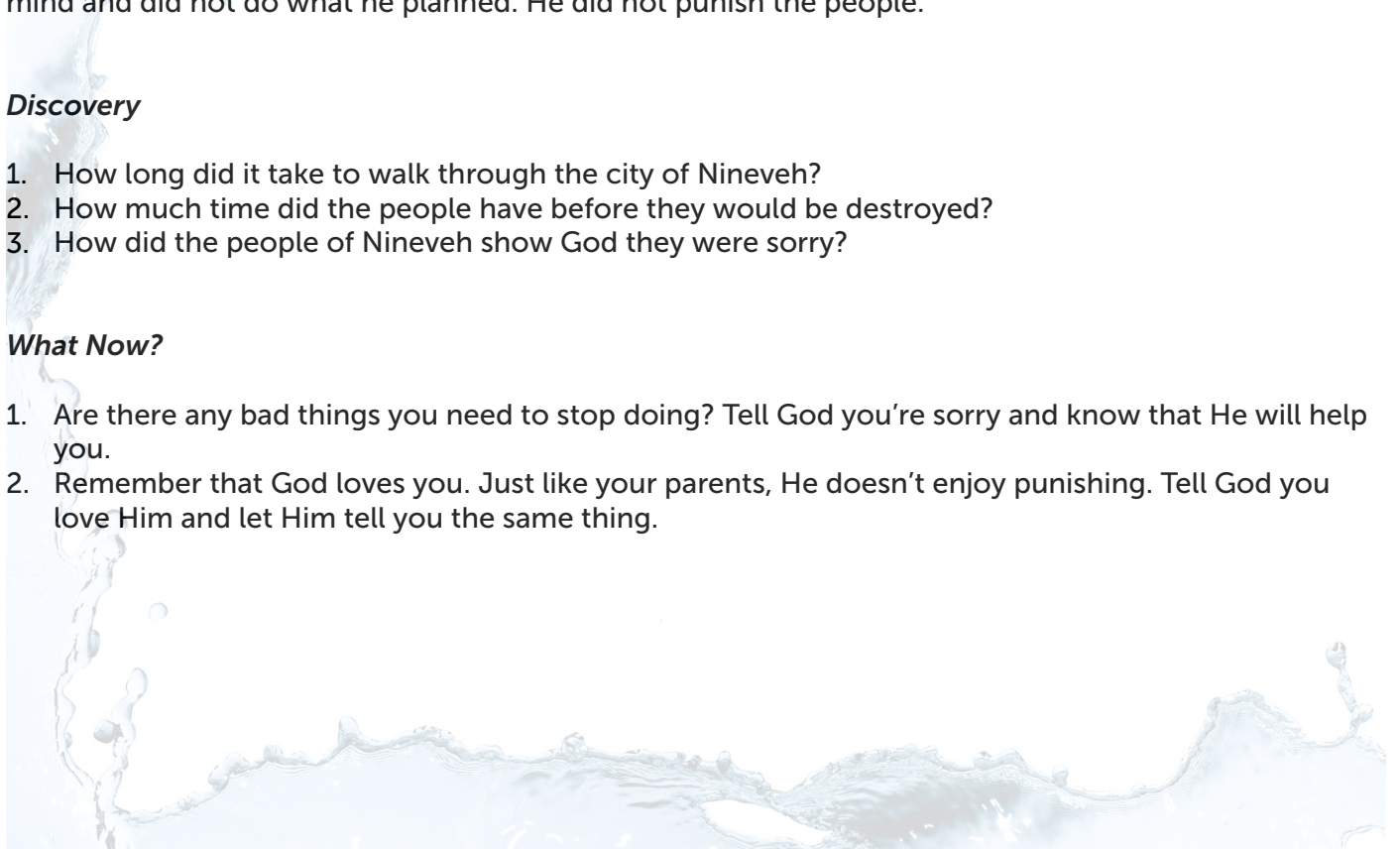
Then the Lord spoke to Jonah again and said, 2 "Go to that big city Nineveh, and say what I tell you." 3 So Jonah obeyed the Lord and went to Nineveh. It was a very large city. A person had to walk for three days to travel through it. 4 Jonah went to the center of the city and began speaking to the people. He said, "After 40 days, Nineveh will be destroyed!" 5 The people of Nineveh believed God. They decided to stop eating for a time to think about their sins. They put on special clothes to show they were sorry. All the people in the city did this, from the most important to the least important. 6 When the king of Nineveh heard about this, he left his throne, removed his robe, put on special clothes to show that he was sorry, and sat in ashes. 7 The king wrote a special message and sent it throughout the city: "A command from the king and his great rulers: For a short time no person or animal should eat anything. No herd or flock will be allowed in the fields. Nothing living in Nineveh will eat or drink water. 8 But every person and every animal must be covered with a special cloth to show they are sad. People must cry loudly to God. Everyone must change their life and stop doing bad things. 9 Who knows? Maybe God will stop being angry and change his mind, and we will not be punished. 10 God saw what the people did. He saw that they stopped doing evil. So God changed his mind and did not do what he planned. He did not punish the people.

Discovery

1. How long did it take to walk through the city of Nineveh?
2. How much time did the people have before they would be destroyed?
3. How did the people of Nineveh show God they were sorry?

What Now?

1. Are there any bad things you need to stop doing? Tell God you're sorry and know that He will help you.
2. Remember that God loves you. Just like your parents, He doesn't enjoy punishing. Tell God you love Him and let Him tell you the same thing.



WEEK TWO - DAY TWO - KIDS

Reach Out

Imagine Jesus sitting next to you and smiling. You don't have to be afraid. He is excited to spend some time with you.

Think About It

Do you know someone who needs Jesus? How would it feel if you found out they asked Jesus to become their Savior?

God's Word To You - Jonah 4:1-4 (ERV)

Jonah was not happy that God saved the city. Jonah became angry. 2 He complained to the Lord and said, "Lord, I knew this would happen! I was in my own country, and you told me to come here. At that time I knew that you would forgive the people of this evil city, so I decided to run away to Tarshish. I knew that you are a kind God. I knew that you show mercy and don't want to punish people. I knew that you are kind, and if these people stopped sinning, you would change your plans to destroy them. 3 So now, Lord, just kill me. It is better for me to die than to live." 4 Then the Lord said, "Do you think it is right for you to be angry?"

Discovery

1. Why was Jonah not happy?
2. What was Jonah hoping would happen to the people?
3. What word does Jonah use twice to describe God?

What Now?

1. Jonah forgot that we need to love everyone, even our enemies. Do you know anyone that is hard to love? Ask Jesus to help you love them.
2. What makes you angry? Ask the Lord to help you be kind and patient, even when someone else isn't.



WEEK TWO - DAY THREE - KIDS

Reach Out

Jesus protects you even when you don't realize it. Think about Him surrounding you today.

Think About It

Is there something God ever did that made you angry?

God's Word To You - Jonah 4:5-11 (ERV)

5 Jonah went out of the city to a place near the city on the east side. He made a shelter for himself and sat there in the shade, waiting to see what would happen to the city. 6 The Lord made a gourd plant grow quickly over Jonah. This made a cool place for Jonah to sit and helped him to be more comfortable. He was very happy because of this plant. 7 The next morning, God sent a worm to eat part of the plant. The worm began eating the plant, and the plant died. 8 After the sun was high in the sky, God caused a hot east wind to blow. The sun became very hot on Jonah's head, and he became very weak. He asked God to let him die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you think it is right for you to be angry just because this plant died?" Jonah answered, "Yes, it is right for me to be angry! I am angry enough to die!" 10 And the Lord said, "You did nothing for that plant. You did not make it grow. It grew up in the night, and the next day it died. And now you are sad about it. 11 If you can get upset over a plant, surely I can feel sorry for a big city like Nineveh. There are many people and animals in that city. There are more than 120,000 people there who did not know they were doing wrong."

Discovery

1. What did God do to keep Jonah cool from the sun?
2. What did God do "the next morning"?
3. Do you think God wants us to be angry all the time, like Jonah?

What Now?

1. We need to feel sorry for people who don't know Jesus, instead of being angry at them.
2. Pray that in the next few days, you'll have the chance to tell someone how amazing Jesus is.

