

Welcome to another week of studying the Bible! This week we going to continue to learn about **JONAH**. Last week we studied Chapter 2, where Jonah was spat out of the fish onto dry land. Today, we are going to study Chapter 3 and see what happened to Jonah next. Look out for things you have never learnt before about Jonah as you study it for yourself.



First of all, **PRAY** and ask God to *help* you understand as you study the Bible. Ask God to *speak* to you and *help* you know how He wants you to **apply** His Word to your life. Remember: *That is our goal!*

Dear God.
Praise God that He is _____
Praise God for _____
Thank God for _____
Ask God for _____
Amen.

3 Important Tasks: It is good to keep reminding ourselves each week, can you remember what they are? (Use the pictures to help you & the answers are throughout the study)

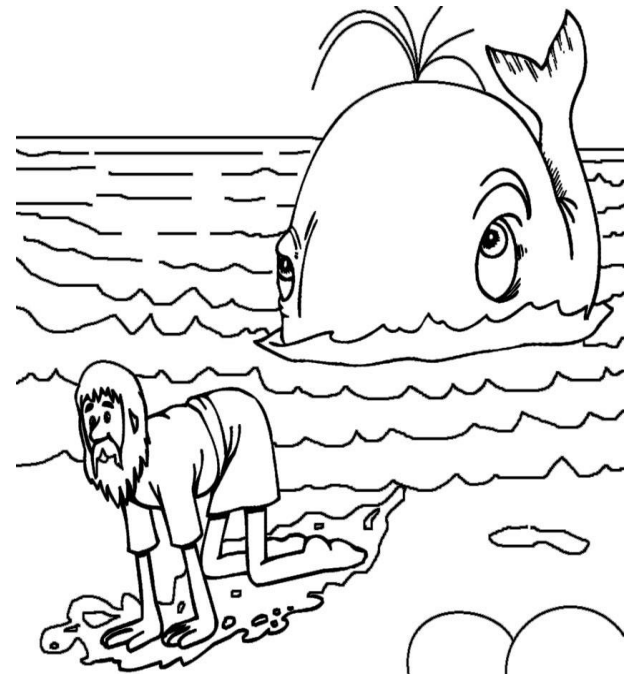
TASK 1
What is the boy doing?
He is asking...

TASK 2
Now we need to mark or circle what?
WORDS

TASK 3
Last thing we do is 'Make a'

What did we learn about Jonah last week?

Large empty scroll-like box for writing answers.





Read Jonah Chapter 3 verses 1-4

- 1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:
- 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."
- 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.
- 4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

We need to think about what the Bible is saying to us and so we use our 3 important tasks to help us. Are you ready? Let's go...



1 ASK questions:

Re-Read Chapter 3 verses 1-4 and ask - **WHO** is the main person in the passage?



2 MARK the passage:

Read verses 1-4 again and **circle** every time **JONAH** is mentioned. Don't forget the word 'you'.



3 LIST what you have learnt about Jonah?

- V1: The _____ of the Lord came to Jonah a _____ time
- V2: Jonah was told to go to the city of _____ and _____ to it the message from the Lord
- V3: Jonah _____ and went to Nineveh
- V3: It took Jonah _____ days to go through the city
- V4: Jonah proclaimed that in _____ more days Nineveh would be overthrown

- 1. What did God tell Jonah to do? _____
- 2. How many opportunities did God give Jonah to go to Nineveh? _____
- 3. What did Jonah do? Did he do as God told him? _____
- 4. Why do you think Jonah obeyed the second time? _____
- 5. What does this teach us about God? _____



Read Jonah Chapter 3 verses 5-10

⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.



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ASK QUESTIONS: So far we have been focused on Jonah but **WHO** else is mentioned in these verses?



2

MARK the passage – Choose a different colour or put a box around every time the **Ninevites** are mentioned.

This is a little harder as you have to look for lots of words. Remember words like – *them, king, his, himself, he, people, everyone, their, we, they* (we mark the king because he was a Ninevite too!)



3

LIST what you have learnt about the *Ninevites*

V5: The Ninevites _____ God

V5: All Ninevites had to _____ and put on _____

V6: When the _____ of Nineveh heard Jonah's warning he rose from his _____ took off his royal _____ covered himself in sackcloth and sat in the _____

In verse 7-9 the King of Nineveh is speaking. He said...

V7: People and animals were not allowed to _____ anything, don't let them _____ or _____

V8: People and animals had to be covered in sackcloth and call _____ on God. They had to give up their _____ ways and _____

The people of Nineveh were doing things that God did not like and God was going to destroy it. God gave the people of Nineveh an opportunity to **REPENT!** We're going to think about that word **REPENTANCE** today, before you peak at the definition – think and write down what you think it means.

REPENTANCE MEANS...

*REPENTANCE... means to acknowledge and be sorry for an action or something you have done. When the people heard Jonah's message, they realised they were doing wrong, they were sorry, they believed in God and they changed, they came to God, told Him they were sorry and asked Him to forgive them. **To REPENT is to turn from sin and trust in Jesus.***

LAST TIME: Read Jonah Chapter 3 verse 10 again



1. Did God punish Nineveh? _____
2. Why did God not punish the people of Nineveh? _____
3. What can we learn about God's character from this? _____



So, What about YOU?

We have seen today that God is a God of second chances. God is a just and fair God, so He must punish sin - but He warns us of His judgement because of His love for us and gives us opportunity to repent. Jonah had a really important message for the people. God gives you a special message to tell people too – JESUS! How He died for their sin and rose again!

Do you need to be like the Ninevites and REPENT from your sin?

Be like Jonah and tell someone about their sin and how they need to REPENT from it. Think of someone now, write them down here, pray for them and ask God to help you tell them once lockdown is over! _____

What have you learnt today? _____

ACTIVITY – WORD SEARCH

This week - its WORD SEARCH time! We did one like this before.

Look back over your worksheet. All the words you filled out where I had lines like this '____' to tell you how many letters where in the word are hidden within the word search for you to find.

So there are 21 words – did you get them all? Fill them in below and see if you can find them all! **GET SEARCHING!!**

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