



JONAH PART 4

Welcome to another week of studying the Bible! This week will be our last week learning about **JONAH**. Last week we studied Chapter 3, where the Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time to go to Nineveh. Today, we are going to study Chapter 4 – the last chapter! 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)



*What is the boy doing?
He is asking...*



Now we need to mark or circle what?



Last thing we do is 'Make a'



Last week we learnt that Jonah obeyed God – Where did he go? Fill in the signposts.



What has God been teaching you from Jonah's life?

Large empty box for writing answers, with a scroll-like border and a small '1' in a circle at the top right corner.



Read Jonah Chapter 4 verses 1-2

1 But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.

2 He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."



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 4 verses 1-2 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 words 'he' 'I'.



3 LIST what you have learnt about Jonah?

V1 - HOW does Jonah feel and WHAT does he become?

What is Jonah angry about? Look up Jonah 3:10 (or find it in last week's worksheet.) What didn't God do that He said He was going to do?

V2 - WHY did Jonah flee to Tarshish? WHY didn't Jonah want to go to Nineveh?

V2 - WHAT did Jonah know about God that made him think God might give in (relent) and save Nineveh?

"You are a _____

from sending calamity."

Jonah knew God's character. Jonah knew that God was a kind and compassionate God and that He might relent (which means to sympathise, give in, make something less severe or intense) about destroying Nineveh, all its people and animals.



Read Jonah Chapter 4 verses 3-5

³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴ But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.

LET'S CONTINUE TO ASK SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO FIND OUT MORE

V3 - WHAT else does Jonah say to God in his prayer?

V4 - God asks Jonah a very important question – WHAT is it?

V5 – HOW Does Jonah answer God? Does he say anything? _____

WHERE does Jonah go and WHAT does he do?

WHAT is Jonah waiting to see?

Imagine that, pretty unbelievable! Does Jonah have a good attitude or bad attitude? _____

I wonder have you ever got angry, like Jonah, when things didn't go the way you wanted them to. Think about the last time you got angry and write it down? Did you have a good reason to get angry? Or where you like Jonah, and got angry for a wrong reason?

Have you ever got so cross that you stormed off and sit down with your arms folded? The next time you get angry, instead of stomping off, what should you do?

Yes, talk to God and tell Him about it, tell Him why you are angry and what He wants you to do. This may mean you have to say sorry to someone.



6 Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

10 But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight."

11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

1 WHO? We are going to think about God and Jonah

2 MARK the passage – This time we are going to mark every time GOD and JONAH are mentioned in different ways.

3 LIST what GOD provided LIST how Jonah responded

God provided a...	Jonah...
V6: _____	_____
V7: _____	_____
V8: _____	_____

Look at the amazing things we have learnt about God and creation. Not only did God make them all, but He has control over them. He is in charge! God had a specific plan for all of these things in Jonah's life.

Is Jonah focusing on himself or others? _____ What did God have concern for? _____

Which is more important? _____ Jonah's attitude is pretty shocking. Jonah has concern for the plant but God cares about people. God didn't want the people of Nineveh to die.

What is God's heart towards those who are sinners? What did God do for us? Look up and read John 3:16

In your Bible, look up Matthew 5:44. How are we to treat our enemies?

God wants us to love others, including our enemies. Jesus died for people, not for plants. God doesn't want anyone to perish, and that is why He sent Jonah to Nineveh. Who could you tell about Jesus?

JONAH AND THE WHALE STORYBOARD

Think back to all we have learnt about Jonah these past 4 weeks. Draw pictures of the story and then write down what God taught you underneath the picture.
















