

JONAH PART 1

Welcome to another week of studying the Bible! This week we going to learn about a man called **JONAH**, and over the few weeks we will read through the short book of Jonah. It's *an exciting story*, you may even already know it but now you can study it for yourself and maybe learn things you never learnt before.



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. *That is our goal!*

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)

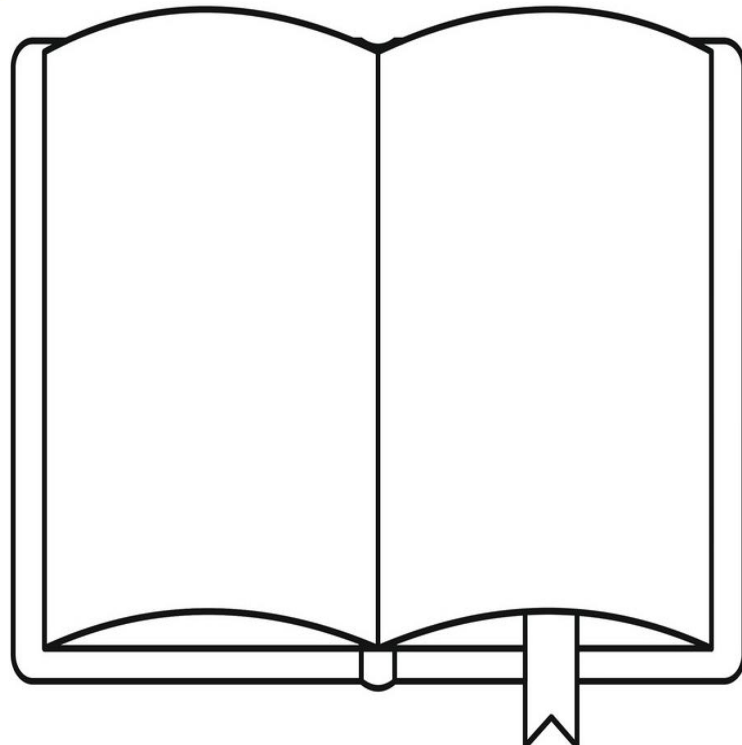


What 6 questions do we ask?

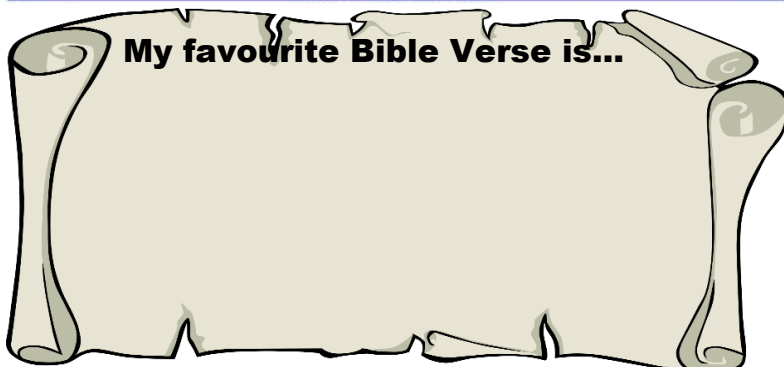
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Today we are thinking about the 'Word of the Lord' - the Bible. What things do you know about the Bible? Write them in the Bible below.



My favourite Bible Verse is...





Read Jonah Chapter 1 verses 1-3

¹ The **word of the LORD** came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."
³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.



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: Did you get all 6? Here is a clue if you didn't.

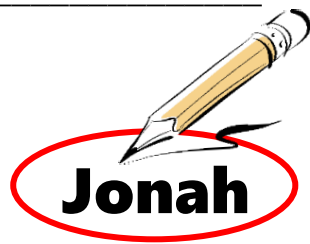
We always start with asking the question **WHO**.

WHO is the main person in the verses above? _____



2 MARK the passage:

The next task helps us to read slowly and to look for where the person is mentioned. CIRCLE every time you see **JONAH**. Remember words like **HE**.



3 LIST what you have learnt about Jonah:

The final task helps us to gather together all we know about Jonah so far.

V1: The _____ came to Jonah

V2: God told Jonah to go to _____ preach against it

V3: But Jonah _____ and headed for _____

V3: Jonah went down to _____ where he found a ship

V3: Paying the fare he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to _____

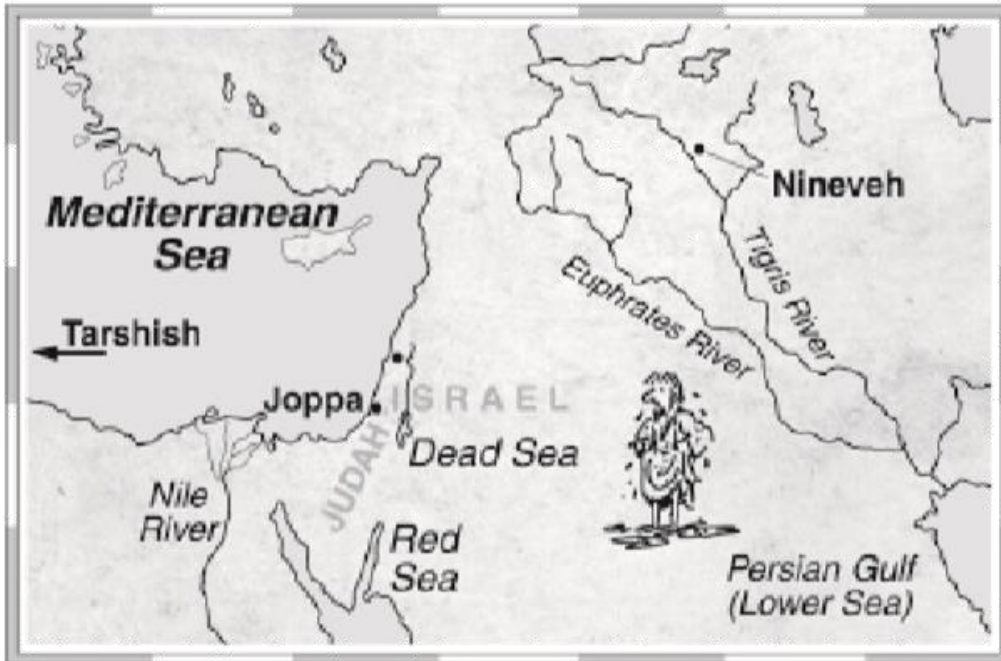
THINK: God spoke to Jonah, what was the mistake he made?

Can you think of a time when God told you something but you did your own thing instead?

1 ASK questions: Now we will ask the question **WHERE?**

2 MARK the passage: Read verses 1-3 again and **UNDERLINE** every place that you see. (HINT: Look for the words NINEVEH, TARSHISH and JOPPA)

3 FIND on the map and circle: NINEVEH, TARSHISH, JOPPA



1. Draw a **blue line** from Jonah to the place God told Jonah to go.
2. Draw a **red line** from Jonah to the port he first went to and then the place Jonah went instead.

What do you notice from these arrows about where God told Jonah to go and where Jonah actually went?



Read Jonah Chapter 1 verses 4, 7-12

⁴ Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.

⁷ Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

⁹ He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.)

¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?"

¹² "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

MARK the passage – Remember to circle every

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Jonah

mention of Jonah

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LIST what you have learnt about Jonah?

V7: The sailors cast lots to find out who was responsible and

V8: The sailors asked Jonah what do you do, where do you come from, his country and what people he was from.

V9: Jonah replied - _____

V10: The sailors knew that Jonah was _____

V12: Jonah told the sailors to _____
and it would become _____

THINK: What surprised you most when you read this passage?

Draw a picture of what you have learnt so far?





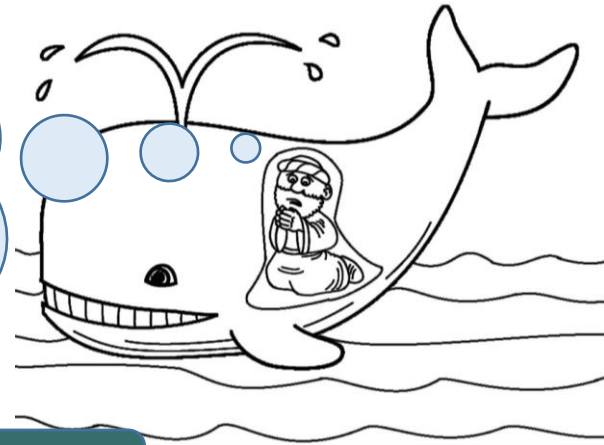
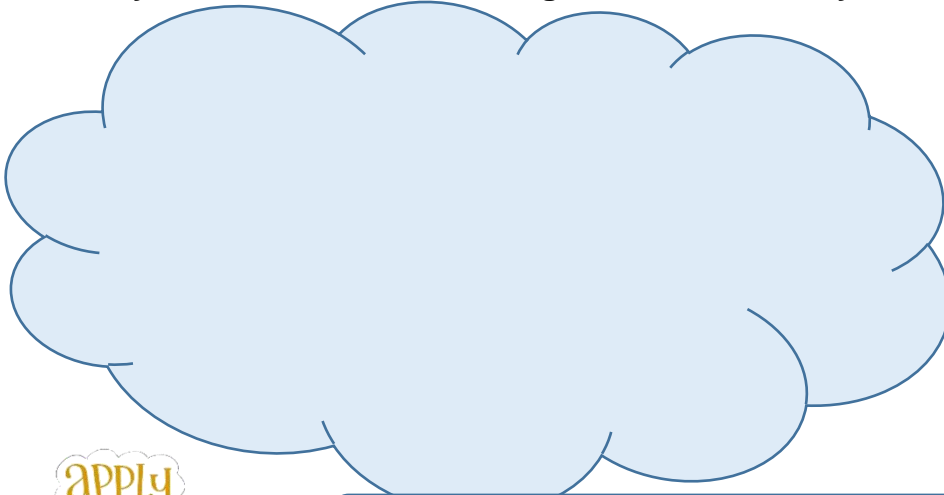
Read Jonah Chapter 1 verses 15-17

¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.

¹⁷ Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

What did God do for Jonah in the end?

How do you think Jonah was feeling now? Or what do you think he was thinking in the fish's belly?



So, What about YOU?

How does the Bible APPLY to me?

Think about what God is saying to you and how you can put it into practise in your everyday life

The Word of the Lord came to Jonah, how does God speak to us today?

Now important is it that when God speaks, we listen and do it? Why do you think this?

Think about your day, or even your week, how much time do you spend reading the Bible?

Look up the verse Psalm 119:105 and write it down.

What does this verse teach us?

CHALLENGE: Spend at least 10 mins reading the Bible everyday this week. Pray and ask God to help you understand what he wants to say to you!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the differences? The bottom picture has 15 parts missing. Can you draw them in and then colour it!

