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Passage – Jonah 1-4 – God’s Messenger

**Background:**

Jonah was an Israelite and God spoke to him and asked him to go to Nineveh which was the capital city of Assyria.  Jonah did not like the people of Nineveh because they were enemies of Israel. But as we will see in this story, God is a compassionate God and God chose Jonah to go to the Ninevites to tell them that unless they turned from their wicked ways they would face God’s punishment. God was willing to give the people of Nineveh a second chance to say sorry to God.

Read the story from Jonah 1-4 or “God’s Messenger” from the The Jesus Storybook Bible on pages 160-169.

**Questions for you to think…..**

1. Where did God tell Jonah to go?
2. How did others suffer because of Jonah’s disobedience?
3. How did the sea become calm?
4. What did God provide for Jonah?
5. What Message did God want Jonah to say to the people of Nineveh?
6. Is there someone that has been hurtful to you, but you would still like to share the Good News of Jesus with? Will you pray that God will help you have compassion for that person like God had compassion on the people of Nineveh? And will you pray that God will help you to love that person and give you the power to share the Good News with them?

Wrap Up

The story of Jonah is a great Bible illustration of sin & repentance as the people of Nineveh repented and God forgave them. Jesus was in the tomb for three days before he rose from the dead. Jesus loves everyone and he wants us to be forgiven and the Good News is that God forgives us when we say sorry to God for the wrong things we have done.

Memory Verse –

“You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love.” Jonah 4:2

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Pre-School story of – Jonah

<http://www.lambsongs.co.nz/Bible%20Story%20Books/Jonah%20Tries%20to%20Run%20Away%20Big%20Book.pdf>

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