

Week 27 Parent Sheet: Jonah and the Big Fish

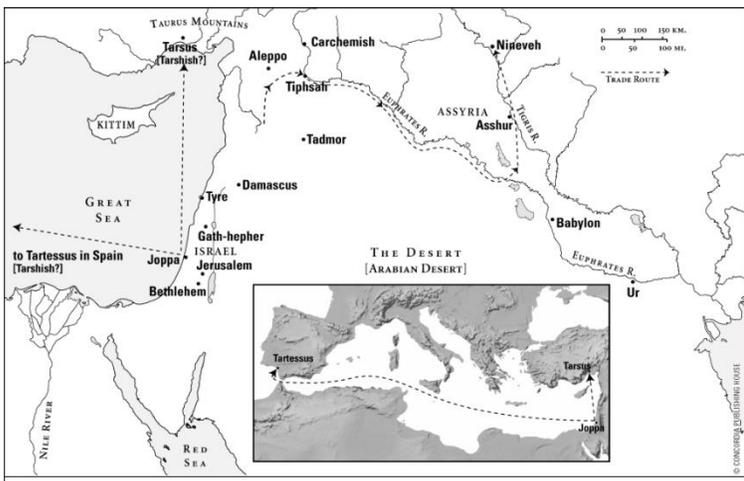
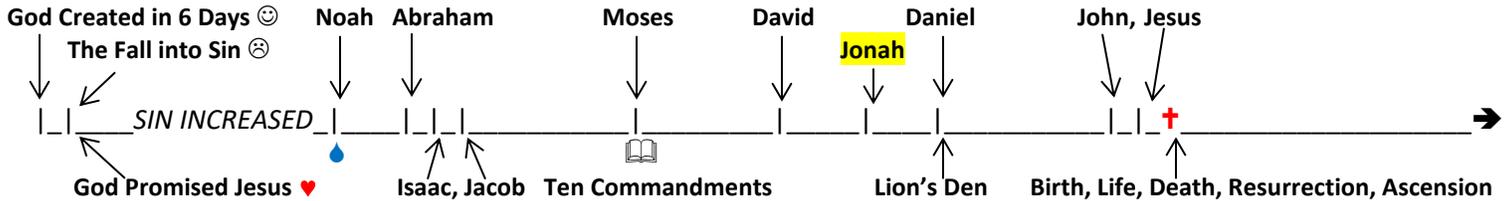
Jonah Chapters 1 – 4 NIV

As the LORD cared about the wicked people of Nineveh, so He cares about us and sent Jesus to save us!

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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The Old Testament covers approximately 4,000 years; this timeline shows some key events:



Previous history:

1. The true account of Jonah took place in 790 BC, when Assyria was the world power and Nineveh, with a population of over 120,000, was one of its important cities.
2. The map above shows two possible routes for the ship Jonah was on; the route going west was mostly likely his route, *which is the opposite direction of Nineveh.*
3. The Assyrians were very ruthless people, similar to what we have heard about ISIS.

Jonah and the Big Fish:

Chapter 1:

1. The LORD said to go east, *but he went west.*
2. Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh, *because he didn't want the people of Nineveh to repent;* instead, he wanted the LORD to overthrow them.
3. When the storm at sea was raging, and Jonah knew it was because of his disobedience to the LORD, he

told the sailors to throw him into the sea; then he was swallowed by a great fish.

Chapter 2:

1. While in the belly of the big fish, Jonah was sorry for disobeying the LORD.
2. The LORD persuaded Jonah, *with his experience in the belly of the great fish,* to go to Nineveh.
3. Jonah was willing to do the LORD's will and prayed to the LORD.

Chapter 3:

1. Jonah went to Nineveh and proclaimed: *"Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."*
2. Those in Nineveh believed God, were sorry for their sins, and asked for forgiveness.
3. The LORD saw their repentance and did not bring the destruction He had threatened.

Chapter 4:

1. Jonah was angry; he wanted the LORD to destroy Nineveh.
2. The LORD taught Jonah that He loved the people of Nineveh, *even as He loves all sinners!*

Thoughts:

1. The LORD loves everyone; He wants all people to be sorry for their sins and trust in Jesus, who lived, died, and rose to take away all sins.
2. Don't miss out on receiving the benefits of Jesus' work! Not sure how to receive? Need help? Just contact Pastor Green (440-292-5915) or the church office (440-845-2230)!