Lesson Plan





I pray to you. Answer me because you love me sooo much!

Application Point

I can talk to God anywhere

Bible Story

Jonah in the Big Fish Jonah 1-2



Review Time

Gather the children and use the Review Cards to recap the story and apply the lesson to their lives. Give an example from your own life. End with prayer.

- 1. We can talk to God anywhere.
- 2. We can talk to God anywhere because He is with us everywhere.
- 3. Where can you go to talk to God?



Schedule

Conversation Stations/Check-In
Countdown
Lil' K Program
Group Activity Time
Craft Time
Snack Time
Review Time

Conversation Stations/Check-Out

Conversation Stations

Sit with the children during Conversation Station time and discuss the three Connection Questions.

Conversation Station Options:

- 1. Giant Road Playmat with Cars
- 2. Construction Play
- 3. Books
- 4. Coloring Sheet



Connection Questions:

- 1. Have you ever seen a whale?
- 2. Are they big or small?
- 3. Where do whales live?



Group Activity Time

Group Activity Time provides an active learning experience to review lesson concepts.

Option #1 - Jonah in the Storm

What you need: Large sheet, ball

What you do: Space the children evenly around the sheet with each holding the edge. Place the ball on the middle of the sheet. Have the children bounce the ball around on the sheet by moving the edges up and down.

What you say: Today in our story, we learned that Jonah was in a big storm on the boat. Do you think the boat was bouncing around on the waves the way the ball was bouncing on the sheet? Jonah talked to God from inside the big fish and God heard him. We can talk to God from anywhere too because He is with us everywhere we go.

Option #2 – Jonah in the mouth of the big fish

What you need: An open space on the floor, music

What you do: Choose two children to hold hands and raise them up in the air. As the music plays, the rest of the class will walk under the hands in a large circle. When the music stops the children who are holding hands will lower their arms and "catch" a child in the mouth of the big fish. Play until everyone has a turn in the "mouth."

What you say: Today in our story, we learned that Jonah was in the tummy of the big fish. Do you think he was scared? Jonah talked to God from inside the big fish and God listened to him. We can talk to God from anywhere too because He is with us everywhere we go.

Option #3 – Jonah in the tummy of the fish

What you need: Table, a blanket or large sheet

What you do: Drape the blanket over the table. Gather the children under the table. Sing this song with the children (to the tune of "Mary had a little lamb"). Repeat until each child has had a chance to be "Jonah."

Jonah was in a geat big whale, great big whale, great big whale.
Jonah was in a great big whale, what an awful smell - yuck!
God heard his prayer and rescued him, rescued him, rescued him.
God heard his prayer and rescued him, and the big fish spit him out.
("Jonah" somersaults out)

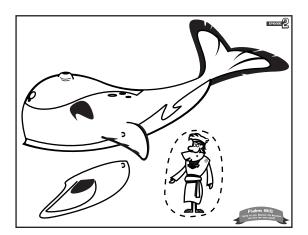
What you say: Today in our story, we learned that Jonah was in the tummy of the big fish. Jonah talked to God from inside the big fish and God listened to him. Do you think it was hard for God to hear Jonah from inside the fish? We can talk to God from anywhere because He is with us everywhere we go.

Craft Time

Jonah and the Big Fish

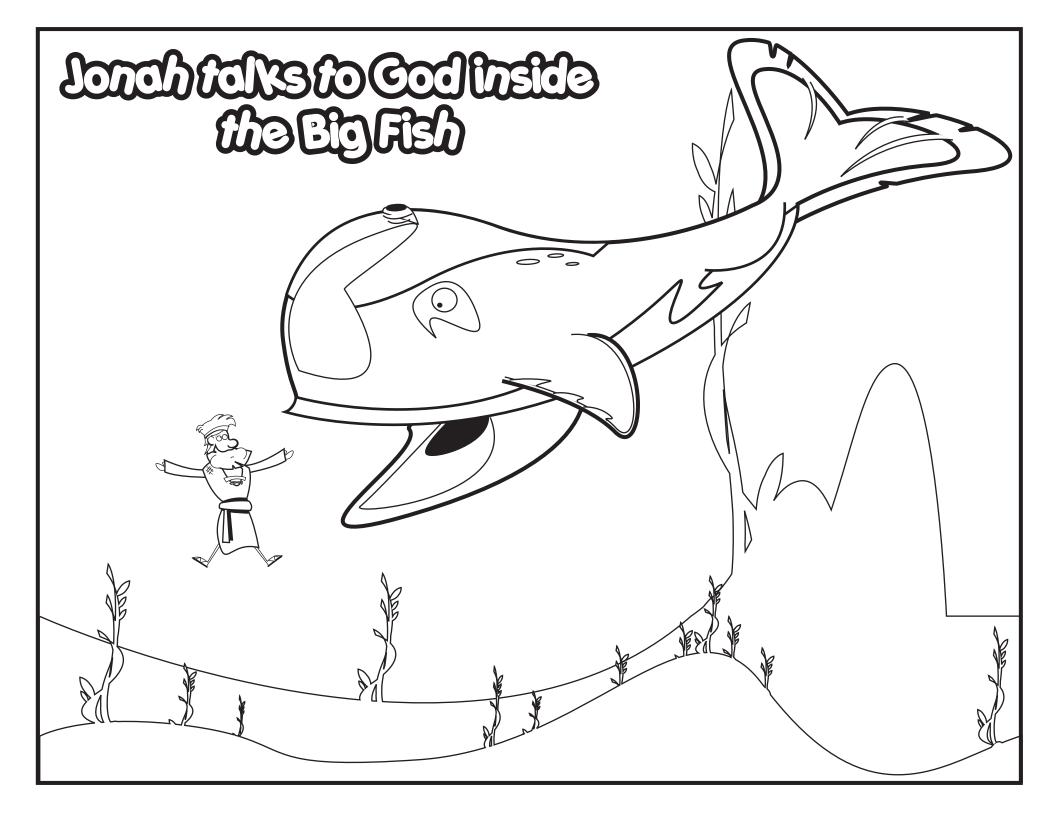
Supplies:

- Cardstock
- Crayons/markers
- Wiggly eyes
- Brads
- Glue
- Popsicle sticks
- Scissors



Directions:

- . Color the fish. Glue on the eyes. Color Jonah.
- 2. Cut out the fish, the mouth and Jonah. Consider precutting these for younger preschoolers.
- 3. Glue the popsicle stick to the back of Jonah leaving enough of the stick showing to hold and use as a puppet.
- 4. Use the brad to attach the mouth to the fish.
- 5. The children can retell the story using the big fish and the Jonah puppet.



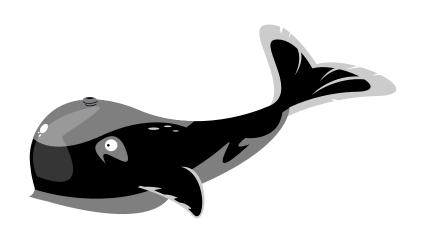
Connection Questions



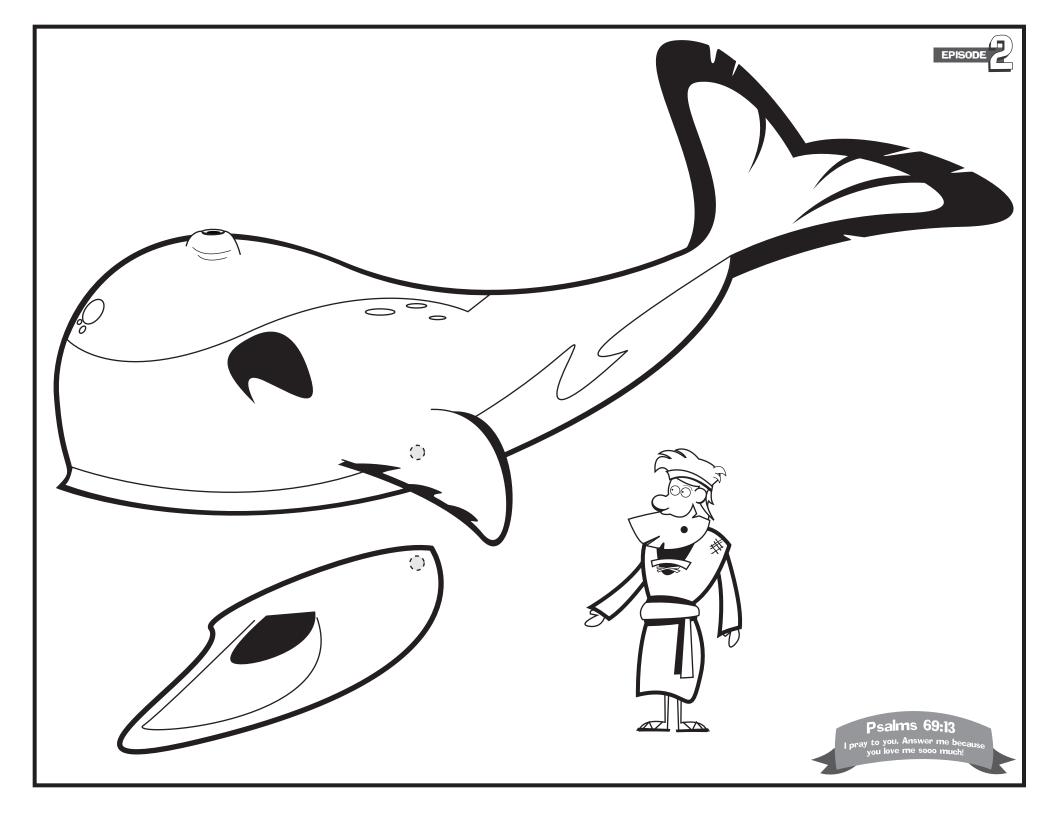
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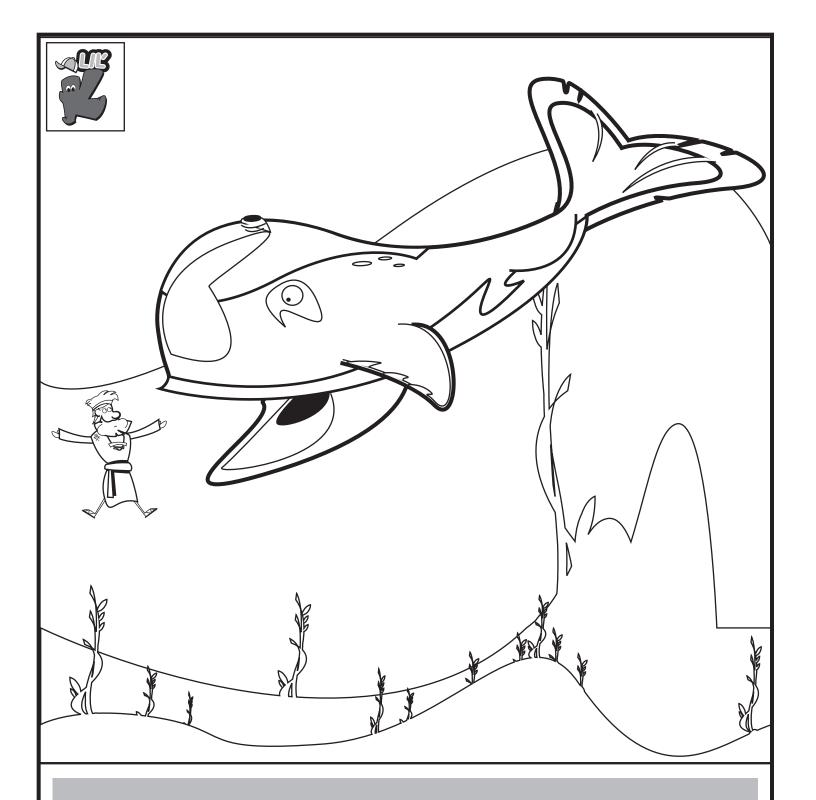
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Episode



At Home Project

What you need: Coffee filter, markers, scissors, water spray bottle

What you do: Cut the coffee filter into a simple fish shape. Have your child color the coffee filter with the markers. Mist lightly with the spray bottle and watch together as the colors spread. Remind your child that Jonah was in the tummy of a BIG fish. Jonah talked to God and God heard him because God is with us everywhere.

Psalms 69:13

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Episode Parents do this Nap Book with your childing

Read the Story!

God told Jonah, "Go to the bad people who live in the city of Nineveh. Tell them to be good or they will get in trouble." Jonah didn't like those people and he wanted them to get in trouble. So he didn't tell them God's message and he ran away. He boarded a boat that was leaving so he could hide from God.

After a while, a strong wind began blowing. The boat tossed and turned and the crew was frightened. Jonah saw the big storm and knew that God sent the storm because he was running away.

Jonah told them, "If you throw me overboard, the sea will calm down." They grabbed Jonah and threw him overboard. As Jonah sank, God sent a very large fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah sat in the fish's stomach for three days and talked to God. Finally, Jonah changed his mind and told God that he would go tell the people of Nineveh God's special message. God told the fish to spit Jonah out onto dry land and Jonah was saved.

Jonah talked to God from inside a very large fish, and we can talk to God anywhere too!

Jonah 1-2

DO TODAY:

Think of a fun place you can talk to God today. Tell your parents where it is and then talk to God there.

Can you find Lil' K? Doodad We can talk to God anywhere.

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