

LESSON DISCUSSION GUIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD

3 & 4 Year Olds

October 14 & 15, 2023 Weekend

MAIN POINT:

God Is Always with Us

BIBLE VERSE:

"Lord, no one is like You. You are great. You are mighty and powerful." Jeremiah 10:6a

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

God wanted Jonah to go to Nineveh, to tell the people there that they should follow Him. But Jonah didn't want to listen to God, so he got on a cargo ship going in the opposite direction. God sent a storm, so Jonah told the men on the ship to throw him overboard to stop the storm. Then God sent a giant fish to swallow Jonah. When the fish spit Jonah back onto dry land, Jonah chose to obey God, and he went to Nineveh.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: www.cschurch.ca/children-faith-at-home

DO IT → PAPER PLATE FISH

Supplies:

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colouring markers or crayons
- Glue
- Jonah and Fish templates (see last page)

Activity Instructions:

- Cut a triangle wedge from the plate to be the mouth.
- Attach this wedge with a staple to the back of the plate to be the fish tail.
- Have your child colour and decorate the paper plate fish. Colour smaller fish and Jonah.
- Then cut out the printed fish and Jonah figure.
- Glue the smaller fish and Jonah figure to the large fish's belly.

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TALK ABOUT IT:

- 1. God was with Jonah, even when he was in a storm, and even when he was in the belly of the fish. God is always with us too! Let's name some of the places where God is always with us. (home, school, playground, a friend's house)
- 2. At first, Jonah didn't obey God because he didn't do what God asked him to do. Sometimes it's not easy to obey. When we do something wrong, we can ask God to forgive us and He always does. He loves us so much! God is always with us and He helps us to do what is right. What is something you might need God's help with this week? (Doing my chores right away, obeying my parents, sharing, using kind hands.) God is always with you! When you need help, pray and ask Him to help you.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, thank you that you are always with us. Thank you that you forgive us when we don't obey. Help us to do the right things. We love you! In your name, Amen

