



GOOD THINGS, **LITTLE PACKAGES**



Jonah Part 1



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MOM,
I'm going to run
away tomroe at
9:30 wean you
and Dad are
steppping. Be
sure to say goo
d by for ever.

Emily
P.S. I will be pack
nd to night



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Historicity of Jonah

- Nineveh is a real place (capital of the Assyrian Empire)
- Jonah is a real prophet (Northern Kingdom of Israel during reign of Jeroboam II, 786-746 BC)
- Jesus references the people, places and events in Jonah as real in Matthew 12:39-41
 - God Does Miracles



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Uniqueness in Scripture

Jonah is the anti-prophet



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The Decision to Run

Jonah 1:1-3



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The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”



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Jonah 1:1-3

***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.*



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Tarshish



2500 miles

Nineveh



550 miles

Joppa





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Isaiah 53:6

*We all, like sheep, have gone
astray, each of us has turned to
our own way...*



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Jonah 1:4-17

THEN THE LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were ***AFRAID*** and each ***CRIED OUT*** to his own god



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And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.



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The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.” 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.



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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?”



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He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”



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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.) 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?”



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“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.” Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before.



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*Then they cried out to the Lord,
“Please, Lord, do not let us die for
taking this man’s life. Do not hold us
accountable for killing an innocent
man, for you, Lord, have done as you
pleased.”*



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



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



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Running from God is Dangerous!



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God Pursues Runners!



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THEN THE LORD...



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Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.



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Hebrews 12:11

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

