

Jonah 1 New International reader's Version (NIRV)

¹A message from the LORD came to Jonah, [who] said, ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh. Preach against it. The sins of its people have come to my attention.” ³But Jonah ran away from the LORD. He headed for Tarshish. So he went down to the port of Joppa. There he found a ship. He paid the fare and went on board and sailed for Tarshish. He was running away from the LORD. ⁴But the LORD sent a strong wind over the Mediterranean Sea. A wild storm came up. It was so wild that the ship was in danger of breaking apart. ⁵All the sailors were afraid. Each one cried out to his own god for help. They threw the ship's contents into the sea. They were trying to make the ship lighter. But Jonah had gone below deck. There he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶The captain went down to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call out to your god for help! Maybe he'll pay attention to what's happening to us. Then we won't die.” ⁷Here is what the sailors said to one another. “Someone is to blame for getting us into all this trouble. Come. Let's cast lots to find out who it is.” So they did. And Jonah was picked. ⁸They asked him, “What terrible thing have you done to bring all this trouble on us? Tell us. What do you do for a living? Where do you come from? What is your country? What people do you belong to?” ⁹He answered, “I'm a Hebrew. I worship the LORD. He is the God of heaven. He made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰They found out he was running away from the LORD. That's because he had told them. Then they became terrified. So they asked him, “How could you do a thing like that?” ¹¹The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down?” ¹²“Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied. “Then it will become calm. I know it's my fault that this terrible storm has come on you.” ¹³But the men didn't do what he said. Instead, they did their best to row back to land. But they couldn't. The sea got even rougher than before. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the LORD. They prayed, “Please, LORD, don't let us die for taking this man's life. After all, he might not be guilty of doing anything wrong. So don't hold us responsible for killing him. LORD, you always do what you want to.” ¹⁵Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard. And the stormy sea became calm. ¹⁶The men saw what had happened. Then they began to have great respect for the LORD. They offered a sacrifice to him. And they made promises to him. ¹⁷Now the LORD sent a huge fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

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When God Calls

Pastor Nate Keeler

Take notes by drawing or writing key words from the sermon.



Jonah Runs from God

The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." Jonah 1:1

The puzzle is based on Jonah 1:1 through 3:3.

A number of words have been removed from each sentence and listed below the sentence. Use the listed words to fill the blanks in the sentence.

God spoke to Jonah and told him to go preach in the city of _____.

Jonah got on a _____ heading in the opposite direction from where God told him to go.

God caused a great _____ to come upon the sea.

The sailors tossed Jonah into the sea to _____ the storm.

God sent a great _____ to swallow Jonah.

Jonah was in the fish for _____ days.

While in the fish, Jonah repented and promised to go _____ in Nineveh.

God caused the fish to spit Jonah out onto the _____.

God spoke to Jonah a _____ time and told him to go to Nineveh.

This time, Jonah _____ God and went to Nineveh.

Nineveh	calm	obeyed	ship	three
fish	shore	second	storm	preach