

## In A Fish

Guess the emoji Bible story

Fun

What are these 4 Bible stories? (Answers on last page)



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## Rescued by a Fish

### Digging In – 10 Minutes – Bible Study

Have you ever played hide & seek? You could be really bad at hide & seek or really good! (The other week I was playing hide and seek with my 3 year old niece and she told me my hiding place wasn't good!! :-o)

Our story today is about a man who hid from God and his name is Jonah. You probably know the story of Jonah but you can either watch the video below or read the story below just to remind yourself.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOSadLyqshg>

### BEGINS

Jonah was sitting under a tree. God said to him, "Jonah! I want you to go to Nineveh. You must tell the people there to repent from their evil ways, or I will destroy them."

Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh. He got up and went in the opposite direction! He found a boat going to Tarshish in Spain, paid for a ticket and got on. Jonah found a pleasant place to rest and fell asleep, lulled by the rocking of the boat.

A terrible storm blew up! The sailors became really frightened – they were sure that the boat would be destroyed by the wind and waves.

The captain told all the crew and passengers to pray to their Gods. Everyone prayed except for Jonah, who was still asleep. The captain woke him up and told him to pray as well! The sailors cast lots to see who was responsible for the terrible storm and Jonah pulled the short straw!

"What have you done? Who are you?" cried the captain.

"I am a Jew and I follow the Lord God. I have disobeyed him and that is why this storm is raging. You must throw me into the sea," Jonah explained.

But the sailors didn't want to do this. Instead they threw all their cargo overboard -but the storm only became worse. So, reluctantly, they threw Jonah into the billowing waves."

Instantly the storm stopped and the sun came out. Jonah sank down. Down down into the sea. But as he thought he was dying a huge fish swam up, opened its huge jaws and swallowed Jonah in one gulp.

Sitting inside the fish's stomach, Jonah prayed to God. He asked God to forgive him for running away."

God, who had provided the fish on purpose, forgave Jonah. He sent the fish to the shore and the fish opened its mouth and spat Jonah out. Jonah discovered that he was on the beach near to Nineveh. He walked slowly into the city and went to obey God's orders!

## ENDS

Jonah tried to hide from God and like we know, you can't hide anything from God. He can see everything we do.

Have you ever done anything wrong and then tried to cover it up or hide in your room? Can you think of an example?

You may be able to hide things from your family and friends, but you can't hide them from God.

When you are scared about being trouble for something you have done, or tried to hide from someone, God wants you to come to him and ask him for help. Tell God what you've done (you'll feel better about it) and he can help you to not do it again. There is no point hiding from God, the best thing to do is tell him. Like Jonah asking God to forgive him, you can do the same.

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## Please Lord...

### Response – 5 Minutes – Prayer

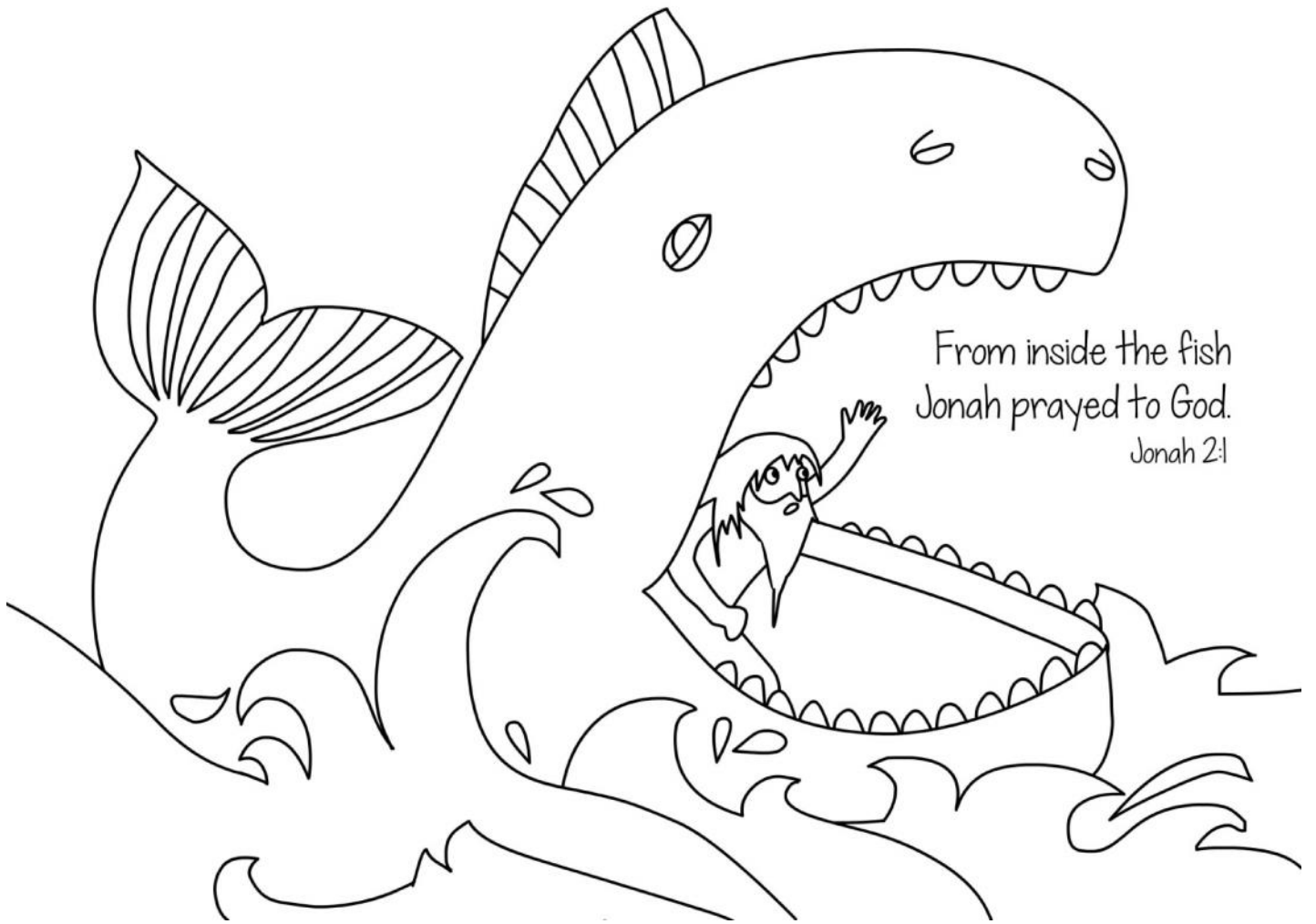
Have a seat in a quiet place and pray about what you have learned today, maybe you can ask God for his help or you can ask him to help someone else. There's a prayer below if you want to pray this prayer instead of one of your own.

Father, Thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to die for our sins so that when we do something wrong we can come to you, confess our sins, and be forgiven. We thank you because we don't ever have to hide from you and be alone and lost in our sins.

Colouring sheet and answers to the emoji Bible stories are on the last 2 pages.

Answers to emoji Bible stories (including where they are in the Bible)

1. Adam & Eve (Genesis 1-3)
2. Daniel and the lions' den (Daniel 6)
3. Noah's ark (Genesis 6: 22 – 8: 22)
4. Jonah and the whale (Jonah)



From inside the fish  
Jonah prayed to God.  
Jonah 2:1