



His Praiseworthy Deeds

Lesson 7

God is Everywhere (Jonah 1-3)

Note: If you are using a flannel board, you will need to have the scene set up ahead of time with land and water. Place a crowd of people on the land.

STORY:

God told Jonah, "Go tell the people about me."

"No!" said Jonah.

"I will not go.

I will not tell the people about God."

Jonah ran away.

Jonah got on a big boat.

But God was with Jonah on the boat.

God sent a big wind.

The boat went up and down.

And up and down. And up and down.

Everyone was afraid.

But Jonah could not run away from God.

"Throw me in the water," said Jonah.

Splash! Into the water went Jonah.

Splash! Splash!

But God took care of Jonah.

God sent a big fish to pick up Jonah.

Gulp! Gulp!

Down went Jonah!

Into the fish's tummy.

But God was with Jonah.

Jonah could not run away from God.

God is everywhere.

Show Jonah (picture 7a).

Shake head "no." Speak in a strong, defiant voice.

Show picture of Jonah and the boat (7b).

Bob your head and upper body up and down as you say the words "up and down."

Shiver as if afraid.

Shake head "no."

Show Jonah in the water (picture 7c).

Show Jonah in fish (picture 7d).

Point up.

Shake head "no."

Make an expansive gesture with your arms.

STORY CONTINUED:

Jonah said, "God, help me! Help me!"
God helped Jonah.
God made the fish spit Jonah on the land.
Spit! Spit!
Up came Jonah!
Out of the big fish and onto the land.

Show Jonah on land (picture 7e).

Now God said, "Go tell the people about me."
So Jonah went.
Jonah could not run away from God.
God was with Jonah on the boat.
God was with Jonah in the fish.
God was with Jonah on the land.
God is everywhere.

Point to the people.
Show Jonah and people (picture 7f).
Shake head "no."
Point to pictures with the boat, fish, and land.

Make an expansive gesture with your arms.

REVIEW:

Was God with Jonah on the boat? [yes]
Was God with Jonah in the fish? [yes]
Was God with Jonah on the land? [yes]
Could Jonah run away from God? [no]
God is everywhere.

SING:

(Review songs from past lessons.)

PRAY:

Thank God for taking care of Jonah.
Praise God that He is with us everywhere.

MEMORY VERSE:

Work on the scripture memory verses and/or *Foundation Verses*.