

For the Parents:

Dear Parents,

In case you would like to do some study for yourselves; here is where this Bible story is found.

Jonah 1; 2:1-2, 10; 3:1-3;
The Bible Story Vol 6, p. 177-182
Prophets & Kings p. 265-270
Child Guidance, p. 85-88.

Talk about how that when we obey our parents we are obeying God. God wants us to obey Him all the time. We may think that we can hide from God and disobey, but God can see us all the time just as He could see Jonah hiding in the boat.

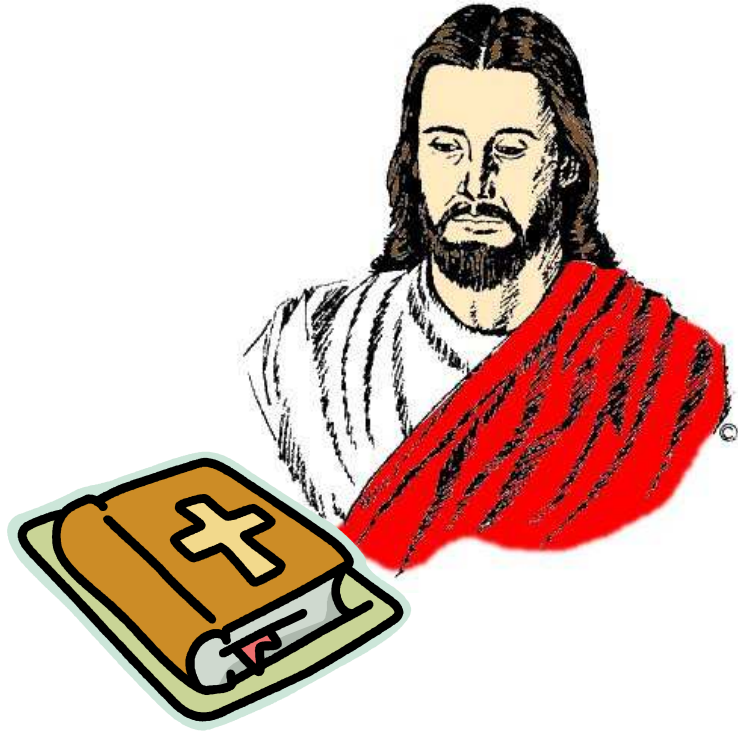
You could add some pictures to your book of children obeying their parents.

The Big Fish!

Sabbath

Who do you think is being obedient?





**Obey the voice
of the Lord
Jeremiah 26:13 NKJV**

Friday

God wants us to listen to and obey Him. When we come as soon as Mummy or Daddy calls, we are obeying God. When we share our toys and use gentle hands we are obeying God. When we help to pick up our toys and sit still in church, we are also obeying God. When we obey God and our mummies and daddies it makes us happy and it makes God happy as well.



Thursday

When Jonah didn't want to do what God told him to, he ran away! But he couldn't really run away from God.

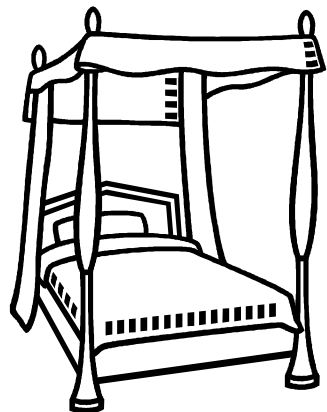
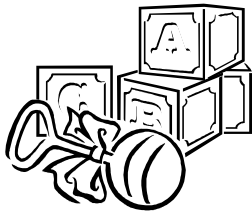
Johnny has been playing with the blocks.



Mummy says, "It's time to put your blocks away!"

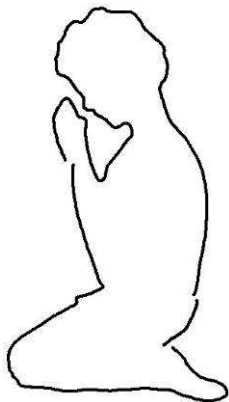


Instead of packing up, Johnny runs away and hides!



But Johnny can't hide from Mummy.

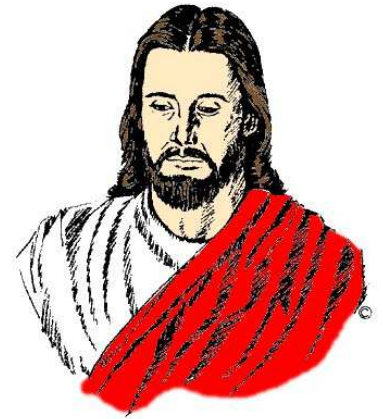
Johnny says sorry to Mummy and prays and asks God to forgive him too.



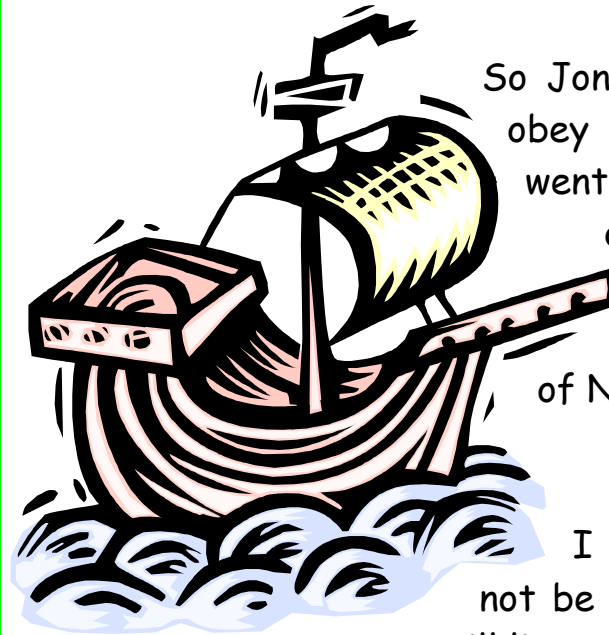
Then he picks up his blocks.

Sunday

God said to Prophet Jonah, "I want you to go the big city of Nineveh and tell the people there that they need to stop doing bad things and start obeying my commandments."



But Jonah thought "I don't want to go to Nineveh; the people there do very bad things and they won't want to listen to me."

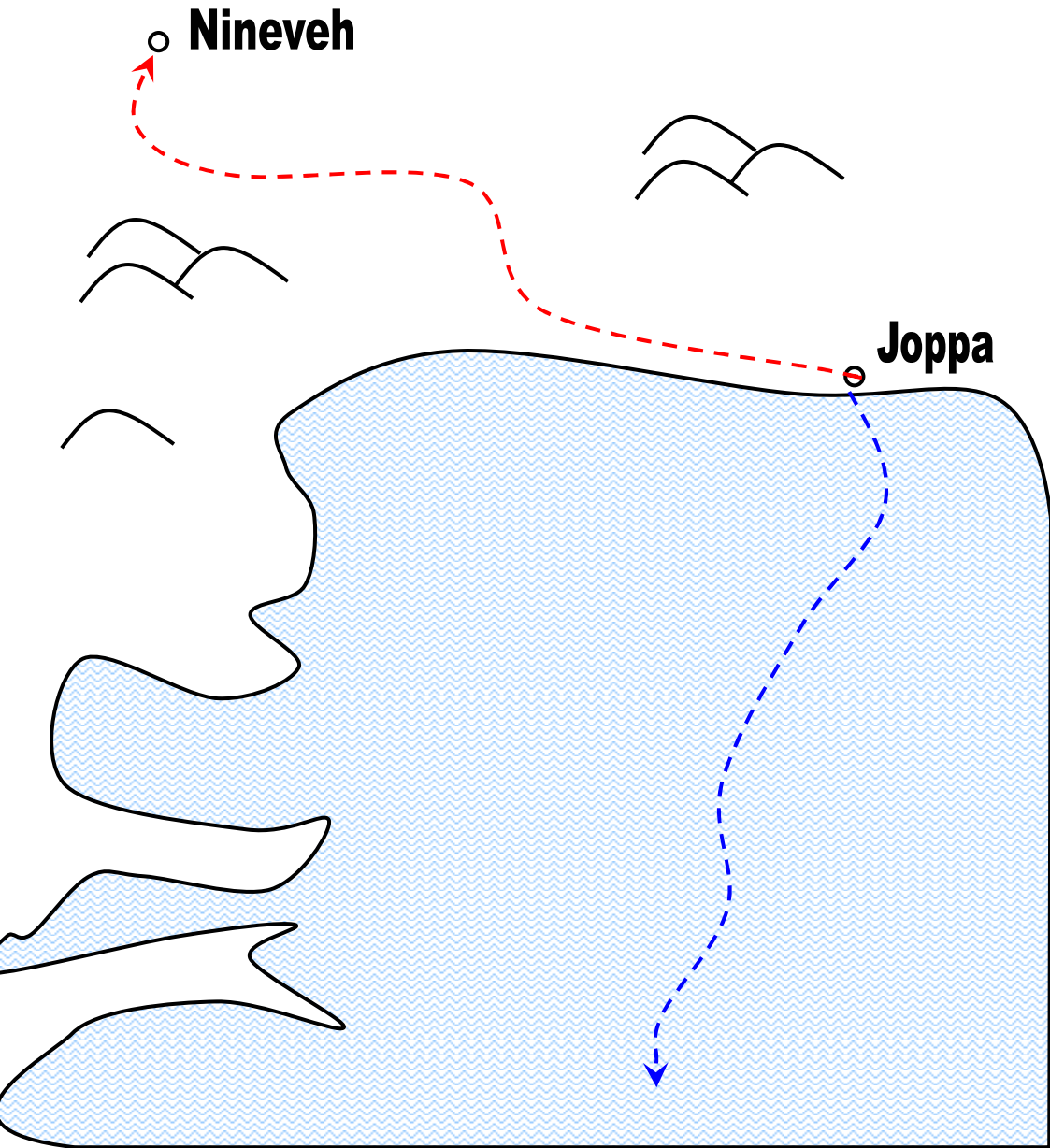


So Jonah decided not to obey God, instead, he went to Joppa and got on a boat that was going far away from the big city of Nineveh.

I hope that you will not be like Jonah; I hope you will listen and obey when you are asked to do something.

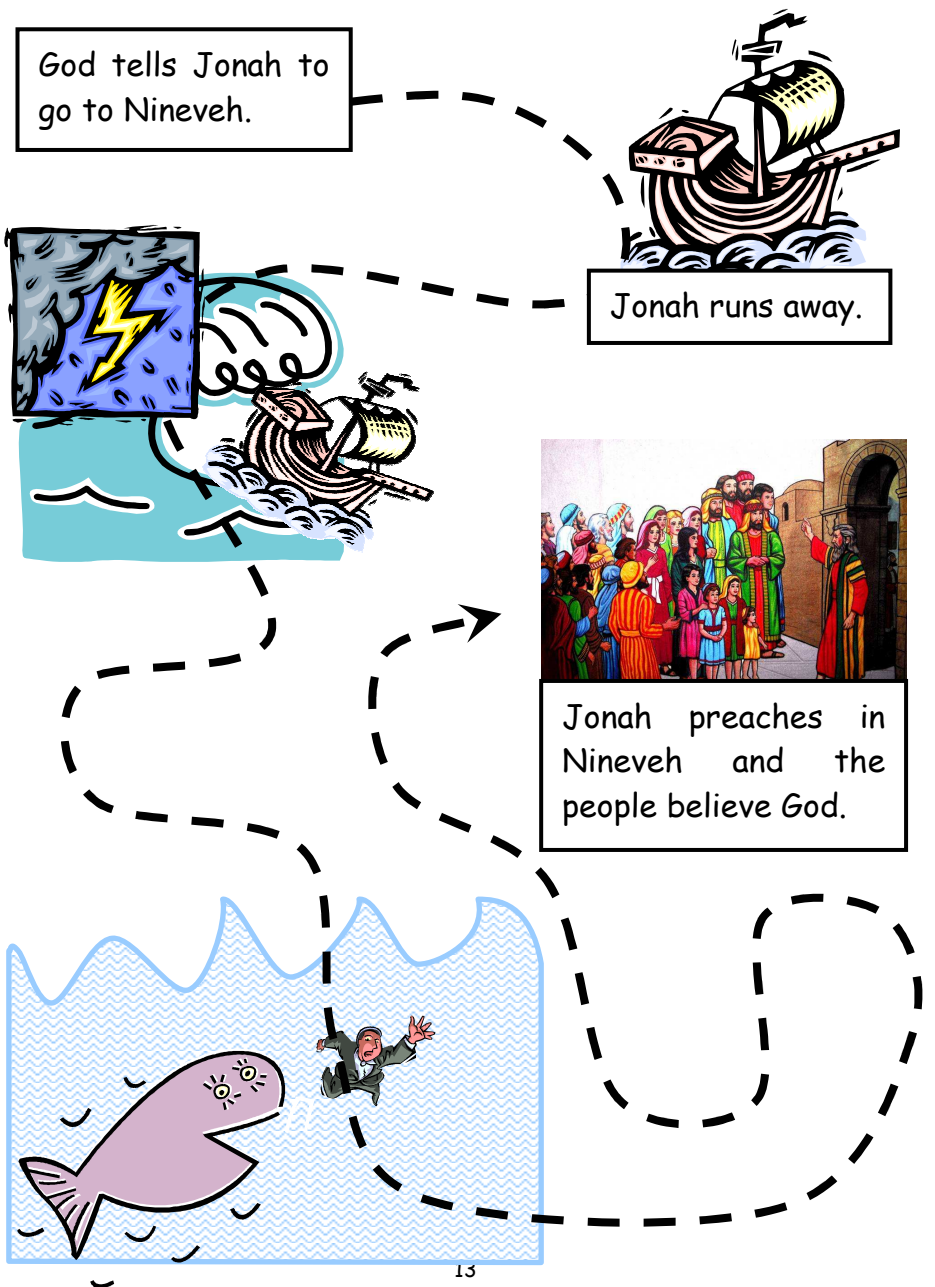
Monday

Follow the red line to see where Jonah was supposed to go, and follow the blue line to see where he went instead!



Wednesday

Follow the line to tell the story of Jonah.



Tuesday

While Jonah was in the fish's tummy he prayed to God. He told God that he was sorry for not listening to and obeying Him. Then God told the fish to swim near some land and the fish vomited Jonah onto the beach.

Now Jonah was ready to obey God.

Jonah went to the big city of Nineveh and preached. The people listened and told God that they were sorry for not obeying Him; they said they would obey God from now on.

God wants us to listen to and obey Him as well.



Tuesday

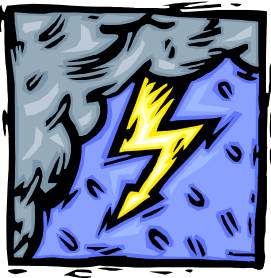
Do you listen and obey when Mummy or Daddy tells you to do something? Put a tick next to the children who are listening and obeying.



Wednesday

Jonah went downstairs in the boat and lay down. Soon he was fast asleep.

They hadn't gone very far in their journey when big black clouds covered the sun and the wind began to blow.



The waves got bigger and bigger and the wind blew harder. There was thunder, lightening and rain.

The captain and the crew of the ship rushed around trying to stop the ship from sinking; but it wasn't doing any good. Then they found Jonah fast asleep, they woke him up and said, "Pray to your God! We are about to sink."

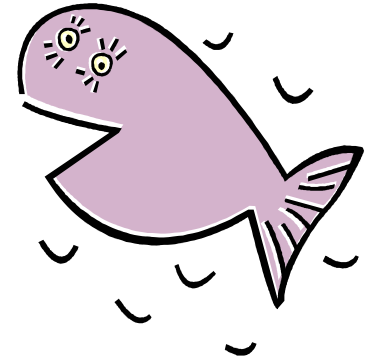
Jonah thought he could hide from God, but God knew exactly where he was and God sent the storm to wake Jonah up.



We need to remember that we can't hide from God either.

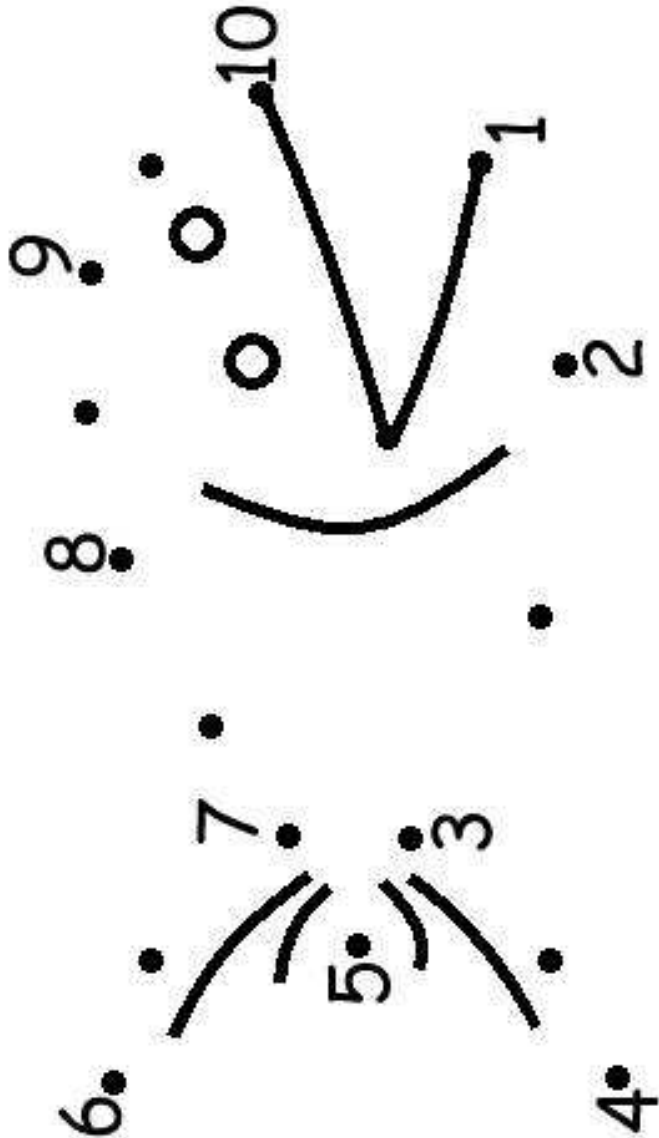
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God sent the big fish to look after Jonah. Who does God send to look after you?



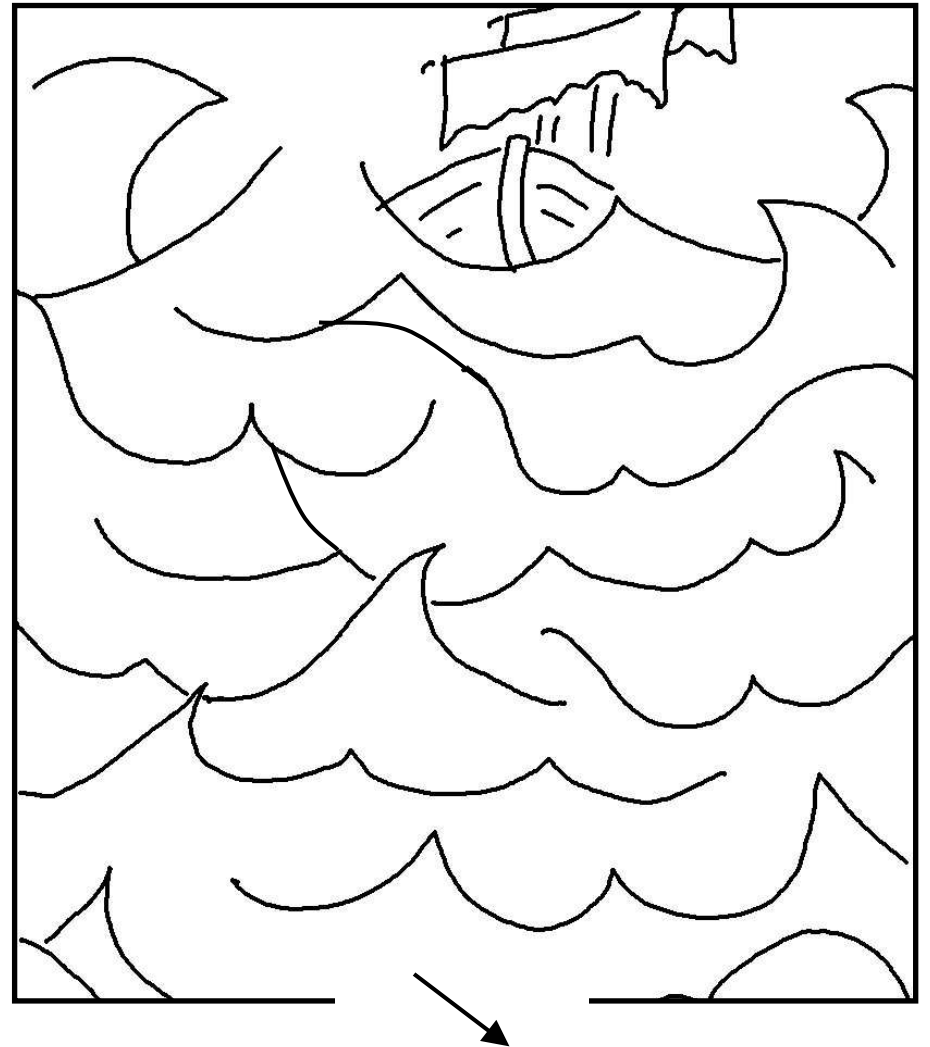
Sunday

Everyone thought Jonah would drown! What did God send to save him?



Thursday

The waves got bigger and bigger! Find a path through the waves.



Friday

Jonah couldn't hide from God and neither can you. He knows where you are all the time.



Sabbath

Jonah told the men to throw him overboard so the storm would stop. The men didn't want to do that and they tried again to row to land; but it was no help so they finally agreed to throw Jonah over.

As soon as they did, the storm stopped and the sea became calm again.

Jonah went down and down into the water and then gulp! - He went in to a slimy fish's tummy.

But all the time God was watching over him and keeping him safe.

God watches over you too and keeps you safe just as He did Jonah.

