

# JONAH AND THE WHALE

A FAMILY DEVOTION

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.

Jonah 1:3

This week we are talking about Jonah! I am sure you have heard this story before. God told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and tell the people there to start listening to God and following his ways! However, Jonah was scared of going to the city and did not want to go. Instead of listening to God, he hid on a boat headed in the opposite way of Nineveh! God wanted Jonah to go to Nineveh, the seas started to be stormy and the boat was tipping. The sailors threw Jonah overboard but God sent a giant fish to swallow Jonah to keep him safe. He prayed and talked to God inside the fish for 3 days and then the fish let him out on shore. Jonah headed straight to Nineveh and told them about God and how important it is to love one another and take care of others!

Spend some time talking with your family about what happens In this story and what we can learn from Jonah

Dear God,  
We thank you for always equipping us to do what you call us to do, even If we are afraid. Allow us to be brave and to live according to your will.  
Amen