

It's only November but it's time to start making Christmas cards for the families who receive mittens through Share the Spirit...

The easiest way is to fold a piece of paper in quarters. Decorate the front. Write a nice message on the inside. Some ideas are here. Have fun! It would be great if each child made several. You can bring them to church.



some words you can use:

Merry Christmas to you

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Wishing you Peace and Joy this Christmas

Jesus is Born!

Rejoice!

from a friend at Southminster

Jesus loves you.

Jonah 4:1-11 And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Get out your Bible! The book of Jonah is a story written with plenty of humor to teach us about God. If it was written today it might be a made-for-TV soap opera. What does God **say** in this story?

word bank: great city, that bush, Nineveh (2x) , angry

1:1 "Go at once to _____, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."

3:1 "Get up, go to Nineveh, that _____, and proclaim to it."

4:4 Is it right for you to be _____?"

4:9 "Is it right for you to be angry about _____?"

4:11 "And should I not be concerned about _____?"

What does God **do** in this story? Draw lines to connect the picture with the correct blank.

1:4 But the LORD hurled a great _____ upon the sea



1:17 But the LORD provided a large _____ to swallow up Jonah

3:10 God changed his _____ about the calamity

4:6 The LORD God appointed a _____,

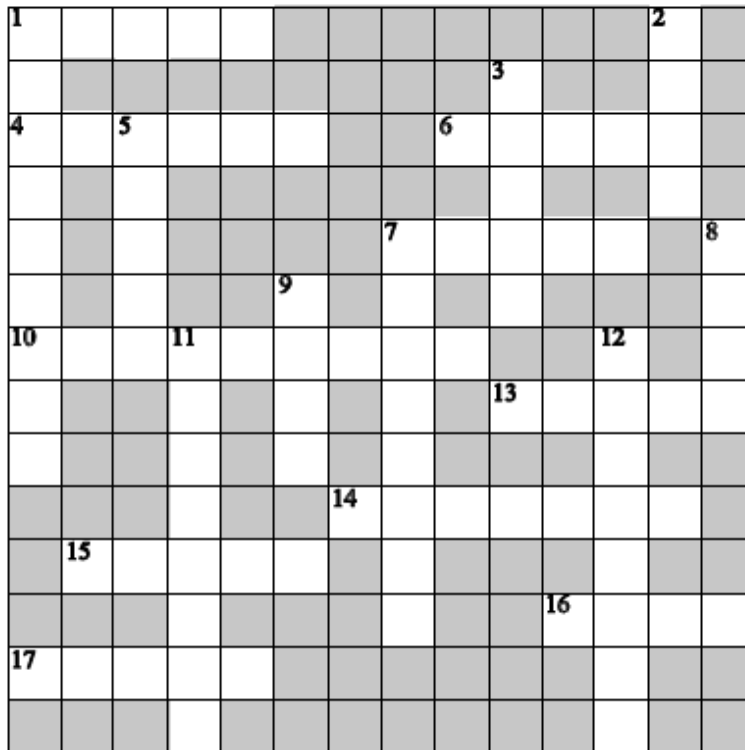


4:7 God appointed a _____ that attacked the bush.



What do we learn about God from what God says and does in this story?

Jonah and the Big Fish



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ACROSS

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| <p>1. God made a plant to provide this for Jonah</p> <p>4. Other than the people of Nineveh, what God mentioned he spared</p> <p>6. Jonah found a ship going to Tarshish in this city</p> <p>7. What God showed the people of Nineveh</p> <p>10. Where the mariners threw Jonah</p> | <p>13. What God prepared to provide shade for Jonah. NKJ version</p> <p>14. A storm</p> <p>15. The prophet sent by God to preach to the city of Nineveh</p> <p>16. God prepared a big one to swallow Jonah</p> <p>17. Jonah's emotion after God spared the city of Nineveh</p> |
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DOWN

1. Clothes for repentance
2. What Jonah did in the belly of the great fish
3. What God prepared to provide shade for Jonah. KJV
5. The number of days and nights Jonah was in the fish's belly
7. Sailors
8. To go without food
9. What God prepared to destroy the plant that provided shade
11. What the people of Nineveh did after Jonah preached to them
12. The city Jonah was trying to flee to

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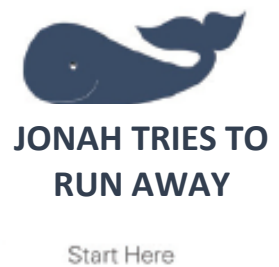
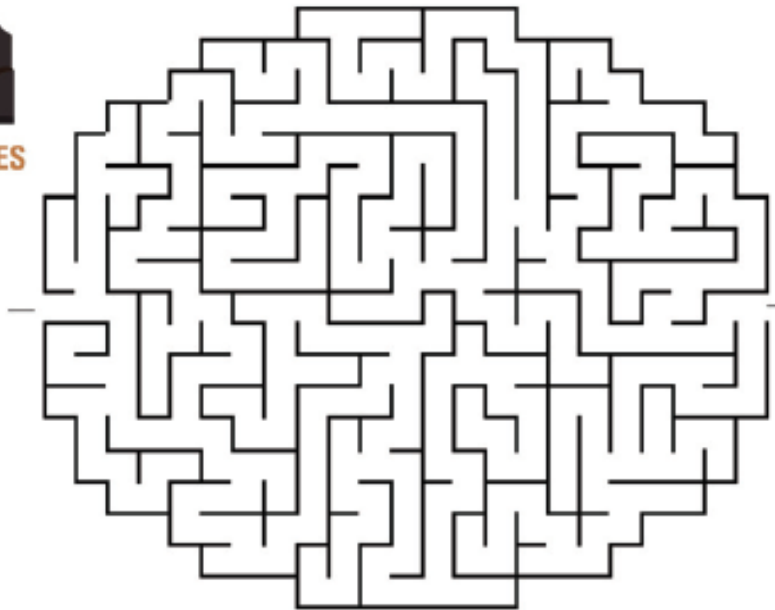
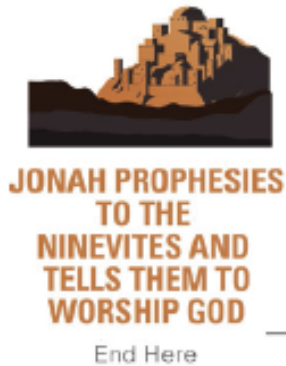


A-maze-ing Bible Struggles

#15 JONAH

Jonah was told to go to Nineveh and tell the people to repent of their sins. The people of Nineveh were very powerful and mean. Jonah hated them, so he ran. God had him swallowed by a fish in a giant storm and spit up onto the beaches of Nineveh. After three days of dodging fish-gut digestive juices, he emerged ready to blast the truth! Jonah did a great job telling the Nineveh people to repent.

Follow Jonah for three days of growing faith in one of the most disgusting “holds” in human history.



Psalm 139: 7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?



JONAH 1-3 Jonah didn't want to go to Ninevah when God told him to. So God had a big fish swallow him and take him there.