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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 14 • Session 2

## JONAH, PROPHET TO NINEVEH

Jonah

**WHY DO CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN?  
CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A SIN NATURE,  
BUT WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL MAKE US SINLESS LIKE HIM.**

God told Jonah to preach to the great city of Nineveh, because their sin was great. Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh, so he boarded a boat to Tarshish. The Lord sent a great storm on the sea. Jonah knew the storm was because of him. The sailors picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the waves stilled, and the wind stopped. The Lord sent a large fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then the Lord commanded the fish to spit Jonah on dry land. God said again to Jonah, "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach the message I tell you." This time, Jonah obeyed.

When Jonah got to Nineveh, he shouted, "In forty days, Nineveh will be destroyed!" The people of Nineveh fasted and dressed in sackcloth. The king fasted saying, "Each of us must turn from our evil ways. Maybe God will turn from his anger, and we will not die." God saw the actions of the Ninevites and did not destroy them. This made Jonah angry. He prayed, "God, this is why I ran away from Nineveh! I knew that you are gracious and compassionate." Jonah traveled outside the city and sat down. God caused a large plant to grow to give him shade. Then God caused the plant to die. Jonah was angry. God said, "You cared about the plant, which you did not plant or grow. Can't I care about a city full of people who don't know right from wrong?"

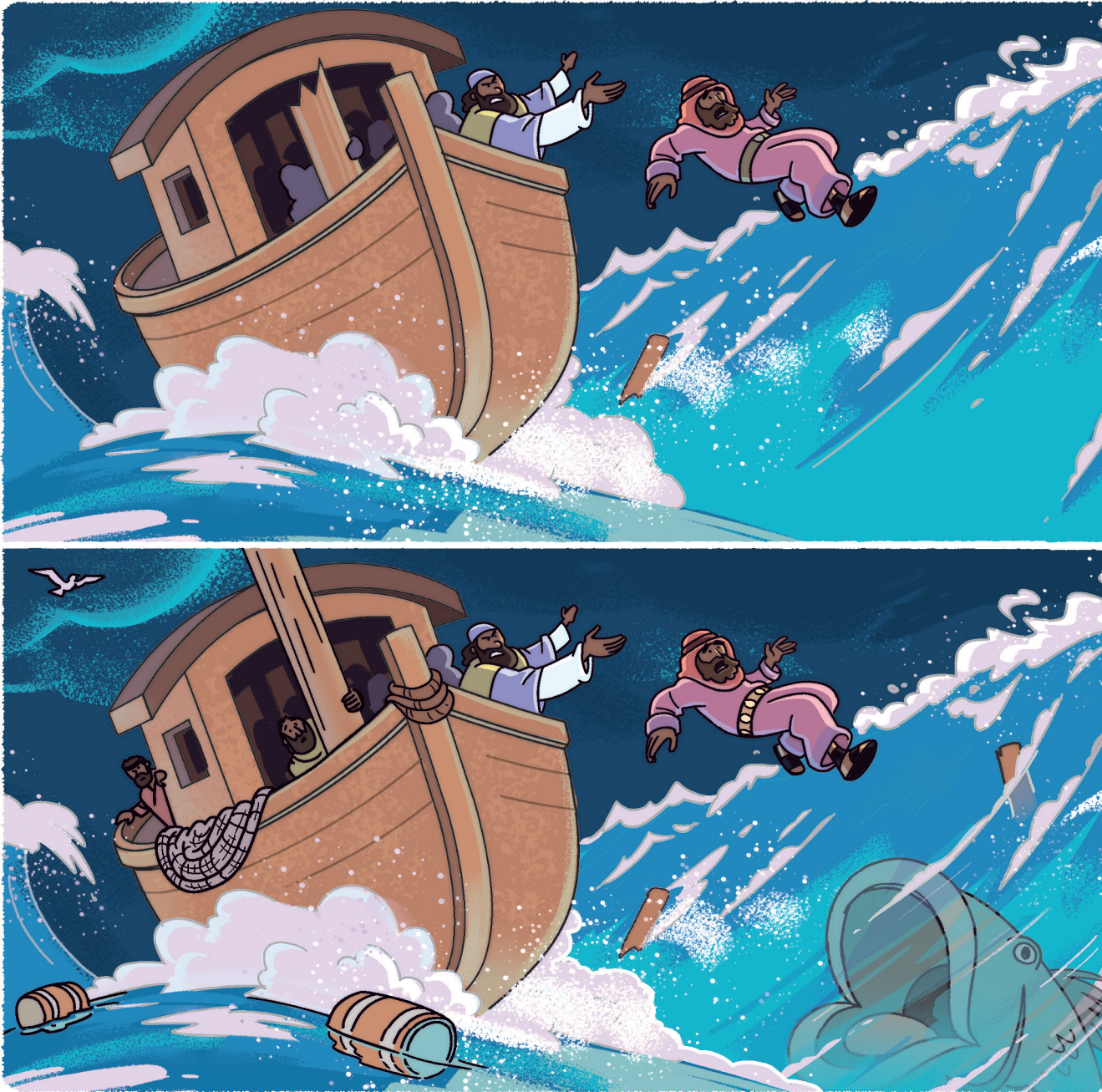
Christ Connection: Jonah spent three days in a fish so that the people of Nineveh could hear God's message, turn from sin, and be saved. Jesus was in the tomb for three days so that we could hear and trust the gospel, turn from sin, and be saved.

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!**





**Before and After** | Compare both pictures and circle the 10 differences.



He was in the belly of a fish for three days.

He preached against Nineveh.

He loves sinners and died for them.

He always obeyed God, His Father.

He disobeyed God and ran away.

He told people to repent because the kingdom of God was near.

He was in a tomb for three days.

He was angry at God for not destroying the Ninevites.

**Greater than Jonah** | Circle the bubbles that describe Jesus. Draw an X on the bubbles that describe Jonah. Look up Matthew 3:2; Matthew 12:40-41; and Romans 5:8 if you need help.