

K-3rd

Large Group

November — Week 2

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival : 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown : 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group : 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

→ Opener

→ Bible Story

→ Talk It Out!

→ Memory Verse

→ Prayer

Transition to Small group : 9:55-10:00
/11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Jonah

Jonah 1-3

Bottom Line

God knows what's best.

Memory Verse

"Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."
Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV)



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

10 MINUTES

OPENER

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro

HOST: “Hello, everyone! Welcome! I’m so glad that you came today. This month, we’re digging into Bedrock by building confidence in God block by block.

“Placing our trust and confidence in God is something that we learn by doing it! We all need practice. And in today’s story, we’ll meet a guy who REALLY needed some practice. In fact, instead of trusting God, he ran away and found himself in a fishy situation.

SLIDE → Game_Fishing Game!

“Now, before we launch into our story, we’re going to warm up with a fishing game!

“Have any of you ever gone fishing? If you’ve gone fishing, raise your hand! (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)

“Great! Well, whether or not you’ve been fishing before, I need two volunteers who would like to try their hand at fishing. And I need two more volunteers who would like to help line up the fish after they are caught!

→ Select four volunteers and bring them up on stage.
(PREFERABLY, SELECT VOLUNTEERS WITH MORE ADVANCED READING SKILLS.) Give the first two magnetic fishing rods.

“Great. Now, you two are fishermen. And you two are going to put our fish in order! See, there are ten special fish scattered around the stage. Each of these fish has one part of our Memory Verse! The verse is Isaiah 40:31! That’s the verse we’re trying to get in our heads and hearts this month. There are numbers on the fish, in case you need help putting them in order!

SLIDE → Memory Verse

“Your job is to put the fish in order on this board so that we can see the whole Memory Verse!

“Use your fishing rod to pick up the fish.

“Okay, fishermen, are you ready? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)

10 MINUTES

OPENER

"Fish liner-uppers, are you ready?" (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)

"Then it's time ... to GO FISH!"

AUDIO → Upbeat Music

→ Assist the fishermen if needed, and help the Memory Verse volunteers line up the verse on the board if needed.

"You all did a fantastic job of catching fish and lining them up! Let's all read our Memory Verse together (READ THE MEMORY VERSE FROM THE CARDBOARD FISH, OR READ IT FROM THE SLIDE.)

"You can trust God, no matter what. So let's show God our love and trust as we sing some worship songs. On your feet, everyone! Let's worship God!"

"This week we're going to look at the story of a God-follower named Jonah who learned that following God and His ways is always best. Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!"

10 MINUTES

Story

③

Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W2

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "See, Jonah thought that everyone in Nineveh should be punished. He thought God should pay them back big time! Jonah thought he knew what was best. But God is good and kind, and He is always working for good. So that means God always knows what is best ... even if it means showing mercy to your worst enemy. That's why it's so important for us to remember that—

STORYTELLER, HOST, and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] "God knows what's best.

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God knows what's best. Say that with me."

→ Host enters and joins in.

STORYTELLER, HOST, and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] "God knows what's best.

SLIDE -> Memory Verse

Memory Verse

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5 MINUTES

TALK IT OUT



It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**
That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!" 

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

TALK IT OUT!!!

1. Who was Jonah?

☞ A prophet who gave messages from God.

2. Where did God tell Jonah to go?

☞ To the city of Nineveh.

3. What did Jonah do instead of going to Nineveh?

☞ He ran away and got on a boat.

4. What happened while Jonah was on the boat?

☞ A big storm came.

5. How did the sailors stop the storm?

☞ They threw Jonah into the sea.

6. What swallowed Jonah?

☞ A big fish!

7. How many days was Jonah inside the fish?

☞ Three days and three nights.

8. What did Jonah do inside the fish?

☞ He prayed to God.

9. What did Jonah tell the people of Nineveh?

☞ "In 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed."

10. What did God do when the people of Nineveh stopped doing bad things?

☞ He forgave them and didn't destroy the city.

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5 MINUTES

Prayer

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STORYTELLER or HOST: "Dear God, thank You so much for giving us a chance to learn about You through the Bible. You are kind and loving and good. Help us to listen for Your voice and do what You say, instead of running away like Jonah. We want to follow You our whole lives. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop