

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

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3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

READ TOGETHER – JONAH 1-4

Jonah 1:1-3 ¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, ² “Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me.” ³ But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. ...

Jonah 1:4,10,12,15,17 ⁴ The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up. ¹⁰ Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, “How could you do this?” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. ¹² He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm has come upon you.” ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging. ¹⁷ And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2:1-2, 9-10 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the stomach of the fish, ² and he said,

“I called out of my distress to the LORD,
And He answered me.
I cried for help from the depth of Sheol;
You heard my voice.
⁹ But I will sacrifice to You
With the voice of thanksgiving.
That which I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation is from the LORD.”

¹⁰ Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.

Jonah 3:5,10 ⁵ Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. ¹⁰ When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.

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¹¹ Should I not have compassion on Nineveh,....?

TALK TOGETHER.

1. Describe Jonah's response when God gave him a task. What was his reaction when it was given the first time? How about the second time?
2. Do you think Jonah should have learned his lesson after his encounter with the great fish? Why do you think he still got angry?
3. What does that tell you about Jonah? Do you think he was broken?
4. From the story, what does it tell you about God? What are His characteristics that we can see?

CONVICTION

Brokenness is a process. I should allow the Lord to break me so I can be more like Him.

APPLICATION

Have you allowed the Lord to break you? Have you surrendered all aspects of your life to Him?

PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Father, thank You for your graciousness and compassion towards us. You always pursue us and You don't give up on us. Break us so we can be more like You. In Jesus' Name, amen.

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