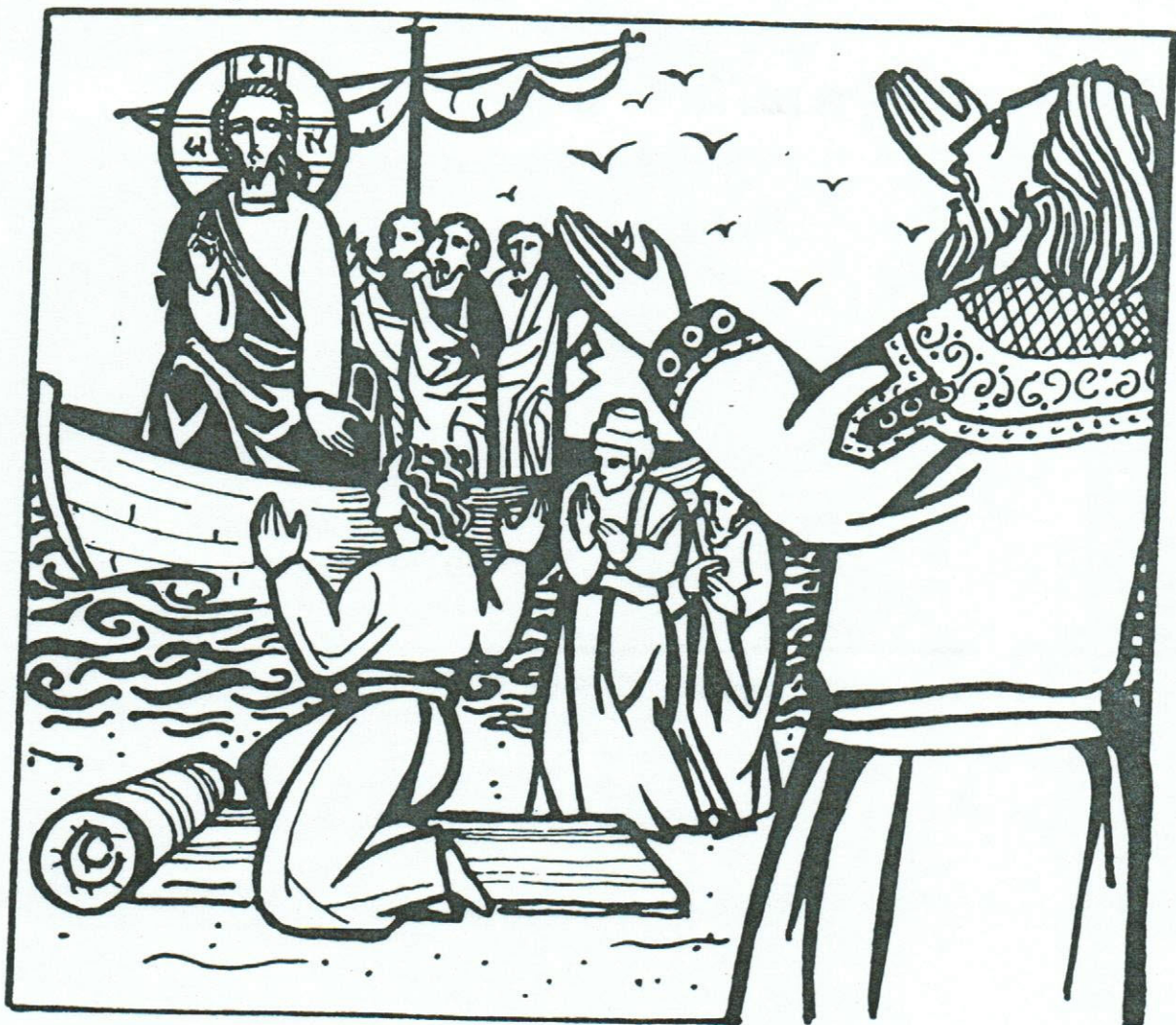


*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 9, 1-8*



**Jonah 1-3—Jonah Changes
His Mind**

Map of Jonah's Travels

Supplies

copies of the map for each child

crayons or markers

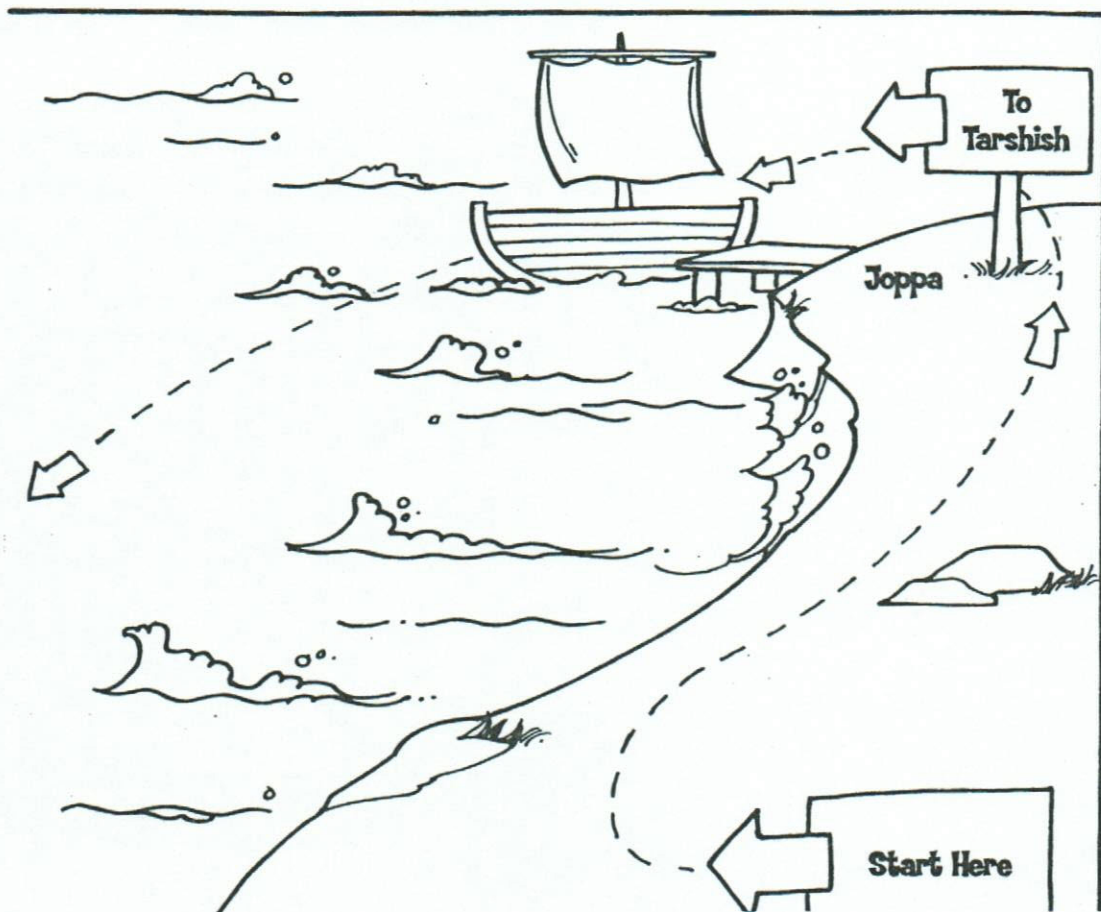
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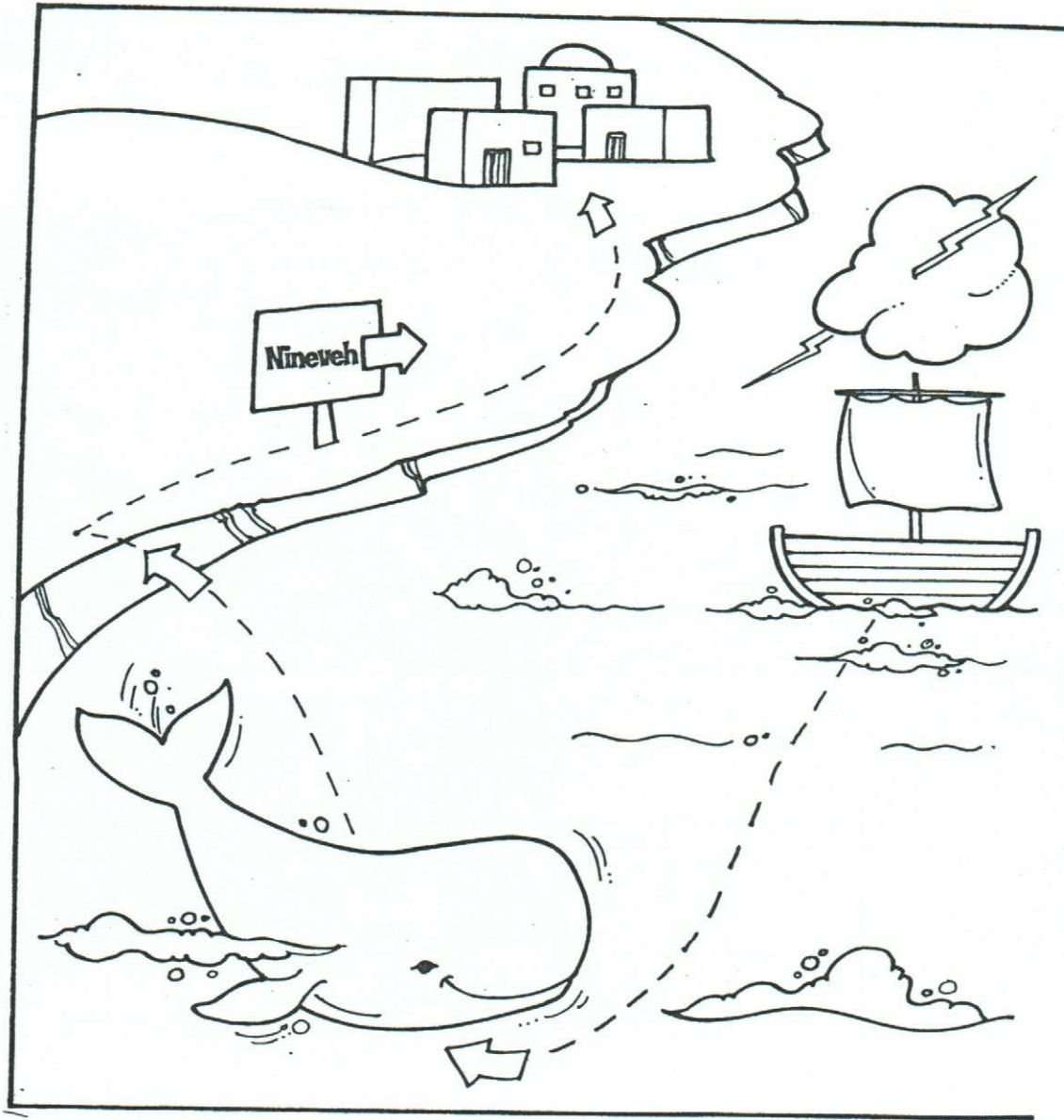
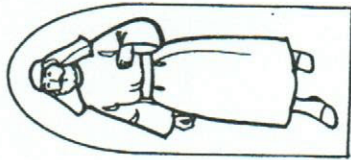
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Directions

Color both pages of the map and attach the two sides by taping along the seam. Color and cut out the Jonah figure. Move Jonah through the different locations on the map as you retell the story of Jonah changing his mind:

- 1) Jonah heard God speak to him saying, "Go preach in Nineveh."
- 2) Jonah went to Joppa to get on a ship to run away from God.
- 3) Jonah sailed toward Tarshish.
- 4) Jonah was thrown overboard when God sent a storm.
- 5) A large fish swallowed Jonah.
- 6) Jonah prayed to God, and the fish spit Jonah out onto dry land.
- 7) Jonah finally obeyed God and went to Nineveh to do what God said.





JONAH AND THE CITY OF NINEVEH

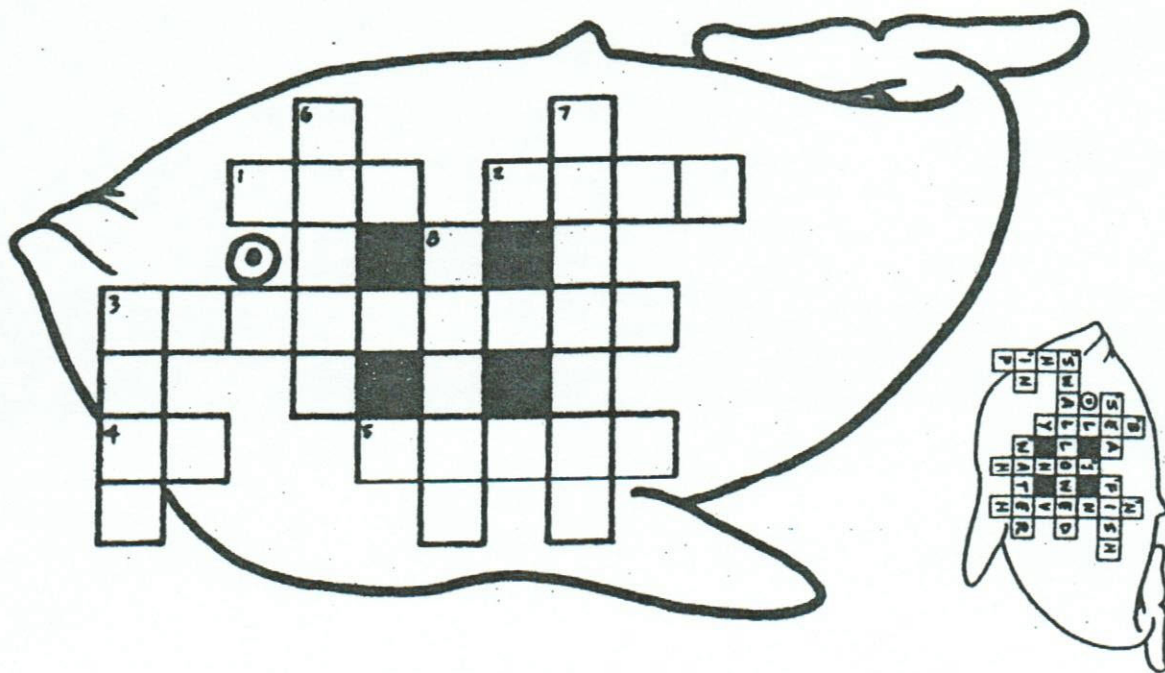
JONAH

ACROSS

- 1) VERY LARGE BODY OF WATER - RHYMES WITH "BEE"
- 2) FINNED CREATURES OF THE WATER - RHYMES WITH "DISH"
- 3) TO TAKE FOOD DOWN THE THROAT INTO THE STOMACH - RHYMES WITH "HOLLOW"
- 4) OPPOSITE OF OUT
- 5) THE LIQUID THAT FISH SWIM IN

DOWN

- 3) A LARGE, SEAGING VESSEL - RHYMES WITH "SLIP"
- 6) STOMACH - RHYMES WITH "JELLY"
- 7) JONAH DID NOT WANT TO GO TO THE CITY OF _____.
- 8) _____ WAS SWALLOWED BY A GREAT FISH.





Jonah Changes His Mind



BIBLE FACTS

Find the answers from the list below.



The richest man

He was swallowed by

a great fish

One of Noah's sons

The first woman

Jesus' first miracle was

performed here

JONAH
CANA
HAM

SOLOMON
EVE



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Find the hidden words.



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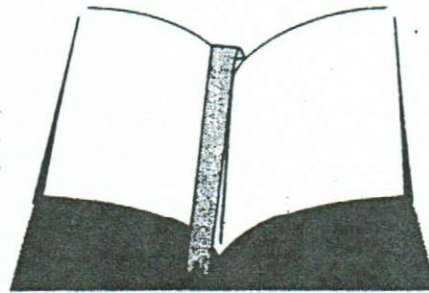
OBADIAH

JONAH

MICAH

NAHUM

HABAKKUK



A Little Plant and a Great City

Jonah 3:1-4:11

Jonah, get up and go to Nineveh," God said. "Speak the message I give you." This time, Jonah went. He walked all day into the city. There he cried out, "In forty days, Nineveh will be torn down."

The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their sins. Nineveh's king declared, "No one may eat or drink. All must pray to God. Who knows? God may change his mind so we don't die." When God saw this, he did change his mind. He didn't slaughter Nineveh.

Jonah was angry. "This is why I ran away in the first place," he prayed. "I know you're a God of love. You're always ready to change your mind about punishing people. Take my life; it's better that I die."

East of the city, Jonah built a hut. There he sat watching. What would happen to Nineveh? God made a plant grow there to give cool shade. This made Jonah happy. Then the plant died, and Jonah suffered in the heat. He was sorry the plant died.

"You were sorry a little plant died," God said. "What about this great city? Shouldn't I have pity on its little children?"

Questions: What did Nineveh's king say when he heard Jonah's message? Why did Jonah get angry?