

Jonah 3

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Activity Ideas

Passage: Jonah 3

Main Point: God wants all people everywhere to turn and follow Him

Craft

City of Nineveh craft

1. Print out stencil (see below)
2. Provide collage materials to decorate
3. Provide smiley face stickers (or kids can draw them themselves) to add to the city

Repentance paper bag craft

1. Write on one side of a brown paper bag or similar 'Sin' and on the other side 'God'
2. Decorate the 'sin' side with black collage elements
3. Decorate the 'god' side with gold and/or sparkly collage elements
4. Can use as a 'puppet' to illustrate turning away from sin and turning back to God

Songs

Have a listen to:

- Colin Buchanan's "God is everywhere"
- Hillsong Kids' "Ask, seek, knock"

And make up some actions. Why not film them and have Mum or Dad send them to charlotte@stalbans.org.au?

Discussion ideas:

- Retell the story with Lego or other props or draw it out comic book style
- Talk about repentance with your kids. Share a story or two of times you have needed to repent. Practice praying to God to say sorry for sin.

Discussion questions:

Watch the talk and then discuss the following questions

1. What does repentance mean?
Repentance is turning away from sin and turning back towards God.
2. What does grace mean?
Grace is God's kindness which we don't deserve.
3. How did God respond to Jonah when he turned back to him?
God was kind to Jonah, grace
4. When Jonah was spat out of the fish what did he do next?
Jonah obeyed God and went to the people of Nineveh, Jonah repented
5. When Jonah spoke to the people of Nineveh what did they do?
They turned to God, repentance, put on rags, stopped eating, begged God to forgive them
6. How did God respond to the people of Nineveh when they turned to him?
God was kind to the people of Nineveh, grace

Prayer Ideas

Remind kids of concept of 'SPA' prayers – this is a concept they should be familiar with from KidsZone

- **Sorry**
 - Kids can find confessional prayer especially difficult, try modelling it by confessing your own sin to God
- **Praise**
 - We're talking about God being kind to us when we don't deserve it (grace)
 - Encourage kids to talk to God about his kindness that we don't deserve (grace)
 - "I praise you God that you are kind to me when I don't deserve it"

- **Ask**

Repeated prayer

- Dear God --- we are sorry --- that we sin. --- Please help us --- to turn away from sin --- And to turn --- to you.--- Thankyou that --- you promise --- to be kind to us --- even though --- we don't deserve it. --- Amen.

Around the world prayers

- Print out pictures of or collect objects/figures from different parts of the world. Could even head to the CMS website and pray for WA missionaries around the world.
- Encourage children to select from different parts of the world and pray for people there.
 - "Father God, please help people who live in... to turn and follow you. Amen.
- Especially good to have kids think about people around the world who are lonely in isolation. Pray that God would comfort them and help us to love those around us.

Resources – if there's anything you don't have at home or can't get yourself please let Charlotte know ASAP and she'll try and get things to you

- Craft
 - Stencil (below) need to be printed
 - Colouring implements
 - Collage supplies
 - Craft 1: smiley face stickers, green for tree, sand colour and brick colour
 - Craft 2: black and gold/sparkly
- Prayer
 - Pictures, objects or figures from different parts of the world.

God sent Jonah to warn the people in the city of Nineveh.
The people heard God's warning and turned to follow him.
God tells everyone to turn and follow Jesus. Jonah 3

