

Jonah 4

24th May 2020

Activity Ideas

Passage: Jonah 4

Main Point: We should thank and praise God because He is gracious

Craft

Story of Jonah puppets.

1. Print stencils below
2. Cut out and colour in
3. Stick puppets onto pop sticks of similar
4. Use puppets to retell the story of Jonah

Vine craft

1. Print stencil below
2. Use leaves from the garden or green crepe paper to decorate

Songs

Have a listen to:

- Colin Buchanan's "God is everywhere"
- Hillsong Kids' "Ask, seek, knock"
- Colin Buchanan's "Kick it! Flip it! (Repent and Believe)"

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. How did God respond to the people of Nineveh when they turned to him?
God was kind to the people of Nineveh, grace
5. Jonah was angry that God was gracious to the people of Nineveh. Jonah didn't like the people of Nineveh. How should we respond when God is gracious to people we don't like?
Not like Jonah. We should thank and praise God that He is gracious

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
 - Explain how saying sorry is part of repentance. Turning away from sin and turning back towards 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 thank you and 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 repent, to turn away from sin and turn back towards you. Amen

Our Church family

- Why not reach out to a member of the St Albans family to ask them how you can be praying for them and do this as a family.

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
 - Scissors
 - Sticky tape and/or glue
 - Pop sticks or similar
 - Collage supplies – leaves or green crepe paper
- Prayer
 - Pictures, objects or figures form different parts of the world.

God made a vine grow to shade Jonah from the hot sun.
God was kind to Jonah even though he didn't deserve it.
God is kind to us even though we don't deserve it. Jonah 4















