

the story

JONAH



A VERY LONG TIME AGO LIVED A MAN NAMED JONAH; GOD HAD A SPECIAL JOB FOR JONAH, GOD WANTED JONAH TO GO TO THE LAND OF NINEVEH AND TO TELL THE PEOPLE THAT THEIR EVIL WAYS HAD BROKEN GOD'S HEART. JONAH DIDN'T LIKE THIS SPECIAL JOB AND SO JONAH DECIDED TO RUN AWAY. JONAH GOT ONTO A BOAT THAT WAS GOING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF NINEVEH! WHILE JONAH WAS ON THE BOAT A STORM ROSE UP AROUND HIM AND IT SHOOK AND BLEW THE BOAT SO MUCH THAT THE SAILORS THOUGHT THE BOAT WAS GOING TO BREAK! JONAH KNEW THAT GOD HAD SENT THE STORM AND SO JONAH TOLD THE SAILORS TO THROW HIM INTO THE WATER. GOD LOVED JONAH AND SO GOD SENT A BIG FISH TO SWALLOW HIM. IT MUST HAVE BEEN DARK, AND SQUISHY, AND SMELLED LIKE THE OCEAN! WHILE JONAH WAS INSIDE OF THE FISH HE PRAYED, AND AFTER THIS GOD COMMANDED THE FISH TO SPIT HIM UP ONTO SHORE. GOD STILL WANTED JONAH TO GO TO THE LAND OF NINEVEH, AND SO JONAH OBEYED GOD. JONAH TOLD THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH THAT THEIR EVIL WAYS HAD BROKEN GOD'S HEART AND THAT GOD WAS GOING TO DESTROY THEM. THE PEOPLE WERE SORRY AND THE CRIED FOR GOD TO FORGIVE THEM. GOD LOVED HIS PEOPLE SO MUCH THAT HE DECIDED TO FORGIVE THEM AND NOT DESTROY THEM.

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY IS ALL ABOUT THE BIG FISH. JONAH WAS SWALLOWED BY A HUGE FISH AND WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO TRY AND MAKE ONE AT HOME.

ALL YOU NEED IS A BALLOON, SOME PVA GLUE, A PAINTBRUSH, SMALL BOWL AND SOME TISSUE PAPER, TAPE AND CARDBOARD.

FIRSTLY BLOW UP YOUR BALLOON, THIS IS GOING TO BE THE BODY OF YOUR FISH SO BLOW IT UP AS BIG AS YOU CAN! THEN USING SOME SCISSORS CAREFULLY CUT SOME FIN SHAPES OUT OF CARDBOARD. TAPE THESE TO THE INFLATED BALLOON SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR FISH HAS FINS AND A TAIL. RIP UP YOUR BITS OF TISSUE PAPER INTO SMALL STRIPS. IN A BOWL MIX SOME PVA GLUE WITH WATER TO MAKE A RUNNY GLUE MIXTURE. DIP YOUR TISSUE PAPER IN UNTIL IT'S COVERED THEN LAYER IT ONTO THE BALLOON AND FINS. KEEP GOING UNTIL YOUR FISH IS COVERED.

THEN LET IT DRY. IT WILL GO HARD AND THEN ONCE IT IS YOU CAN POP THE BALLOON!

DRAW A FACE ON YOUR FISH OR PAINT A DESIGN ON IT.



let's pray

DEAR GOD – HELP US TO BE OBEDIENT TO YOU AND BRAVE IN FOLLOWING YOUR PLANS FOR US.

AMEN