



BIBLE STORYLINE

What Happened to Jonah?

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Pretend to be Jonah. Dress in a robe and long wig. Get on your knees and pray earnestly for God to save you. In your prayer, tell God that you'll obey God and go to Nineveh.

Before we jump into our lesson this week, let me ask you a question. Has someone ever given you a do over when you messed up? (allow kids to answer). Maybe your teacher let you redo a test or assignment. Maybe your friend gave you another chance when they found out you had gossiped about them to others. Getting a do over or a second chance is a big deal. (If you used the Leader Tip, see if the kids remember why you were in trouble and where you were.)

In our lesson today, we're going to learn what happened to Jonah and if God gave him a do over or not.

We'll talk about that more in a minute, but first let's stand and sing.

Song

Song #1

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: God gives everyone second chances. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- How long was Jonah in the fish? (3 days)
- What happened to Jonah? (Spit out of fish, went to Nineveh)
- True or False: God gave Jonah a second chance. (T)

After Jonah told God he was sorry for disobeying, God gave Jonah another chance. The fish spit him out and Jonah went to the city of Nineveh. He yelled out to all the people that they needed to repent of their evil ways and turn back to God. If they didn't, the city would be destroyed. Guess what? The people listened to Jonah and they did turn back to God and the city of Nineveh was saved! Do you know why all that happened? Because God gave second chances. He gave Jonah a second chance to correct his mistake of disobeying God and he ended up going to Nineveh to deliver his message. He gave the city of Nineveh a second chance to turn from their evil ways and that's why the city was saved. God is a God of second, third, and fourth chances!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"God's (point up) mercies begin new each morning (arms open wide)." Lamentations 3:23
(Repeat)

This is such a cool verse! Mercy is just a fancy word for an undeserved gift. Did you know that God's forgiveness is a gift? We can't earn it or do enough good stuff to outweigh the bad stuff. God forgives us because he loves us. And his forgiveness never runs out! So when we mess up, we can tell God we're sorry and he'll wipe that mistake away. Every day is a new day with God's forgiveness.

So kids, let's learn from this story that God is a God of second chances. Let's learn from our mistakes and honor God every day!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

God gives everyone second chances. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.