



BIBLE STORYLINE

# Jonah and the Big Fish

## 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 looking at a map trying to figure out where to go. Tell the kids you're late for a party and look worried and frustrated. Ask the kids what you can do to find your way there?

**Before we jump into our lesson this week, let me ask you a question. Have you ever gotten lost? (allow kids to share). It's scary when we don't know where we are, huh?! (If you used the Leader Tip, ask the kids to describe what they think you were feeling when you were lost.)**

**In our lesson today, we're going to learn about a time a guy named Jonah was heading in the wrong direction and what God had to do to get him back on track!**

**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:* It's always better to go God's way. **(Repeat)**

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

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

- What did God want Jonah to do? (Go to Nineveh)
- What did Jonah do? (Disobeyed/ran away)
- True or False: Jonah got away with disobeying God. (F)

**I think it's safe to say that Jonah caused way more trouble for himself when he tried to run away from God. God simply asked Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh to warn the people that**

God was going to punish them if they continued in their evil ways. It wasn't a hard task. But, Jonah decided to complicate his life by ignoring and disobeying God. He ended up on a boat going the wrong direction, experienced a terrifying storm, got thrown overboard and then was swallowed up by a big fish. All that happened because he didn't want to listen to God.

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

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Seek God's (point up) will in all you do, and he (point up) will show you (point out) which path to take (fingers walking on your hand)." Proverbs 3:6 (Repeat)

Jonah had to learn this the hard way. God had a plan for Jonah. He wanted to use him to help some people. You would think Jonah would want to listen. But Jonah was prideful and unloving. He didn't want to waste his time on those people so he tried to run the other way.

So kids, let's not be like Jonah who ignored God's plan to go his own way. Let's listen to God and always choose his way. Just like Jonah, he has a plan for our lives, too. We should trust his plan because He's God and he knows what he's doing!

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**

It's always better to go God's way. **(Repeat)**

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.