

Family Bible Study

Use this “**Family Bible Study**” sheet from your child’s Sunday morning lesson to further the conversation at the dinner table, in the car between events, as you tuck them into bed or any other time you can have the conversation.

BACKGROUND FOR PARENTS

Essential Doctrine – God is Merciful

Mercy refers to God’s compassion and is often expressed in God withholding something, such as punishment for sin (Eph. 2:4-5; Titus 3:5). Both mercy and grace are undeserved, meaning that there is nothing humanity can do to earn God’s mercy and grace. If one could, then it would no longer be the free gift of mercy or grace.

Summary of this Week’s Lesson

When God told Jonah to go to Israel’s worst enemy to warn them that God was going to destroy them because of their wickedness, Jonah ran away. But God gave Jonah a second chance to obey, and **God showed mercy to the Ninevites** because He loves all people and wants them to know they can be saved from their sin.

Christ Connection

God called Jonah to go to his enemies and call them to turn away from their sin, but Jonah refused. Instead, he ran away. Later, God sent Jesus to His enemies to call us to repentance. Jesus willingly obeyed. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin.

December 9th, 2018 – Jonah 1-4

Day 1 *Discuss the Christ Connection and Essential Doctrine.*

1. What did you learn in your Sunday School lesson?
2. Who are the key people in this lesson? What was interesting about them?
3. What questions do you have about this lesson?

Day 2 *Read Jonah 1:1-4*

1. What did God tell Jonah to do?
2. How did Jonah respond to God’s command?
3. Did Jonah’s disobedience affect other people? How did it affect them?

Day 3 *Read Jonah 1:17 and 2:1-10*

1. What happened to Jonah because of his disobedience?
2. How did Jonah react to his situation?
3. In what way can Jonah’s prayer teach you to pray?

Day 4 Read *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

1. What did the people of Nineveh do when they heard Jonah's message?
2. How does verse 10 describe what God is like?
3. Read *Jonah 4:1-4* and verse 11. What was wrong with Jonah's attitude?
4. Why did God care about the Ninevites?

Day 5 Big Picture

1. Where do you see Jesus in this lesson? (Refer to Christ Connection)
2. What did you learn about God from this Bible passage?
3. How does knowing this about God change the way you want to live?

CALL TO ACTION

Just as Jonah had to obey God, God wants us to obey our parents. What is one job your parents expect you to do that you don't like to do? When could you do it this week without being reminded?

MEMORY VERSE

Early Childhood: "Return to the Lord." Joel 2:13

Elementary: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love." Joel 2:13

Mid-High: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Jeremiah 31:33-34

Elementary Kids - Bring your completed and signed homework back to receive two globes!

Parent Signature: _____

Child Signature: _____

