



Jonah Runs from God

God's Mercy Is Bigger

Jonah 1-4 · Ages 8-12 · Free ₹0

This book belongs to

Read, wonder, talk

Enjoy eight short chapters. Look up the Bible references with an adult. Pause when something surprises you. Finish with the questions and your creative activity.

About this edition

Original retelling and layout prepared for Christ Alive Church, Bengaluru. The text summarises the biblical passages; it is not a Bible translation. New cover illustration created with AI.

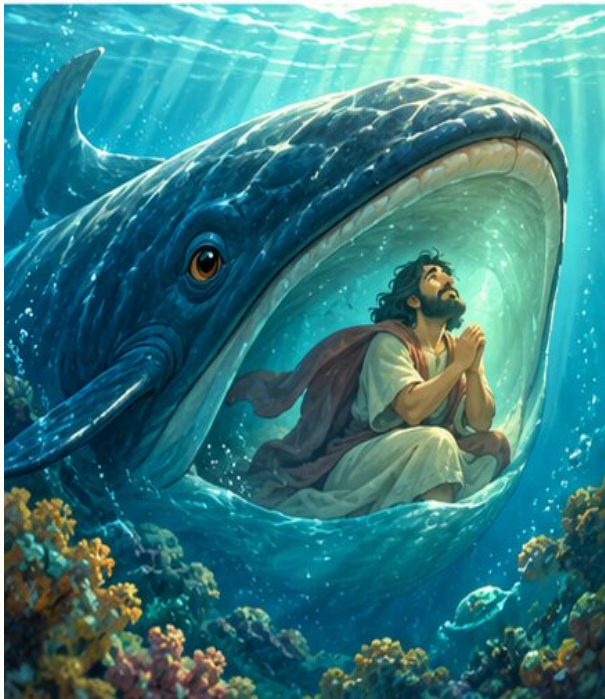
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CHAPTER 01

Go to Nineveh

Jonah 1:1-2

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and speak against its evil. Jonah did not want to go.



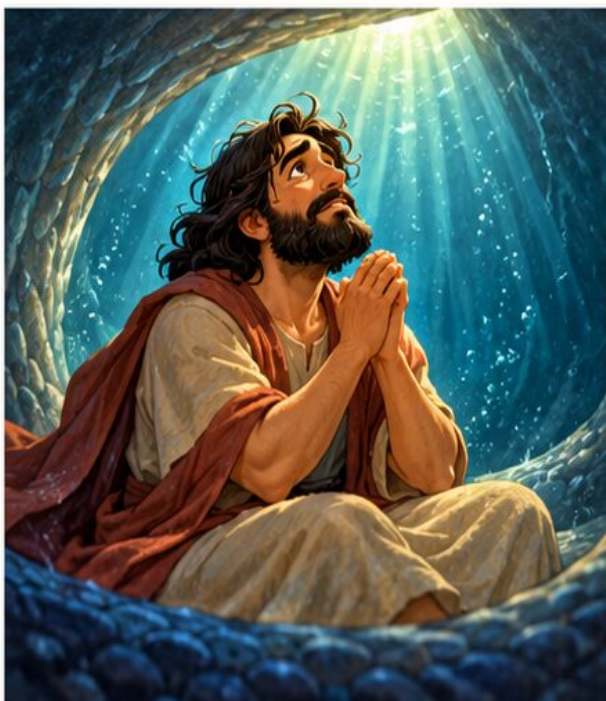
Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 02

The Wrong Direction

Jonah 1:3

Instead, Jonah boarded a ship sailing far away toward Tarshish. He hoped he could run from God's call.



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CHAPTER 03

A Great Storm

Jonah 1:4-6

God sent a fierce storm. While the sailors struggled, Jonah slept below deck until the captain woke him.



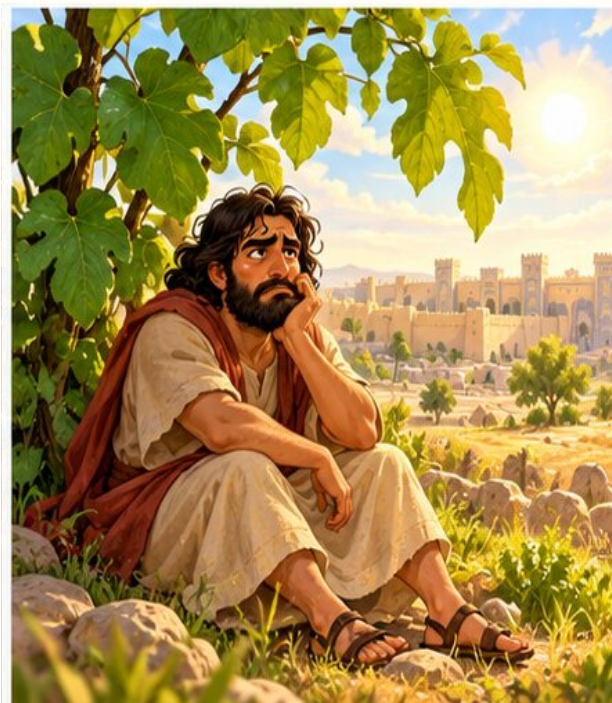
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CHAPTER 04

Jonah Tells the Truth

Jonah 1:7-12

When the sailors learned Jonah was fleeing from the Lord, Jonah told them to throw him into the sea so the storm would stop.



Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 05

Saved in the Sea

Jonah 1:13-17

The sea became calm, and God provided a great fish to swallow Jonah. He was safe inside it for three days and nights.



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CHAPTER 06

A Prayer from the Deep

Jonah 2:1-10

Jonah prayed and thanked God for rescue. God commanded the fish, and it released Jonah onto dry land.



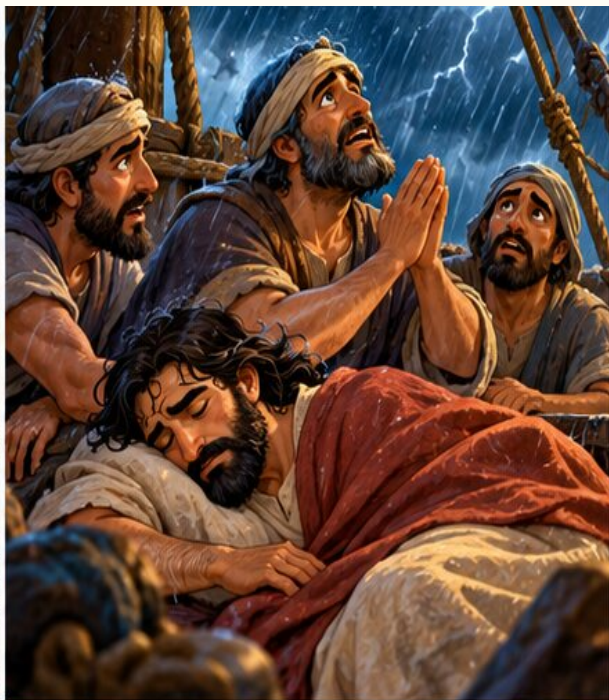
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CHAPTER 07

This Time He Goes

Jonah 3:1-5

God gave Jonah the same command again. Jonah went to Nineveh, and the people believed God and turned from their wrong ways.



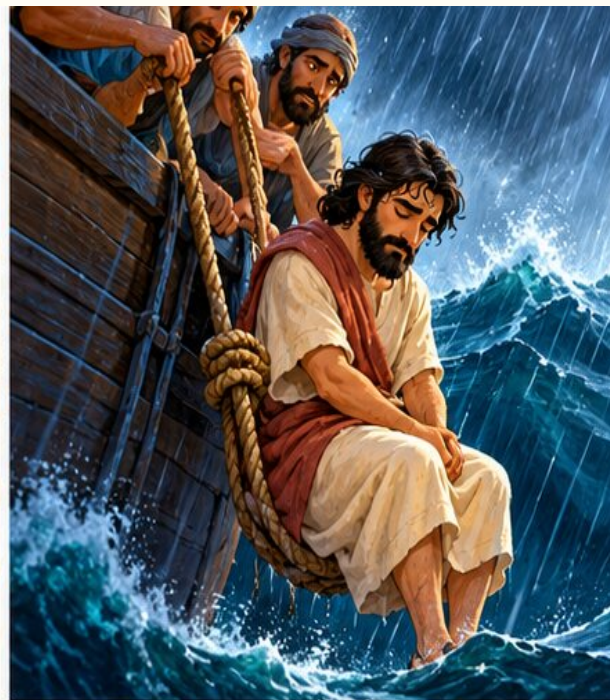
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CHAPTER 08

Mercy for Everyone

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Jonah struggled with God's compassion, but God patiently taught him that He cares about whole cities, even people Jonah found hard to love.



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Think together

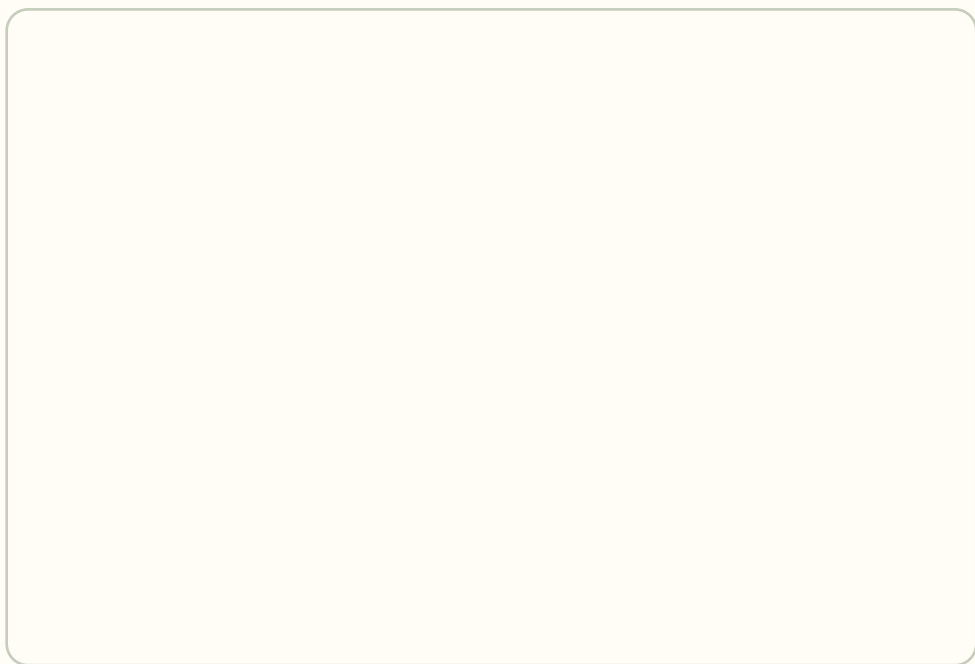
1. Where did God ask Jonah to go?

2. How did God rescue Jonah?

3. Who might God be asking you to show mercy to?

Make it your own

Draw a big fish with three speech bubbles. In them write: “God hears me,” “God gives second chances,” and one kind action you can do today.



A little prayer

Thank God for what you learned. Ask Him to help you live with love, wisdom and courage today.