

Jonah Tells About God

BIBLE VERSE:

**"Do what the
Lord says is
good."**

**Deuteronomy
6:18**



SCHEDULE

Activity

Prayer

Worship

Bible Story

Craft

ACTIVITY:

Talk to your child about the Bible. Talk about how it is God's Word. We read it so we can learn about God and share with others.

Jonah thought he could hide from God. Play a game of "Hug and Seek." Play it just like "Hide and Seek" but when the seeker finds the hidden player, the seeker gives the player a hug and says, "God sees you, and so do I."

Remind your child that God wants us to seek him not to hide from him.

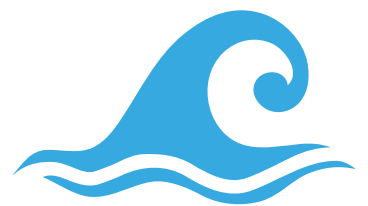
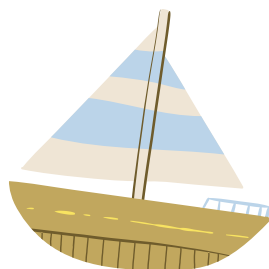
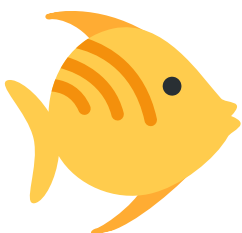
PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler.

Pray for your child's salvation.

Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear Jesus, thank you for this day. Thank you for loving us so much that you forgive us when we sin and say sorry. Help us to do what is right and learn more about you. In Jesus' name, Amen."



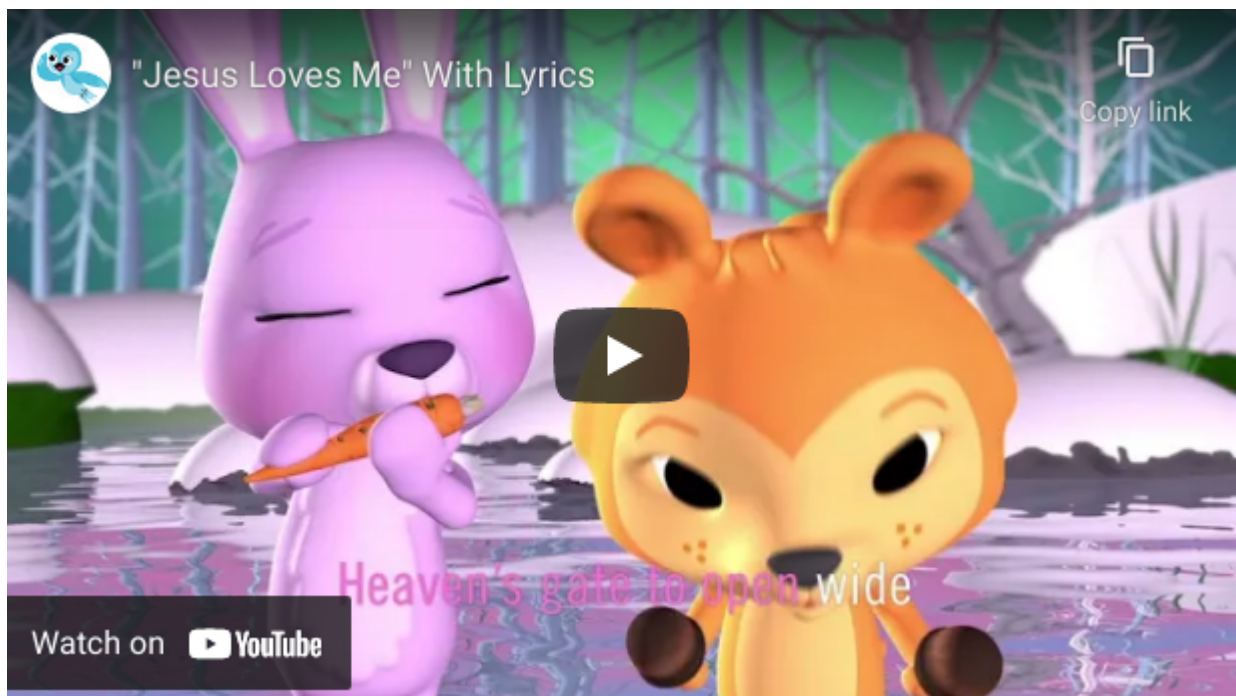
WORSHIP:

Sing "**Jesus Loves Me**".

Click link below to watch and sing along.

→ https://youtu.be/QSaWPYb6_6k ←

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them. Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth." Hug the Bible to your chest. "Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from Jonah 1-3.

"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 to turn to God and away from the bad things they were doing. Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh and decided to run away from God. He went the opposite direction by boat and guess what happened? While Jonah was on the boat a storm came. A HUGE storm that almost broke the boat! The waves were so high and everyone was so scared. Jonah knew that God had sent the storm. Jonah told the sailors to throw him into the water. They threw him into the water and the sea became calm.

God loved Jonah and so God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah. Can you imagine being inside of a big fish? It must have been dark, and squishy, and smelled like the ocean! While Jonah was inside of the fish he prayed, and after he was done praying God commanded the fish to spit him up onto shore. Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. God still wanted Jonah to go to the land of Nineveh, and so Jonah obeyed God. Jonah told the people of Nineveh about God and they turned away from their bad ways. God loved his people so much that He decided to forgive them. God forgives us too when we do wrong because He loves us. He wants a relationship with each and every one of us.

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

God had special plans for Jonah.
Jonah prayed for three days and three nights in the belly of a whale.

God forgave Jonah and the Ninevites.
God forgives us too when we say sorry.

God loved Jonah and the Ninevites.
And God loves you too.

TEACHING PICTURE



CRAFT:

Craft attached. For this craft, talk to your child about the lesson. Talk about how Jonah tried to flea from Nineveh but then repented and did what was right. Talk about how God forgives us when we say sorry. He loves us so much! Once your child is done with their craft, end in prayer.

