

# HEROES ARE HUMBLE

## Jonah: Wrong Trip

### LESSON POINTS

#### Bible Story: God Calls, Jonah Flees Jonah 1

- God told Jonah to take a message to Nineveh.
- Jonah disobeyed and went to Tarshish.
- God sent a great storm.
- Everyone on the boat was afraid.
- It was Jonah's fault.
- They threw Jonah overboard.
- God sent a big fish, and it swallowed Jonah.
- Jonah humbled himself and told the people that he had disobeyed God.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did God tell Jonah to do? Did Jonah do it?
2. Why was everyone on the boat scared?
3. Jonah told everyone on the boat that he had disobeyed God. Then what did Jonah tell them to do?
4. What happened when they threw Jonah overboard?
5. Tell about a time that you disobeyed and had to tell someone what you had done.

### MINISTRY IDEA

Give a time in the large or small group for children to pray with a leader and ask God for help with obeying.

### DRAMA SCRIPT 33

Flossie tells about getting in trouble at school for playing her new favorite song and learns from the story of Jonah that obedience is important.

### ACTIVITY IDEAS

#### Paper Boats

Use paper nacho/hot dog bowls to use as the base for a boat. Tape a triangular piece of construction paper to a straw and attach to the middle of the bowl to form a flag in the center of your boat. You can fill the boats with pretzel sticks to represent people.

#### Story Boat

Have kids sit cross-legged in a line like they are sitting in a boat and rowing. Tell the story and have the kids act like they are rowing the boat. When the storm comes make storm sounds and have the kids lean like the wind is blowing them or cover their heads and duck because a big wave is coming. Have kids say, "Jonah, you gotta go!" Let kids make a motion like they are large refrigerator box (big enough for the kids to sit in), and let them sit in it while you go over the discussion questions. You can rock or shake the box to simulate being on a boat in a storm.

### OBJECTIVE

Children will learn how Jonah was humble. He admitted that he had made mistakes and went and did what was right.

### APPLICATION

Through learning how Jonah humbled himself and thought of others, children see how to obey God, even when it's something they might not want to do.

### MEMORY VERSE

Be humble under God's powerful hand so He will lift you up when the right time comes.  
1 Peter 5:6a