

HEROES ARE HUMBLE

Jonah: Fish Cave

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story: In the Belly of a Fish Jonah 1:17-2:10

- Jonah had been thrown into the sea.
- He woke up in the belly of a fish.
- Jonah sat in the belly of that fish for 3 days and 3 nights.
- Jonah didn't know it, but God had this fish swimming to Nineveh.
- Jonah prayed and told God that he would do what He asked.
- The fish spit Jonah out of it's mouth onto the beach.
- Jonah humbled himself and told God he would go to Nineveh.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jonah wanted his own way to do things. Why was Jonah thrown into the sea?
2. God did not let Jonah do things his way. Why did God have Jonah swallowed by a fish?
3. Jonah became humble and told God he would do it His way. What did Jonah do while he was in the fish's belly?
4. Tell about a time when God or your parents didn't allow you to do things your way?

MINISTRY IDEA

Challenge children to share with God something that they may be worried about, and then listen to what He tells them.

DRAMA SCRIPT 34

Flossie has stayed up too late, and is very tired. Story about Jonah in the fishes belly is told and then Flossie gets some needed rest

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Fish Simulation

Bring a sealed Tupperware of raw fish or sardines. Open the container and let the kids smell the awful smell of the fish. Ask them how it smells. Discuss with them how Jonah had to live in the fish's belly with that smell for three whole days. Blindfold the kids to show how dark it was in the fish's belly. Ask the kids how this would have made them feel.

Paper Plate Fish

Let each child have two paper plates stapled together. Give them a piece of construction paper cut to be a tail and help them glue these onto the back end of the plates. Let the kids use crayons to draw a fish face on the front of their plates and decorate their fish.

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 its 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