

HEROES ARE HUMBLE

Jonah: No Pouting

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story: Jonah Doesn't Learn His Lesson Jonah 4

- Jonah got mad when God saved Nineveh.
- Jonah had told them that God would destroy them if they didn't straighten up.
- Jonah thought God made him look silly.
- He went and pouted.
- God tried to teach Jonah about being humble through a plant.
- God wanted Jonah to understand how important people are.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why was Jonah mad and pouting?
2. What did God do to help Jonah understand?
3. How did the plant teach Jonah to be humble (that he doesn't always have to get his way)?
4. What lessons (things) has God taught (showed) you?

MINISTRY IDEA

Pray for children to have the joy of the Lord.

DRAMA SCRIPT 36

One of the kids at Jasper's Toy Shop is pouting about getting a bad grade. Flossie and the other kids tell him/her about how God didn't like it when Jonah pouted after giving the message to the Ninevites.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Caterpillars

Give each child a piece of construction paper and some colored circles or fuzzy "pom-poms" Help them glue down the circles or pom-poms to their construction paper; to make the shape of a caterpillar. Let them have some crayons to color a face on their caterpillars. Talk with your kids about the caterpillar in the story. Discuss with them why they think God sent the caterpillar to eat the plant.

Cup Plants

Prepare in advance Dixie cups 3/4th's full of potting soil and Dixie cups with a few grass seeds in them. Make enough for each child to have its own cup of soil and cup of seeds. Give each child a cup of soil and show them how to stick their finger in the soil to make a small hole. Help them place their seeds in the hole and cover it with more soil. You can then use a pitcher or cup of water to show them how to water their plants, like the plant in our story.

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