



St John the Evangelist, Bexley  
Part of the Bexley Team Ministry

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Stories Jesus Heard

# Toddler Church Fun!

## This Week's Stories: Jonah's Fishy Tale

God spoke to a man called Jonah and told him to go and tell the people in the city of Nineveh to change their wicked ways. Jonah wasn't so keen on this so he ran away and took a boat in the opposite direction.

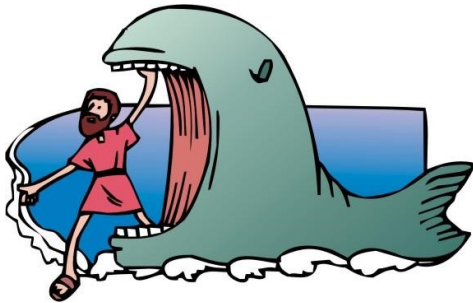
At sea a storm blew up and the panicking sailors threw Jonah overboard.

God sent a big fish who swallowed Jonah whole!

After three days in the fish's stomach Jonah was spat out on dry land, not too far from Nineveh!

Jonah went to Nineveh and passed on God's message.

Surprisingly the people not only listened but said sorry to God and immediately improved their behaviour!



### Activities:

*(Resources are on the next pages)*

#### Catch Jonah:

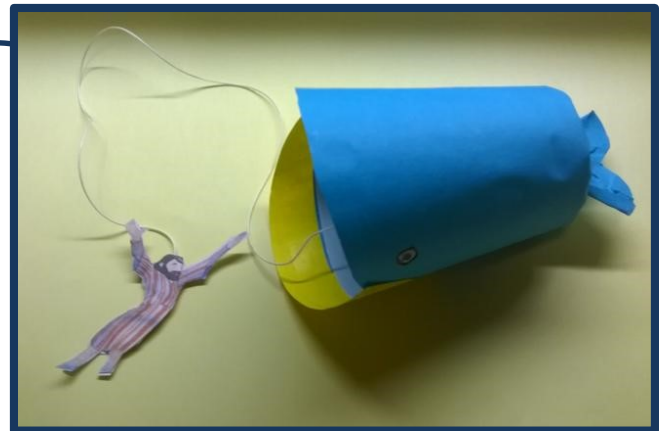
- Take a disposable cup or small pot.
- Tape a piece of string to the inside of the base.
- Cut out the body and belly, tape them to the outside (you may need to adjust the size of the templates).
- Cut out Jonah's front and back.
- Tape the end of the string to one of the Jonah templates.
- Stick something heavy (like a penny) on top of the thread.
- Stick the other picture of Jonah on top.
- Try to catch Jonah with the whale!

#### Maze Puzzle:

- Using your finger or drawing a line, help Jonah find his way to Nineveh.

#### Jonah's Jigsaw:

- Cut out the jigsaw pieces and arrange them to see how Jonah travelled on his three day cruise to Nineveh



### Prayer:

Dear God,  
When we want to run away from the things we have to do, be with us.  
When we find ourselves 'all at sea', be with us.  
When we say sorry and change our ways be with us.  
Be with us and all we love through the Summer holidays and forever more. **Amen**

*Toddler Church activities now conclude for the Summer, but the previous activities are still available on our website: Feel free to send them on to other families you may know.*

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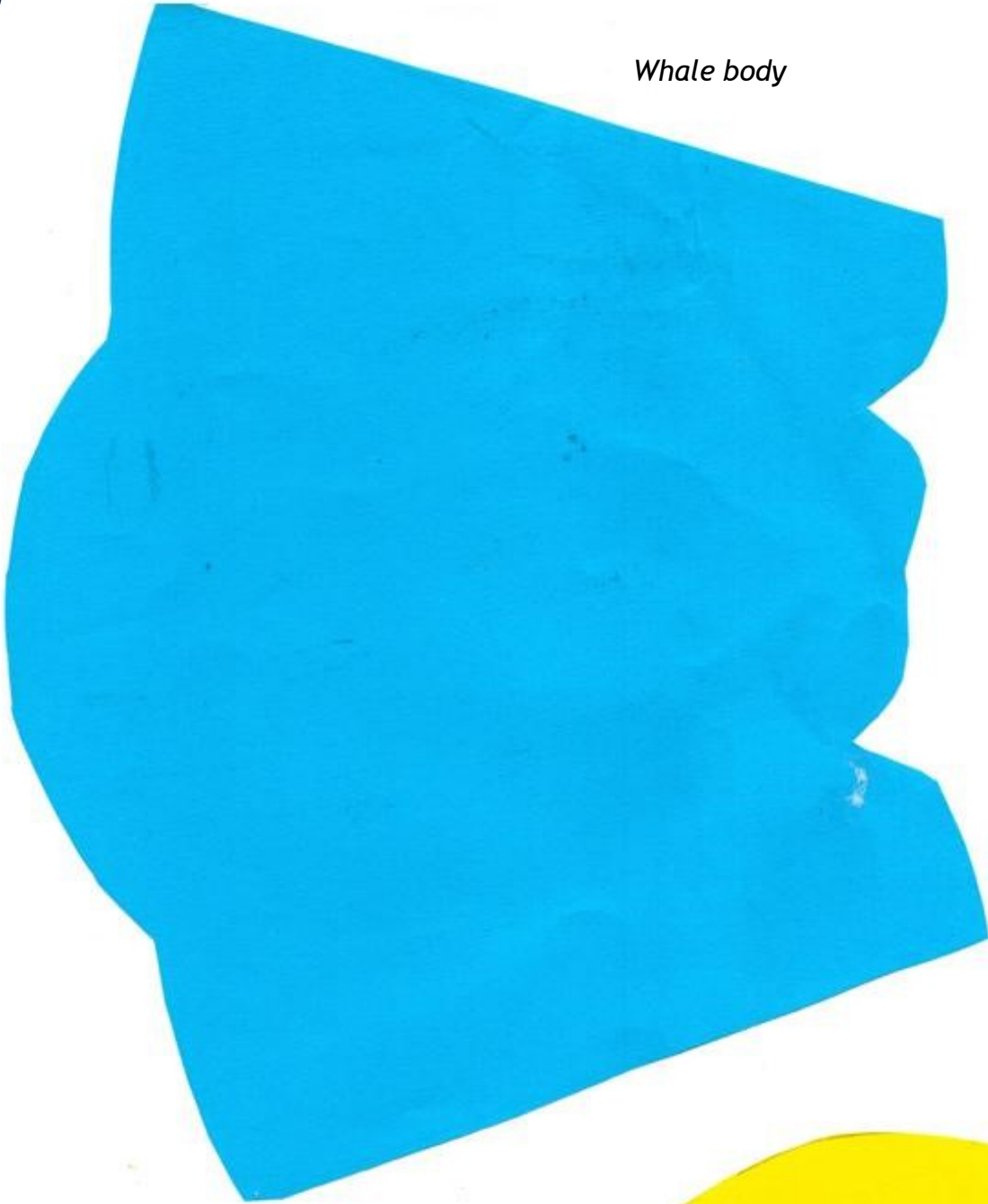
*From Pauline, Edward and all at St John's, have a great Summer!*

### Older Brothers & Sisters:

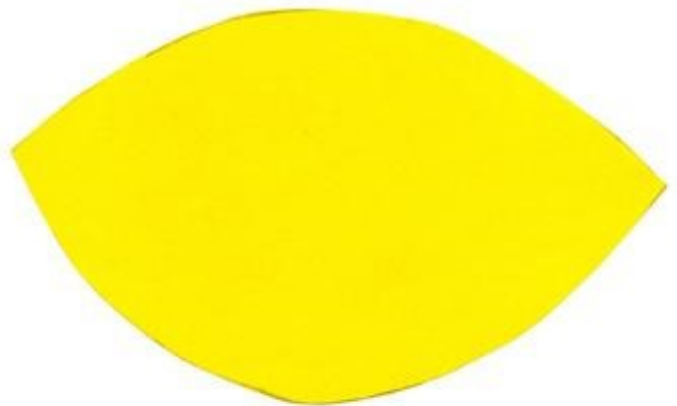
Use the grid to help you draw Jonah's whale.

Catch Jonah!

*Whale body*



*Jonah*

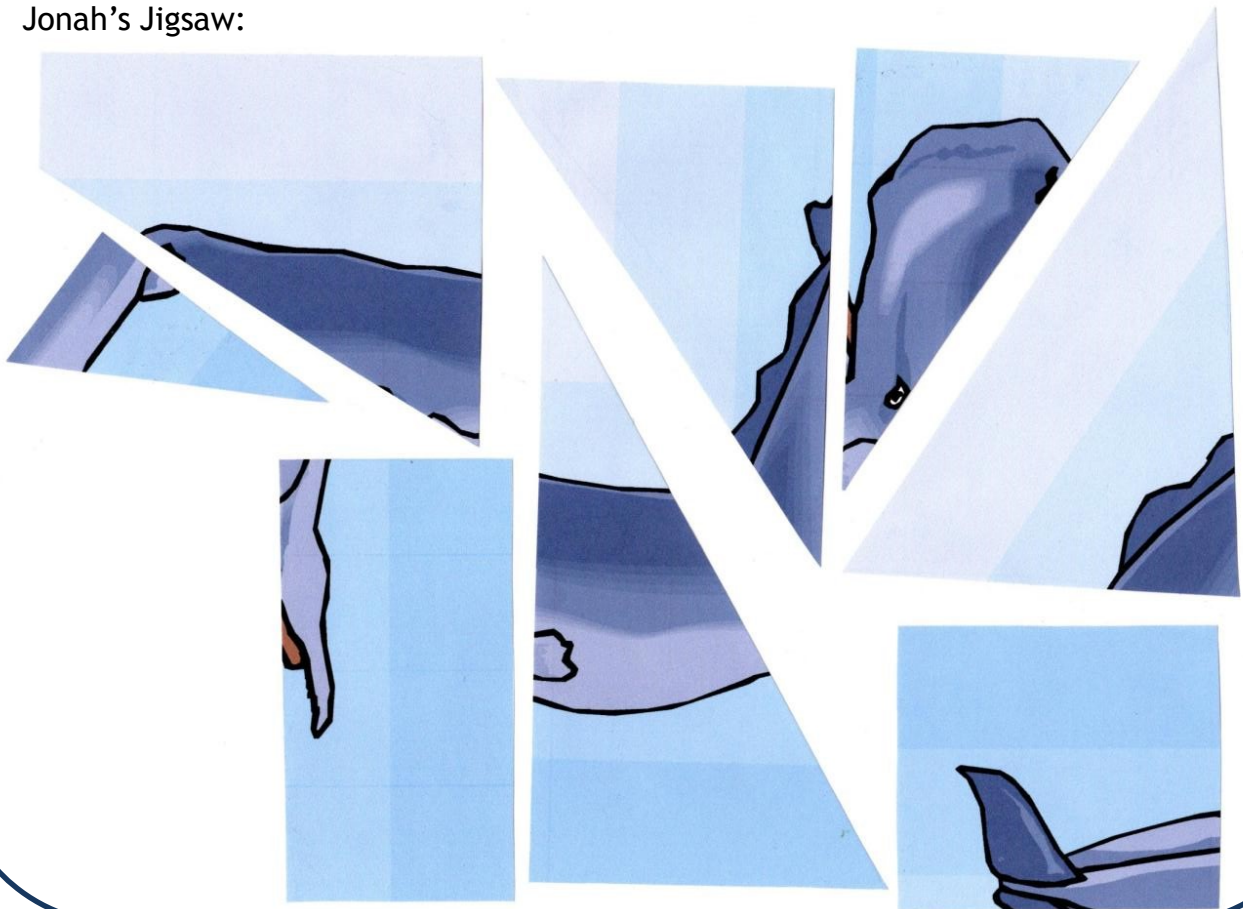


*Whale belly*

Help Jonah get to Nineveh:



Jonah's Jigsaw:



For Older Brothers & Sisters: Use the grid as a guideline to draw Jonah's whale

