

Know the Bible Now

A Visual Intro to the Bible

Summer Sermon Series

At Home / With Friends / On My Own Reflection Guide

Week 9: July 26/29

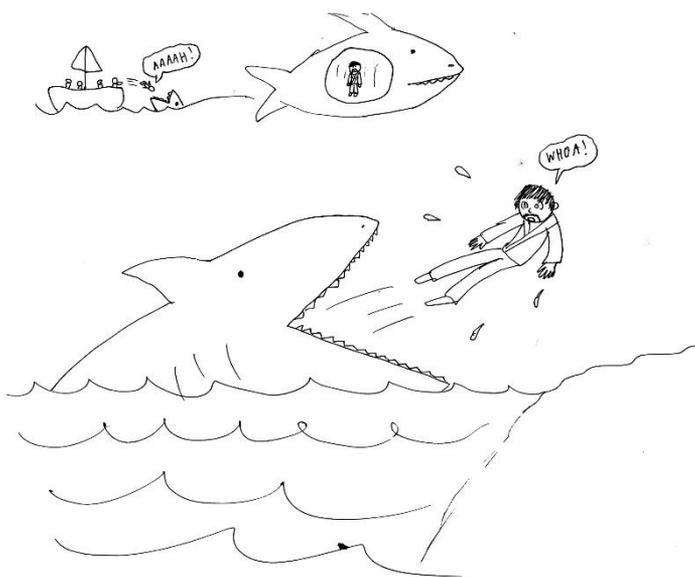
Jonah's Story – The Book of Jonah

Pages 144-145 in Know the Bible Now

Step 1:

*reread the
story covered
in the sermon*

Step 2: *read
and discuss
the following
questions:*



1. Throughout the entire book, Jonah does hardly anything right. Yet, God uses Jonah's disobedience to convert the pagan sailors (1:15-16) and Jonah's reluctant prophecy to successfully call the wicked city of Nineveh to repentance (3:6-10). What does this tell us about God's ability to carry out his plans? What does this tell us about the people God desires to save? (See 2 Peter 3:9.)

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2. Read Jonah's prayer in chapter 2. Keeping in mind this prayer was made *from the belly of the fish*, what stands out to you about its tone and content?
3. Read Matthew 12:38-42, in which Jesus references the story of Jonah. In this passage, not only does Jesus reinforce the historicity of Jonah's story (yes, he really was swallowed by a giant fish!) but he also calls upon the story to predict a key event in his own life/death. What is it?
4. What is something that has been on your heart, yet you have been reluctant to act upon it? What is holding you back? How can you overcome those feelings?
5. Discuss a time when you were so nervous about doing something you weren't sure if you ever would...then how did you feel once you completed it?

Step 3: Read the Did You Know? questions on the page under the picture. How much of this information was new to you? What struck you and could impact your view of the world this week?

Step 4: Write down a phrase or thought from this story that will encourage you this week as a disciple (follower of Jesus).