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Jonah part 3



Before you begin this Bible study, If you have never believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior, John 3:16 tells us: " For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life.' Simply have faith that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins and you will have eternal life and be saved. If you have believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior; then 1 John 1:9 tells us; "If you confess your sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Simply privately tell God the Father your sins to be filled with God the Holy Spirit and He will teach you Bible truth. **(Rebound)**

Promise Memory Verses

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls" Hebrews 13:17a.



Jonah 4

In the past couple of weeks, we learned that Jonah had quite an adventure all because he disobeyed God and didn't go to Nineveh. He ran from God and was thrown overboard from a ship into the violent sea. After almost drowning, God sent a big fish to swallow him. This showed God's grace and also God's fantastic sense of humor.

Jonah was stuck inside the dark belly of the fish for three days and nights. Finally, he prayed and the fish vomited him up close to Nineveh. I'll bet his beard was full of snails, seaweed and fish bones! What do you think about his outfit? It was probably slimy, gross smelling and had rotting fish guts all over it. Wow, he sure must have needed a bubble bath! This also shows God's grace.

Finally Jonah got the hint, and told the people of Nineveh they would be destroyed in forty days. Jonah practically had smoke coming out of his ears when God decided to show Nineveh His grace and rescue them when they change their minds about God.

Jonah was so upset that he threw himself a pity party and wished he were dead. His crummy attitude showed he was out of fellowship with God and that he needed to rebound. He sure didn't have divine viewpoint.

Jonah went outside the city and built a shelter; he was hoping to have a front row seat in case God ended up destroying Nineveh. Even though Jonah's attitude was awful, God graciously told a plant to grow, giving Jonah much needed shade.

When dawn came, God sent a worm to eat the plant and it shriveled up and died. He sent a scorching wind and the sun beat down on Jonah's head. He was so hot that he felt like fainting! He sure missed that plant.

God tried to teach Jonah about grace and reminded him that 120,000 people were saved in Nineveh. Weren't they far more important than a plant?

Jonah needed to see that he didn't deserve God's grace anymore than the people of Nineveh. God freely gives His grace to each one of us even though we make mistakes all of the time.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ died on the cross for the sins of every single person. He rose from the dead after three days. Anyone that believes in Jesus Christ as their Savior, receives eternal life and will go to Heaven when they die. We are all sinners and saved by grace.

In our Bible story, God told the plant to grow, the worm to eat the plant, and the wind and sun to produce scorching heat. Everywhere we look God teaches us about respect and His grace.

Did you ever notice a cloud get tired of hanging out in the sky, so instead it goes to your house to play video games? No way, the clouds follow the rules of nature that God sets up.

Did you ever see a sheep get so sick of being dumb, that he takes the bus so he can go to school with you? Of course not, sheep obey the rules God sets up for them.

This year when you go back to school, remember the challenge to respect your teacher with a good attitude and don't be a Jonah.

