

LESSON FOR TODDLERS TO PRESCHOOLERS

Approach: Teaching Bible Truth Blended with Basic Learning
(*Alphabet and Phonics; Numbers; Shapes and Colors*)

Lesson: Recognition of the Letter **Ww**; How it Sounds and How to Write It.

Main Emphasis: Obeying God even when we are scared — God takes care of us when we listen and trust Him! "I can listen and obey God!"

Bible Connect: Jonah and the Whale — Obeying God

Bible Story: Jonah 1-3

Memory Verse: "I will listen to God." Jonah 2:9

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this session, the students must be able to:

1. Recognize the Letter **Ww**
2. We cannot run from God.
3. God hears us when we pray.

Clearing of Difficulties

- **Whales-** are large aquatic animals that live in most of the world's oceans and seas
- **Jonah** - a prophet (the person who delivered the message of God to the locals) that God commanded to travel to Nineveh and preach his word to the people and fix their way
- **Nineveh** - a city which God wants Jonah to go and preach His word
- **Sailors** - a person who operates or works on a boat or ship

Pre-Session Activity

Bible Story

There was a man named Jonah, and God gave him a very special job! God said, "Jonah, go to the city called Nineveh and tell the people to stop doing wrong things."

But guess what?

Jonah didn't want to go! He was scared and didn't want to do what God said. So Jonah ran away and got on a boat to sail far, far away.

But when Jonah was on the boat, a big storm came!
The wind blew, and the waves crashed!
The sailors were so scared!

Jonah knew that the storm was because he didn't obey God.
So he told the sailors, "Throw me into the sea, and the storm will stop."
The sailors didn't want to, but they did — and God sent a big whale to swallow Jonah!

Jonah was inside the big whale for three days
But inside the whale, Jonah prayed to God. He said, "I'm sorry. I will do what You say, God."

Then God made the big whale spit Jonah out onto the land!
This time, Jonah obeyed God and went to Nineveh.
He told the people to stop doing wrong things, and guess what?
The people listened, and God forgave them!

God wants us to listen and obey Him too — and He loves us very much!

Life Application

He told Jonah He is a loving and forgiving God who wants people to turn away from their wrongdoings.

Jonah learned an important lesson about listening to God and obeying His commands. He also understood that God's love is for everyone, even those people who make mistakes.

Evaluation

1. What is the city God told Jonah to go to? (Nineveh)
2. Did Jonah obey God in the beginning? (No)
3. What kind of fish swallowed Jonah? (Whale)
4. How long was Jonah in the whale? (3 days)
5. What did Jonah do inside the whale? (repented)

Enrichment Activity