

Dear Parent(s),

Welcome to summertime!
Congratulations on finishing
the school year!

We love you and are praying for
you. Until we are able to meet
again we want to continue to
give you tools to assist you in
leading your kids at home. This
week our elementary kids are
learning about God's love and
mercy through the story of
Jonah while our younger kids
are learning about Jesus and
His Kingdom. We pray that
both lessons will be a blessing
to your family.

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ELEMENTARY LESSON

Jonah

Bible Story

Read the story about Jonah with your children

 **Jonah 1-4**

Watch the following video:

 **Superbook—Jonah**

Memory Verse

*"But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so
much."*  **Ephesians 2:4**

Big Idea

God has a plan that includes mercy, love, and
forgiveness for all people.

Family Questions

1. What was the story about today?
2. Why would God want the people of Nineveh to
repent of their sins? *Answer: God didn't want to
have to punish the people of Nineveh for their
sins. He wanted to be merciful to them. Sin brings
bad things in our lives. God wants to protect
us, so He wants us to say we are sorry if we do
something wrong.*



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3. Why did God give the people of Nineveh a second chance? *Answer: The Bible tells us that “God is love” (1 John 4:8) Just think of that! He not only LOVES (the verb); He IS love (the noun). The Bible also tells us that God is full of mercy towards those who do wrong. God doesn’t just give us second chances. Sometimes He gives us third, fourth, fifth, and more chances to repent and make things right. God sent Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh to repent because of His love and mercy.*
4. How does God feel about the people of the world? Read  **I Timothy 2:4**

Wrap Up

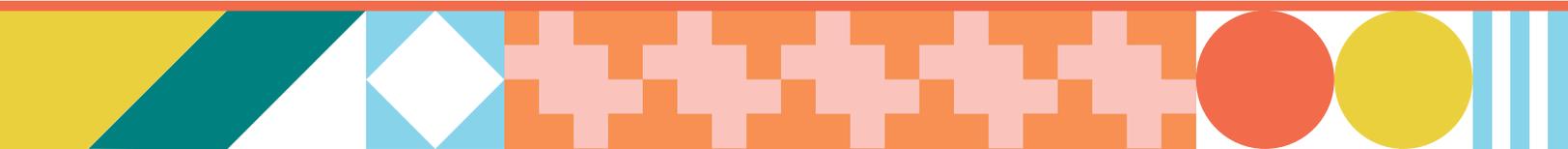
The Lord wants to show mercy to all people, even those who are very wicked. Most importantly, God wants us to show His kindness and compassion to others.

Reflection

Do you need God’s mercy today? Take a few moments to examine your life and see if there is anything you need to ask forgiveness for.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, please help me to be quick to obey. I’m glad you love me, you know everything about me, and you are always with me wherever I go.



PRESCHOOL LESSON

Bible Story: The Sermon on the Mount—Matthew 5-7

Watch the following video together: [▶ The Bible App for Kids—The King and the Kingdom](#)

Your kids can also enjoy having the Bible story read to them by Shannon Roberts. [▶ Story](#)

Memory Verse

“You call me teacher and Lord. That is what I am.”

John 13:13

Family Questions:

1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?
2. What was the Preschool Big Idea? *Answer: Jesus is the best teacher of all. He teaches us how to live God’s way.*
3. How do we learn to live God’s way? *Answer: Jesus is my teacher.*
4. What did the picture passes mean?
 - ▶ Teacher—Jesus is my teacher
 - ▶ Bible—The Bible is full of God’s truth. There we can find all the answers.
 - ▶ Rock—When we learn from Jesus and live His way, it’s like building our house on the rock.
5. What people are part of His kingdom? *Answer: Those who love God, trust him, and obey Him are part of His kingdom.*
6. In the story Jesus told, what happened to the house built on the sand? *Answer: It fell down with a crash!*

Explore God’s Big Story:

Jesus said that we can be like the man who built his house on the rock by putting Jesus’ words into action. God wants to make our hearts like His. This happens when we trust Jesus and let His words guide our own hearts, choices and actions.

Prayer

Dear God, Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be my hope and help. Worry and fears might come, but help me to remember to choose to trust in You when they do. Amen.

