

Twinkles Doing Church Differently

Week 19: God is Fair

In this session we will learn that God is just. There is punishment for sin if we turn away from God but he is also a God of forgiveness. We will look more at God's forgiveness in the next session too.

Message/Story time:

Read the story of Jonah and the whale below. You can use a balloon with a paper cut out or toy person inside (or a jelly baby if you have one!) to help tell the story.

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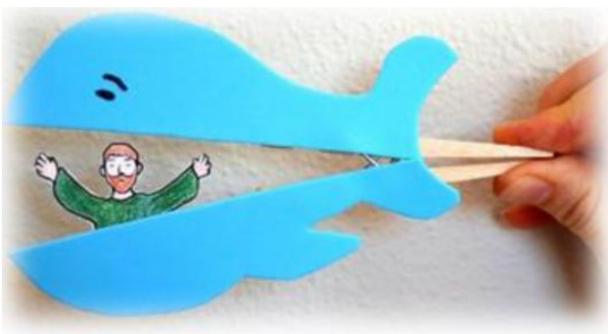
If people do bad things, then there is punishment. The people of Nineveh were doing bad things, so God was going to knock down their city. Jonah ran away so God sent a storm.

But God loves everyone and always gives people a chance to say sorry. The people of Nineveh said sorry and so God did not destroy their city. God sent a whale to save Jonah and he stopped running away.

Talk about this together and think of some simple examples the children might relate to. What happens at home if we do things we shouldn't? Maybe we have to sit on the naughty step or we don't get certain treats? We can't just do bad things, but we always have the chance to say sorry if we make a mistake.



Craft time: Peg whales. Cut whale shapes out of card and a small picture of Jonah and attach it to a peg to see the whale swallowing Jonah!



Don't forget to draw or stick something on your chart this week to remind you that God is fair.

Worship time: God's love is big, great, fab, strong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmeNMneLOel>

Prayer time: Head to toe prayers. Ask the children to point to different parts of their bodies and as they do say some prayers over them.

- Toes: Pray that they will always walk with God and follow Him.
- Tummy: Thank God for all He provides for us, including our food!
- Hands: Pray for the ways they could help other people.
- Ears: Pray that they would hear from God.
- Mouth: Pray that they would tell people about God and that their words would always be kind.
- Eyes: Pray that God would show them what He wants them to do and they would see when others are in need.
- Head: Pray that they would always consider others, think good thoughts, and not be anxious or afraid.

Jonah and the Whale



Nineveh was a big city full of people who were doing bad things. God loved the people there, but He did not like the things they were doing.

So God told a man called Jonah to go to the city. He said, “Tell the people in Nineveh to stop doing bad things. If they don’t stop, I will knock down their city.”

But Jonah did not want to go and he did not want the people of Nineveh to be saved. So he ran away! He jumped onto a boat sailing to a faraway country. But God sent a storm.

Big waves crashed over the boat and the boat was going to sink. Jonah knew that God had sent the storm because he was trying to run away. He told the other people on the boat and so they threw him off the boat to stop the storm.

Jonah fell into the deep, deep sea. He fell down and down and down, but God saved him. He sent a whale to swallow Jonah. Jonah lived inside the whale for three days until it burped Jonah out onto the beach.

God told Jonah again to go to Nineveh. Jonah went and told the people there to stop doing bad things. The people listened and said sorry to God. So God forgave them and did not destroy their city