

## CITY LG – November 8<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Bible Story:** Jonah • *Jonah 1–3*

**Bottom Line:** God knows what's best.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak. Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)*

### WORSHIP

Chasing Me

We are Royals

**SLIDE: Theme**

Hello, everyone! Welcome! I'm so glad that you came today. This month, we're digging into Bedrock by building confidence in God block by block.

Placing our trust and confidence in God is something that we learn by doing it! We all need practice. And in today's story, we'll meet a guy who REALLY needed some practice. In fact, instead of trusting God, he ran away and found himself in a fishy situation.

Before we go any farther—let's get started with a question.  
I'm going to give you some time to discuss this question as a small group....

**What is a time in your life that you did not make the best choice in a situation?** *(walk around and listen to kids' answer is their groups. Bring them back together in a few minutes when most groups are done). If time, have a couple of kids share their answers with the group.*

God gave us the Bible to teach us about who He is and what is true in the world! We try to put a little bit of truth in our heads each month, that's what our Memory Verse is! This month, it's Isaiah 40:31.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

As as we go through all of these true stories in the Bible this year, we will learn about Him!  
We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible! *(Gesture to slide.)*

**SLIDE: God's Big Story**

Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along. *(Gesture to timeline.)*

Today, we're continuing right along through the Bible in the book of Jonah. *(Hold up Bible.)*  
Jonah lived during the time when the nation of God's people was split into two nations. There were a lot of different kings and a lot of different prophets during that time—Jonah was a prophet. Prophets spoke messages from God to different people. And most prophets spoke the same message from God: 'Come back to Me! Come back to Me!'

God actually sent the prophet Jonah to deliver that message to the people of Nineveh, who were really, really mean. That's the story we're going to look at today!

#### **Video: Bible Story**

See, Jonah knew all about God ... but he sure didn't live like Him. He thought he knew better than God, and he disobeyed Him. Jonah didn't really believe the truth that God knows what's best.

God wanted a whole group of people to live better lives, and He gave Jonah a chance to deliver that message. But Jonah didn't think the Ninevites deserved God's kindness, so at first, he disobeyed.

What Jonah disregarded is that God is good, and that means He is always being good. Jonah should have obeyed God because His ways were good. We can always trust that God's ways are good too, and we can follow them, even if we don't understand them.

That's why it's so important for us to remember this—

#### **VIDEO: Bottom Line**

#### **SLIDE: Bottom Line**

#### **God knows what's best.**

Sometimes it's really hard to follow God's ways. But if you need help, just ask God! When you choose to follow Jesus, God's very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, comes to live inside you! He can help you when following God's ways are hard. You can ask, 'God, I need Your help being kind.' Or, 'God, I need Your help not to yell because I'm angry.' Or, 'God, I need Your help to be loving.' Whatever you need, ask! God loves to help you!

Let's ask Him to help us follow Him well right now!

Dear God, thank You so much for giving us a chance to learn about You through the Bible. You are kind and loving and good. Help us to listen for Your voice and do what You say, instead of running away like Jonah. We want to follow You our whole lives. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!

#### **OFFERING**

We started supporting a new organization with our offering. We are going to help kids and adults who live right near us! Our mission is Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy.

#### **SLIDES: Shady Oaks 1-3**

I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities! Bring your money up if you brought it.