

September Week 4

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CRAFT WEEK 4

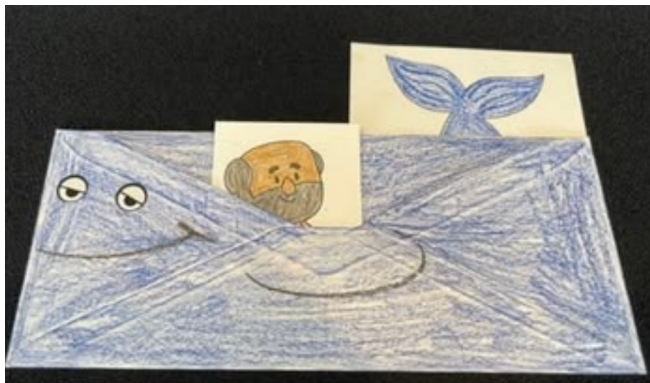
Jonah and the Big Fish

SUPPLIES:

Envelope, Fish tail cutout, Jonah cutout, tape, googly eyes, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child an envelope, fish tail, and Jonah cutout.**
 - *"Come to the table! Let's make a special fish to help us remember our story about Jonah."*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to color the envelope and the cutouts. Tape or glue the fish tail to the back, top corner of the envelope. Give each child 2 googly eyes and encourage them to stick them on the envelope. Show the children how to put the Jonah cutout inside the envelope.**
 - *"We're going to make a fish out of this envelope, so first we're going to give our fish a tail. While you color your envelope, tail, and Jonah, we'll come around and help you tape the tail to your envelope (Allow time to color while you tape the pieces together.) Now your fish needs eyes. Let's give him two silly googly eyes. (Help children add their googly eye stickers.) Great! Now slide Jonah into the belly of the fish. Who was inside the big fish in our story? (Pull Jonah out of the fish's belly.) Jonah! God was with Jonah wherever he went, even in the belly of the big fish!"*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *"You can take your special fish home to tell the story to your family! God was with Jonah in the boat, in the water, in the belly of the fish, and in Nineveh! God was with Jonah wherever he went. And, wherever Jonah went, he could talk to God! He could talk to God in the boat, in the water, in the belly of the fish, and in Nineveh. You can talk to God wherever you go too because God is always with you."*
 - **"Who is always with you?"**
 - **"God is always with me!"**



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ACTIVITY #1

Jonah's Parachute Journey

SUPPLIES: Parachute, ball pit ball

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children around the parachute.**

- *"Let's use our big parachute to tell the amazing story of Jonah! We need to work together to make the story happen."*

⇒ **Encourage the children to pretend the ball is Jonah and then use the parachute and 'Jonah' to retell the Bible Story.**

- *"Grab the edge of the parachute and lift it high. Look, let's pretend this ball is Jonah! (Put the ball pit ball on the parachute.) Let's rock the parachute back and forth. (Pause.) A big storm came! Rock, rock, rock! (Gently rock the parachute back and forth.) The storm was so big that Jonah told the men in the boat to throw him into the water. Let's throw Jonah out! When I say three, we'll bop him off the parachute. Ready? One, two, three ... BOP! (Bop the ball off the parachute.) Oh no! Where did he go? (Point to the ball.) There he is! But God was with Jonah and He sent a big fish to swallow Jonah up! Let's make our parachute the big fish! Stand up! We have to scoop Jonah up! Ready? One, two, three ... SCOOP! (Scoop the ball up so it's under the parachute.) Jonah was in the fish for three whole days! Let's count to three. One ... two ... three! Then the fish spit him out! Everyone, lift up the parachute! (Lift the parachute high.) There he is! Now Jonah was ready to do what God said. Jonah needed to go to Nineveh. Let's help him get there! (Put the ball on top of the parachute.) Let's shake the parachute and make Jonah travel all the way to Nineveh! (Gently shake the parachute to move the ball to the other side.) We did it!"*

⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"You helped Jonah get all the way to Nineveh! What a wild ride! Jonah was on a boat, in a storm, and even inside a fish! But no matter where he was, God was with him. God was always with Jonah everywhere he went, and God is always with us too."*
- **"Who is always with you?"**
- **"God is always with me!"**

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: EC CD, CD Player

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *"Friends, it is so amazing that God is always with us. That's a reason to celebrate! So today we're going to celebrate by playing freeze dance and dancing to tell God how amazing He is! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music, I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let's practice freezing right now. FREEZE!"*
 - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let's go!"*
- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
 - *"FREEZE!"*
 - ***"Who is always with you?"***
 - ***"God is always with me!"***
 - *"Let's dance!"*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Awesome job, friends!"*
 - ***"Who is always with you?"***
 - ***"God is always with me!"***

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ACTIVITY #3

Globe Toss

SUPPLIES: Inflatable Globe

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room and review the memory verse.**

- *"Friends, come over and sit with me in a circle on the floor. Let's say our verse as we do the motions. Ready? **"God** (point up) **is with you** (point to self) **wherever you go'** (march in place). **Joshua 1:9** (open hands like a book). Great job!"*

⇒ **Pass or roll the globe around to each child and let them point to a place on the world. Review the memory verse as a group.**

- *"Alright, friends. I've got a fun game for us to play to help us remember our Memory Verse! I've got this ball, what does the ball look like? (Pause.) The world, that's right! God is always with us wherever we go in the world. So when I pass/roll you the ball. I want you to take your finger and point somewhere in the world. Ready? [Child's name], I'll pass it to you first. (Pass or roll the ball.) Now you can use your finger to pick a place in the world. (Pause.) You pointed to [place]. Is God with you in [place]? (Pause.) Yes, because God is with you wherever you go! Let's practice our memory verse before our next friend can go. **"God** (point up) **is with you** (point to self) **wherever you go'** (march in place). **Joshua 1:9** (open hands like a book). Fantastic! Now pass/roll the ball to another friend. (Continue until each child.) Pass the ball back to me, please."*

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Nice work, my friends!"*
- **Who is always with you?**
- **God is always with me!"**

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY SEPTEMBER WEEK 4

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 257 "Jonah and the Big Fish"

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who is always with you?***
- ***God is always with me!***

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "God was with Jonah and helped him even when he made a bad choice! Let's make a list of times we need God's help. When I say your name, tell me **one thing you need God's help with!**

- *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, thank You that we can always talk to You. Thank You that You can help us with things like (Use the list the children made.) Thank You for being with us wherever we go. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."*