

Passage	Jonah 1:1-16
Big Idea	God is in control
Aim	See that when God says GO we say YES

First watch the kids' slot at the start of Sundays service.

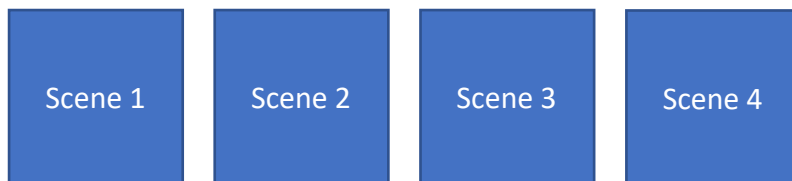
Starter game

A simple game of Simon says works well here but anything where you say something and then they go and do it.

Intro

It would be great to read through Jonah 1:1-16 again, if you have a few children at home why not try and act out the story or perhaps the adult could read it as the kids perform it (bed sheets can make excellent waves for the storm and pans are good for sound effects)

If you have older kids get them to look out for repeated phrases or ask them to summarise each scene of the story. A good way of doing this could be by using a story board.



Questions

This doesn't need to feel like school, and these are just a guide, you will know your kids best so it may best over the dinner table or out on a walk. We don't want to make the bible seem boring because it isn't!!

1. In what way do we run from God? *(use language of GO and NO)*
2. Why do we think we can get away with this? *(maybe we don't recognise who he is, or think he doesn't care, maybe we don't think of sin as against God, or don't think it really matters)*
3. Why is this so foolish? *(use goldfish illustration)*
4. In what way is Jonah like Jesus in this story? *(Sacrificed in the place of others to satisfy Gods anger at sin. Use as a chance to explain these things)*
5. Who can I take God's message to? *(help them think specifically about those they wouldn't naturally share the gospel with)*

Praying together

If we are struggling for what to pray about we can just follow a simple; thank you-sorry-please pattern.

Thank you- God that you are in control

Sorry- for all the times you say GO and I choose NO

Please- help me to remember the way that Jesus saved me even though I didn't deserve it.

Extra's

Keep an eye out for a link to the memory verse video. And we'd love to share videos of people doing the actions together.

Or for under 4s- [this](#) is a good colourful storybook covering the big themes of Jonah