



JUMP JUMP | WEEK 2 | MAY 8-9, 2021

2s-3s Lesson

Jonah

Bible Story: *I should go God's way.* Jonah • *Jonah 1:1-3:10*

Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

Key Question: Whose way is perfect?

Bottom Line: God's way is perfect.

Basic Truth: I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.

**KID CONNECT:
30 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:
15 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP:
15 MINUTES**

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever thought about how many decisions you make in a day? According to some reports, the average adult makes up to 35,000 choices per day. Wow! Some choices are easy—wearing the red shirt or eating the apple instead of the banana. Then, there are the not-so-easy decisions. What do we do when the decision is hard and we are struggling to know which way to go? We believe the first step to making wise choices is trusting that God's way is perfect. Our prayer is that we can help make many of the 35,000 choices a day our preschoolers will be making one day a whole lot easier. They will know to jump, jump and go God's way, because God's way is perfect!

Story Focus: I should go God's way. Week two, we will hear the story of Jonah and some of the choices he made. Preschoolers will learn about what happened to Jonah when he decided to go his way instead of going God's way. They will hear how Jonah eventually decided, that God's way is perfect so that was the way he should go.

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(Floor Tape)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Tape a boat on the floor in the activity area.

During the Activity: Invite the children to stand in the boat and jump out. As the children jump out, ask them to say, "Go God's way."

After the Activity: Encourage the children to jump back into the boat and repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Look, a boat!" (*Point.*)

During the Activity: "Let's all get into the boat then jump out! When we jump, we can tell everyone that we will go God's way! I'll go first! (*Get into boat and jump out.*) GO GOD'S WAY! Let's all jump and tell everyone to go God's way." (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! Today in our Bible story, we'll hear about a man named Jonah. Let's see if He goes God's way!"

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE: BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE)

LARGE GROUP LEADER (LGL) enters, carrying the treasure box. Inside is a Bible and scarves for Worship.

LGL: Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad to see you here. I love being here with you!

Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*kids respond*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (List rules while counting on fingers)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders' directions.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

Can everybody follow those rules today? (*kids respond*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? (*kids repeat*)
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? (*kids repeat*)
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? (*kids repeat*)

LGL sits with the treasure box in front of him/her.

NOTE: You can choose to put any large group props that fit inside the box and pull them out for a dramatic reveal.

LGL: Do you see this box? This is a beautiful box, isn't it? It looks special. I wonder what's inside. Do you want to see what's inside? Let's see. *LGL opens the box and pulls out a Bible. It's a Bible!* (hugging the Bible) Oh, I love the Bible! It's so special. Everybody pretend to hug your Bible. Go ahead! (pause) Very good! I wonder...what's in the Bible? The Bible is God's Big Story, and it tells us all about God! We are going to hear a true story from the Bible today. I wonder what else is in this special box? *Pull out scarves for worship time and pass them out to the children.*

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: PERFECT, HE IS AMAZING, WORSHIP SCARVES)

Pass out the scarves to the kids and sing the worship songs

INTRO SKETCH

(Stuffed Whale, Story Box)

LGL brings the story box with the props inside to the middle.

Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible. Friends, come sit here with me. It's time for our Bible story.

Hold up the Bible.

"Today's true story from the Bible is about a guy named Jonah. What was his name? (*Pause for response*) God told Jonah to go one way, but Jonah didn't trust God and went the opposite. Let's see what that would be like. Everyone stand up! We are going to go to Nineveh [Nin-eh-vah] like God told us to. Everyone follow me!

Lead kids towards one side of the room.

But did Jonah go where God told him to go? No! He went the opposite way.

Lead kids to the opposite side of the room.

It would be much better if Jonah followed what God said. Let's go back to our seats so I can show you something.

Once kids are settled have your story box ready.

Jonah didn't make the choice to follow God. So something happened with a...(pull out the whale)...BIG fish! Let's watch our story and see what happened to Jonah!

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"Did God save Jonah? (Yes) When Jonah decided that **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect**, and went to Nineveh, the people there decided to go God's way too. That's because **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect**. Whose way is perfect? **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect**.

WRAP UP AND BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Because we can trust that **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect**, we can believe our Basic Truth today too! Our Basic Truth to remember today is that **[Basic Truth] I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me**. Just like it was better for Jonah to follow God's way, we should trust that God will lead us in the perfect way.

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

(CG: MEMORY VERSE)

Let's say our memory verse together. I will say it first and then you will say it with me.

*'God's way (point up)
is perfect,' (two thumbs up)
2 Samuel 22:31." (Open hands like a book.)*

Say it once while doing the motions and then invite the kids to do it with you.

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster - 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying.

*'God's way (point up)
is perfect,' (two thumbs up)
2 Samuel 22:31." (Open hands like a book.)*

JONAH AND THE BIG FISH CUP

(“Fish Tail” and “Jonah” Activity Pages, Light Blue Cardstock, Blank Circle Stickers, Light Blue Party Cups, Tape, Large Googly Eye Stickers, Marker)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Fish Tail” on light blue cardstock and cut out, one per child. Copy “Jonah” on white cardstock and cut out, one per child. Write child's name on their cup and Jonah. Draw smiles on the round labels, one per child.

During the Activity: Encourage children to add two eyes to the round sticker then stick it to their cup. Leader puts a piece of double stick tape on the tail (words facing away from the cup). Have children stick it on their cup. Give them the cut out of Jonah to put in and out of the cup.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story using the cup fish and Jonah cutout.



What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, friends! We heard another great story of how we should go God's way because God's way is perfect!”

During the Activity: “Let's make a great big fish. First, add the eyes to the circle with the smile. (Pause.) Great! Now stick that on your cup. (Pause.) Next, we need to add the tail for the fish. (Leader adds tape to the tail on the other side of the words.) Stick that on. (Pause.) Nice job! Now, Here's your Jonah. He can go in and out of the big fish. Let's use these to help us retell the Bible story.”

After the Activity: “In our Bible story, God told a man named Jonah to go to Ninevah and tell the people there to follow God’s way; but Jonah did NOT want to go there. So, Jonah got on a boat and went the other way! God sent a storm that started rocking the boat back and forth. Jonah knew that God sent the storm for him. So he jumped out of the boat, and the storm stopped. When Jonah was in the water, God sent a great big fish to swallow Jonah! (*Put Jonah in the cup.*) Jonah knew that he should have gone God’s way. Jonah prayed and told God that he was very sorry he didn’t go God’s way. God made the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land. (*Dump Jonah out of the cup.*) Then Jonah went to Nineveh, and the people decided to go to God’s way! Because, God’s way is perfect! **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.**”

OPTIONAL: I’M JONAH

(No Supplies)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Tell the children that everyone will pretend they are Jonah. Lead them in doing the following actions as you review the Bible story.

1. Run in place.
2. Rock side-to-side in a boat.
3. Make fish faces and fins with your hands.
4. Run in place.
5. Cheer!

After the Activity: Talk about how Jonah learned that we should always go God’s way.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “I’m so glad you’re here! I have a fun way for us to talk about today’s Bible story.”

During the Activity: “We will pretend we are Jonah from the Bible story today. Point to yourself and say, ‘I’m Jonah!’ (*Repeat with children.*) I’m Jonah! Nice to meet you, Jonah! Ok, now just do what I do.

“First, run in place, like this. (*Run in place.*) Jonah ran away when God told Him to go tell the people in Nineveh to go God’s way.

“Jonah ran and got in a boat. (*Rock side-to-side.*) The boat rocked harder and harder (*rock side-to-side in a bigger motion*) because a big storm came. Jonah told the people that God sent the storm because He did not go God’s way. Jonah told the people to throw him in the water. And they did!

“Then God sent a HUGE fish to swallow Jonah! (*Make a fish face and fins with your hands.*) Jonah was safe inside the fish. Jonah prayed to God and told Him he was sorry for not going God’s way. God made the huge fish spit Jonah out on dry land.

“When Jonah got out of the fish, he started running again! (*Run in place.*) This time he ran straight to Nineveh where God told him to go. He told the people to go God’s way. And they did!

(Cheer with fist pumps or jumping up and down.) “Yay! Jonah told the people to go God’s way.”
(Repeat.)

After the Activity: “Jonah did NOT want to go God’s way, at first, but he learned that he SHOULD go God’s way, because **[Bottom Line]** God’s way is perfect. Whose way is perfect? **[Bottom Line]** God’s way is perfect!”

BOTTOM LINE SONG

Sing the following words to the tune of “Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush”.

“This is the way we clap our hands,
“Clap our hands,
“Clap our hands.
“This is the way we clap our hands.
“God’s way is perfect.”

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.