

WEEK 3

CONVERSATION GUIDE

JONAH



THIS SERIES: GROWN UP CHILDREN STORIES

THE BIG IDEA

You never realize Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.

THE BIBLE

Jonah 1-3
Matthew 12:40-41, 2 Kings 14:25

Jesus Connection

- Sacrifice Story (relate back to Abraham & Isaac, point to Jesus)
 - Matthew 12:40-41
 - Jesus & Jonah 3 Days Darkness/ Separated
1. **Icebreaker:** Share a favorite childhood story or Bible story that you've revisited recently and discovered new insights.
 2. How does it feel to transition from childhood versions of Bible stories to a deeper understanding? Why do you think it's important to explore the layers of these stories?
 3. **Jonah's Story:** What are some common perceptions or memories people have about Jonah's story? Discuss any preconceived notions you might have had before today's discussion.
 4. **Literal or Parable:** Do you believe Jonah's story is a literal account or a parable? Share your thoughts and discuss how your perspective affects your understanding of God's grace.
 5. **Nineveh's Wickedness:** Reflect on the comparison between Nineveh's wickedness and modern examples of wickedness. How does this challenge your understanding of God's grace and mercy?
 6. **Jonah's Disobedience:** Discuss Jonah's initial response to God's command. Can you relate to times when you've wanted to go your own way instead of following God's plan?
 7. **Glimmer of Compassion:** Explore Jonah's response when he realizes he's the cause of the storm. How does his humility and sacrifice for the sailors reflect on his character?
 8. **Cry to God:** Jonah prays from the belly of the fish, and God hears him. Share personal experiences of crying out to God in difficult times and how God responded.
 9. **Second Chance to Obey:** How does Jonah's second chance to obey God resonate with the idea of God giving us second chances? How can we apply this theme of second chances in our own lives?
 10. **Jesus Connection:** Discuss the connections between Jonah's sacrifice and Jesus' sacrifice. How do these sacrifices pave the way for redemption, and why is Jesus considered the ultimate sacrifice?
 11. **Main Point Reflection:** Reflect on the main point: "You never realize Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have." How does this statement apply to your life, and how can it shape your perspective on challenges and difficulties?

WHO IS YOUR ONE?