

Jonah



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Part 1:

Running From God

The Main Character in Jonah is _____

The Lord sent this message to Jonah, son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and give them this announcement from the Lord: 'I am going to destroy you, for your wickedness rises before Me; it smells to the highest heaven.'" (Jonah 1:1-2)

But Jonah was afraid to go and ran away from the Lord. He went down to the seacoast, to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket, went on board, and climbed down into the dark hold of the ship to hide there from the Lord. (Jonah 1:3)

**If you want to _____
the devil will always offer you a ride.**

But as the ship was sailing along, suddenly the Lord flung a terrific wind over the sea, causing a great storm that threatened to send them to the bottom. (Jonah 1:4)

Fearing for their lives, the desperate sailors shouted to their gods and threw the cargo overboard to lighten the ship. And all this time Jonah was sound asleep down in the hold. (Jonah 1:5)

You might be struggling right now because you got the wrong friend in your boat.

So, the captain went down after him. "What do you mean," he roared, "sleeping at a time like this? Get up and cry out to your god and see if He will have mercy on us and save us!"

Then the crew decided to draw straws to see which of them had offended the gods and caused this terrible storm; and Jonah drew the short one.

"What have you done," they asked, "to bring this awful storm upon us? Who are you? What is your work? What country are you from? What is your nationality?"

And he said, "I am a Jew; I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the earth and sea." Then he told them he was running away from the Lord. (Jonah 1: 6-10)

Delayed obedience is _____

The storm was getting worse and worse. "Throw me into the sea," Jonah said, "and it will become calm again. For I know this terrible storm has come because of me." Then they picked up Jonah and threw him overboard into the raging sea – and the storm stopped! (Jonah 1: 11-12, 15)

The men stood there in awe before the Lord and sacrificed to Him and vowed to serve Him. (Jonah 1: 16)