



# LITTLE TOTS

@HOME LESSONS

## LITTLE LEARNERS FAITH FORMATION

Topic: **Jonah**

Scripture Reference: **Jonah: 1-4**



Read the story about Jonah in your Story Bible.

### Explore the Story with Infants

Breathe to make wind and pretend to blow the boat. Then make fishy faces and swimming arms body movements.

### Explore the Story with Toddlers on the Move

Make sounds for the storm with your child. Lift arms high and squiggle your hands down, like a bolt of lightning coming down. Clap or stomp to make the sound of crashing thunder. Wiggle fingers to imitate rain drops coming down. Then swim around the room like a fish. And finally jump as far as you can to remember Jonah being spit out of the fish.

### Explore the Story with Talkative Toddlers

Make sounds like storm ("Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh!") and a fish ("Glub, glub, glub!"). Then practice saying "I'm sorry."

Ask these questions and encourage toddlers to respond:

- The sailors were afraid of the storm. Find the sailors on the boat.
- The fish has big teeth. What has the fish been eating? Let's brush the teeth of the fish.
- When he was in the fish's belly, Jonah prayed to God. Show me how you pray.

**Time to explore! Time to play! Let's all Learn with God today.**



### Let's Color Together.....For Toddlers

Supplies: Coloring Page, crayons, and blank paper

**Caregivers, while you do this . . .**

Encourage your child to color the images of Jonah.

**Your child is learning this...**

- When I color, I develop my fine motor skills.
- I also learn the names of colors.

**When I color pictures of Jonah, I remember God is with me all the time.**



### Bible Verse

"In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry."

—Jonah 2:2



### Today's Ritual

Sit face-to-face with your child and repeat these words and actions together.

**"Share," said God.** (*Hold hands out, palms up.*)

**"No," said Jonah.** (*Place hands on hips.*)

**"Gulp," said the fish.** (*Make swimming fish hands and gulping sounds.*)

**"Sorry," said Jonah.** (*Bow head and fold hands.*)



### Prayer

**Dear God,**  
Thank you unexpected moments of apology in my parenting journey. I ask for your presence and guidance as my family gathers here today. Amen

**Mouth Moves**.....*For Infants & Toddlers*

Supplies: Large mirror. Gather at the mirror with your child and make faces to go along with what is happening to the people in the Bible Story.

This activity supports **self-awareness** and **social relationship**.

**Caregivers, while you do this . . .**

Point to the big fish in today's story. Make fish faces in the mirror and at each other.

**Your child is learning this...**

- When I make funny faces with you, we strengthen our relationship with fun.
- **When I make connections between the story today and our play, I remember the story better.**



**Let's Read Together**.....*For Infants & Toddlers*

Supplies: Story Bible, other books about sharing and/or asking for forgiveness, letter blocks, and cushions or pillows. Create a cozy reading nook with pillows or cushions.

Display your Bible and other books. Place letter blocks nearby. Point out that *J* is for *Jonah*.

This activity promotes **early evangelism** and **literacy**.

**Caregivers, while you do this . . .**

Take a Bible and give it to your child. Say, **"I am sharing God's message. Now it's your turn!"** Encourage your child to imitate you.

Open up the Bible and read more stories together.

Enjoy reading together. Point out letters on the blocks.

Spell your names and other words together.

**Your child is learning this...**

- When I hear you read, I learn about letters, sounds, and words.
- When I handle books, I am learning about features of books and print.
- When I see letters that I can manipulate, I am learning about letter sounds and words.
- **When I hear Jonah say, "I'm sorry" to God, I am learning to say "I'm sorry" too.**
- When I tell a story, I learn about how stories are structured.
- **When someone shares God's message with me, I learn to share God's message, too!**



**Play time is over For you and me. Let's finish in Prayer. One two three!**



Dear God,  
Thank you for letting us say, "I'm sorry."  
Thank you for your forgiveness  
and your love.  
Amen.



Inside the fish, Jonah told God he was sorry.