

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### **Jonah and the Big Fish**

from Jonah 1-4.

**Jonah runs away from God, and a fish swallows him.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jonah
- Nineveh
- Tarshish
- Prophet
- Prophecy

Today, Nineveh is the site of Mosul, Iraq.

**Read the whole story together  
in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 190-193

*Spark Bible* pages 1008-1010

## Family Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sticking with us even though we misunderstand, mistrust and resist your directions. Please help us to be more obedient and accepting of your generosity—even towards those we don't like. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 What do you think it would be like to travel inside a big fish?
- 2 What difficult things have you been asked to do?
- 3 How does God help us do difficult things?
- 4 Jonah gets really angry with God towards the end of this story. God can handle our anger. Take turns practicing "angry prayers" as well as prayers of thanksgiving and prayers asking for help. Go ahead and stomp your feet and wave your arms and throw a magnificent tantrum, then pick yourself up and say "Thank you, Lord, for sticking with me!"



### Eye Spark

What fish can you see this week? When you spot them, think of Jonah and his ride.



### Ear Spark

What sounds can you hear that make you think of the sea? Boats? Fish?

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Play a game of Go Fish as a family and remember Jonah.

### For younger kids

Have some goldfish crackers as a snack. Share them with someone who is often left out.

### For older kids

Jonah was in the Mediterranean Sea. Research what large fish might have lived in that sea or other bodies of water during Jonah's time.



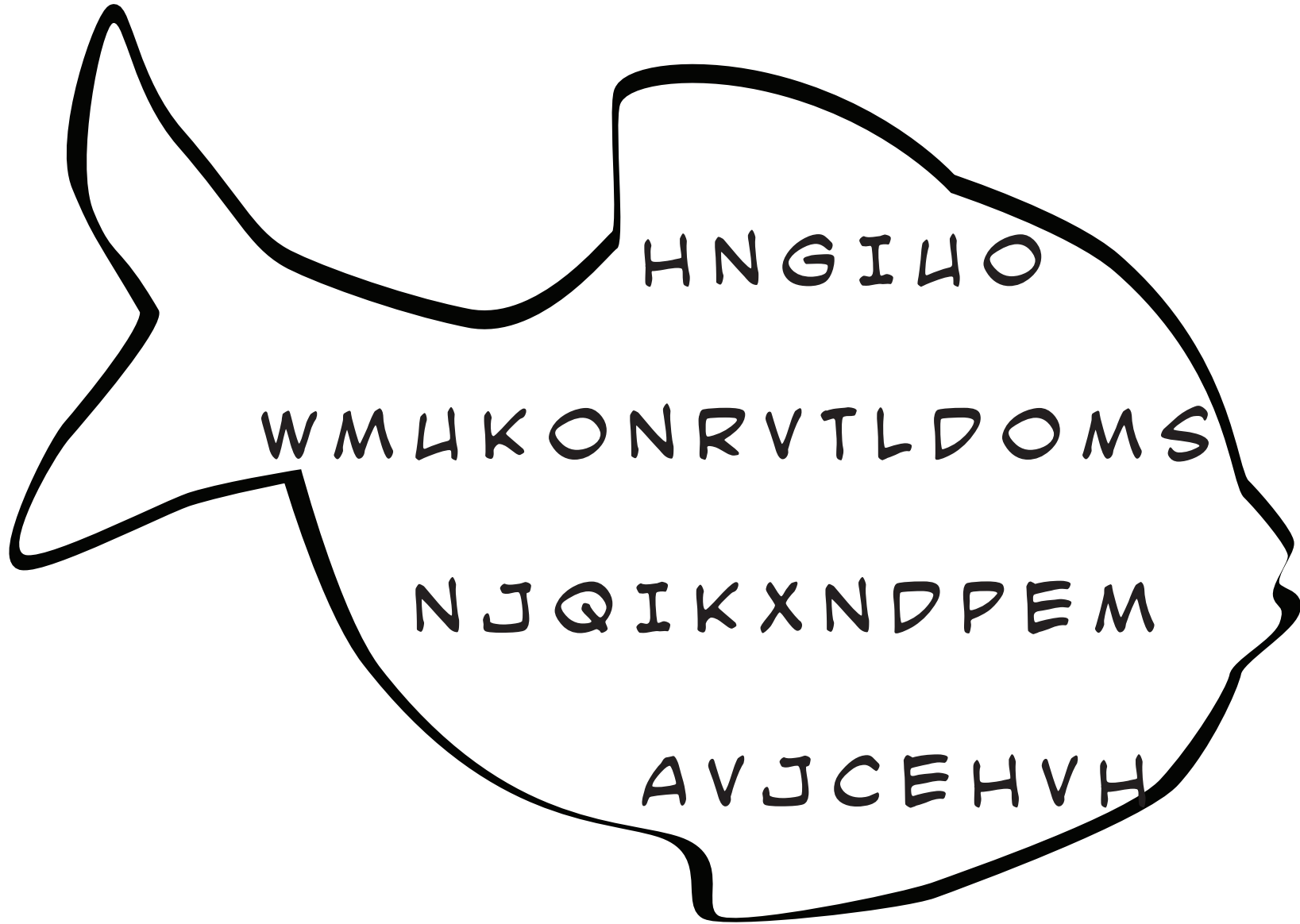
# Jonah and the Big Fish



Look out, Jonah! Here comes a BIG fish! Gulp, gulp, gulp.

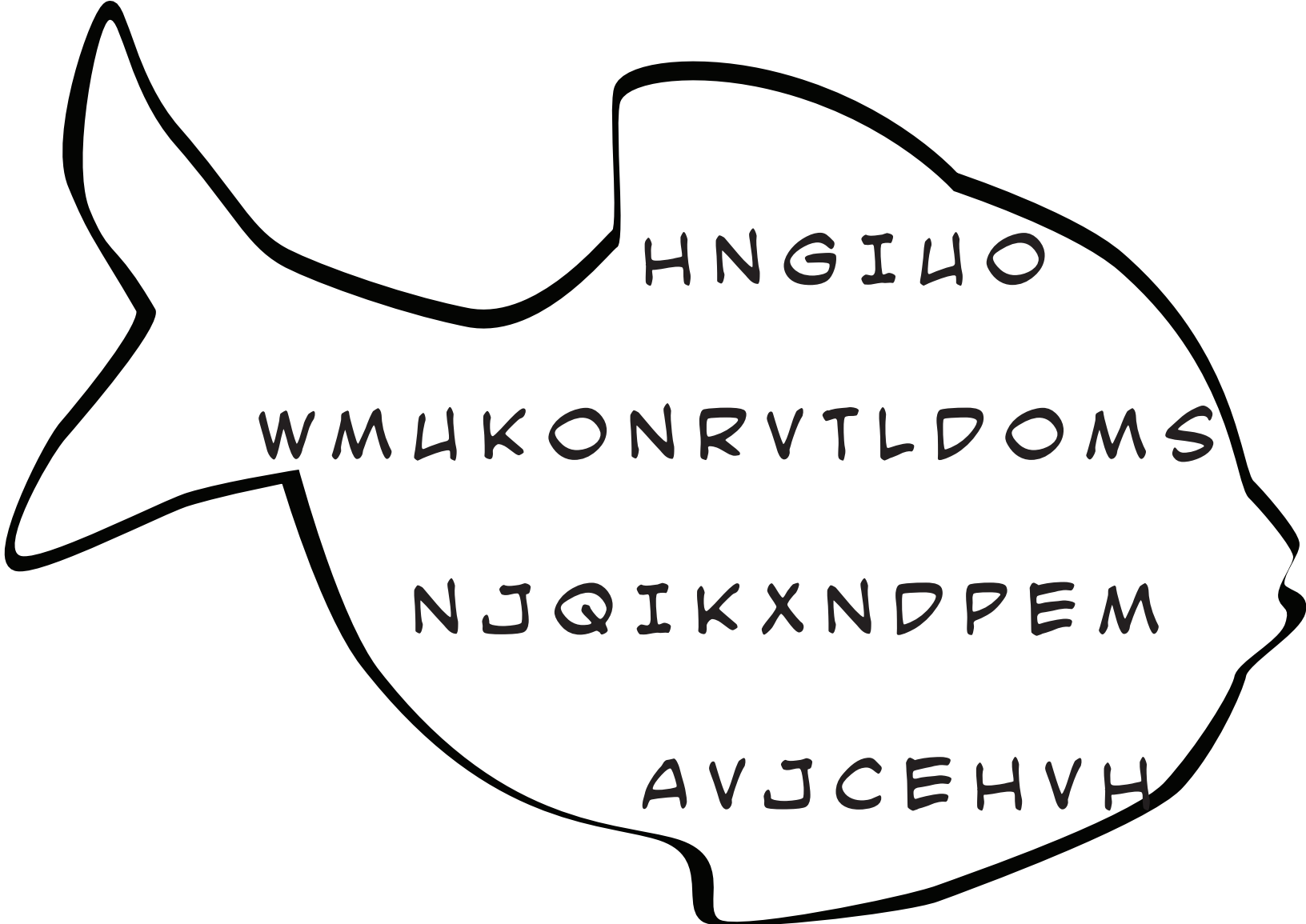
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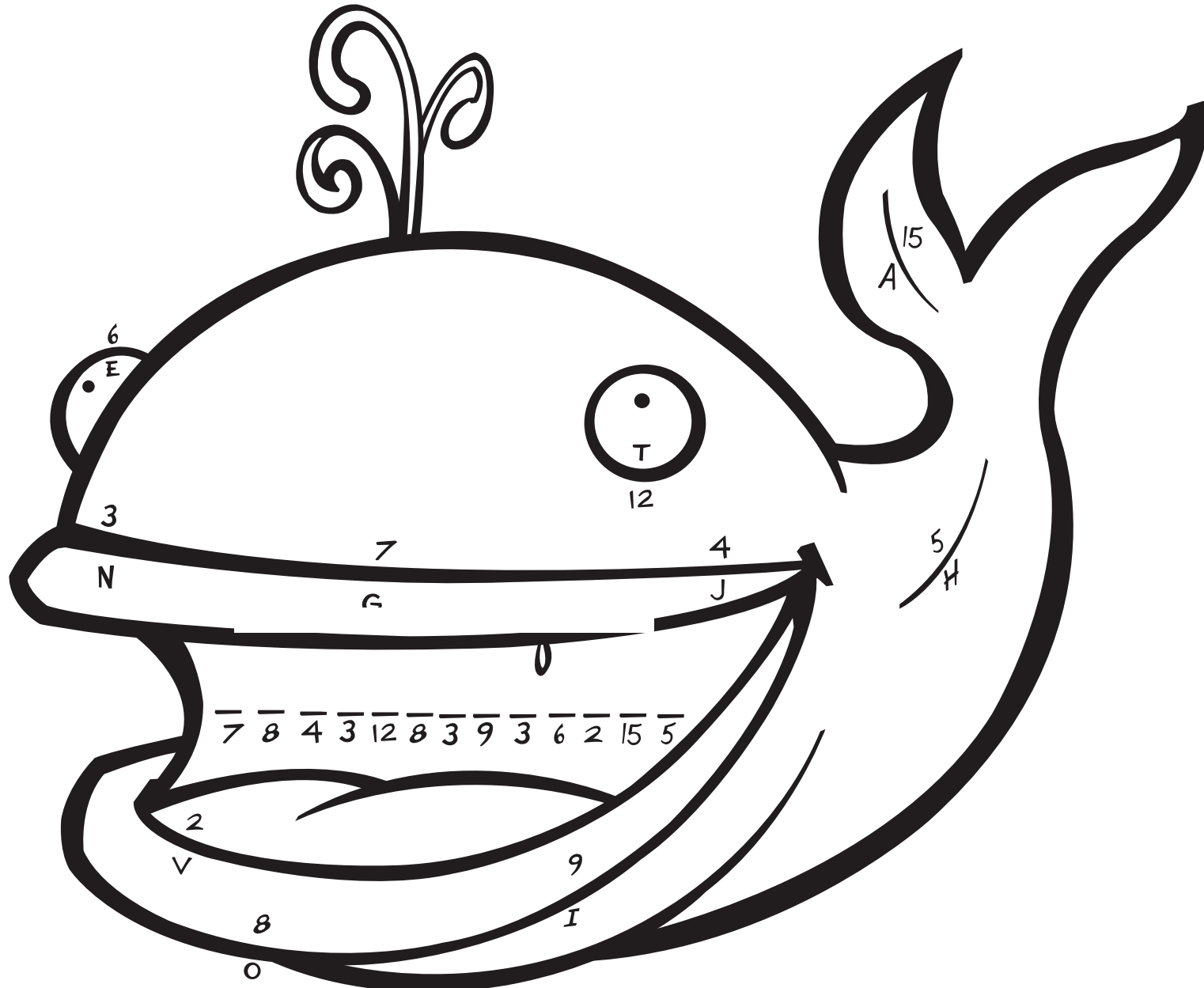
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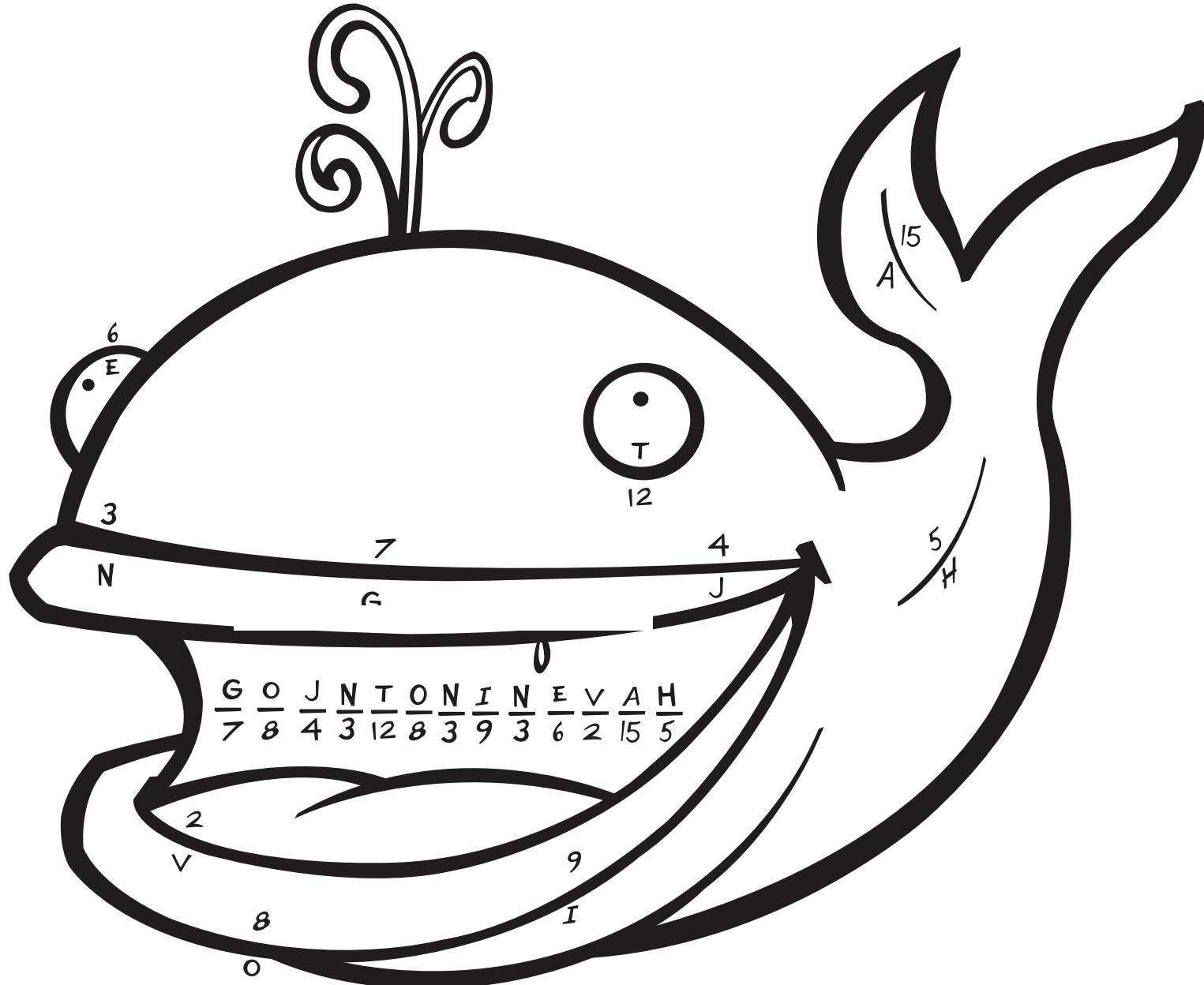
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# Good Luck Hiding!

Jonah couldn't hide from God. Can you find the seven fish that are trying to hide in this picture? Circle each fish when you find it.

