

Review Questions

1. What prophet did we read about today? *Jonah.*
2. What city did God tell Jonah to go preach to? *Nineveh.*
3. Why didn't Jonah want to go to Nineveh? *The people there (the Assyrians) were enemies of Israel. It was a wicked city.*
4. How did Jonah attempt to flee from the presence of the Lord? *He got on a ship headed in the opposite direction (to Tarshish).*
5. What attributes of God show that it was foolish for Jonah to try to run from him? They start with "omni." *Omnipresent (present everywhere) and omniscient (all-knowing).*
6. What did God send to stop Jonah's ship? *Terrible storm, tempest.*
7. What did the crew do to try to lighten the ship? *Threw the cargo overboard.*
8. What was Jonah doing during the storm? *Sleeping.*
9. What did Jonah tell the crew he had done that caused the storm? *He had disobeyed the Lord and tried to flee from him.*
10. What did Jonah say the crew needed to do to stop the storm? *Throw him into the sea; throw him overboard.*
11. What happened when the crew followed Jonah's instructions to toss him overboard? *The sea instantly became calm.*
12. What did the crew learn about the God of Israel? *He is the true God who controls the sea and everything in creation.*
13. What did God send to swallow Jonah? *Great fish.*
14. How long was Jonah in the belly of the fish? *Three days and nights.*
15. What did Jonah finally do from the belly of the fish? *He prayed and repented.*
16. What did God cause the fish to do to Jonah after he repented? *Vomit him up on dry land.*
17. What did Jonah do once he was back on land? *He obeyed God and went to Nineveh to preach.*
18. What did Jonah say was coming to Nineveh? *Disaster, punishment from God.*
19. How did the people of Nineveh respond to Jonah's message from God? *They believed it and repented.*
20. How did God show grace and mercy to Nineveh? *He chose not to send the disaster he had warned about because they repented and turned from their sins.*
21. How did Jonah feel about God's mercy toward Nineveh? *He was angry and displeased.*
22. Why did God rebuke or correct Jonah for his attitude toward Nineveh? *Jonah did not love his enemies or want to see God show mercy and forgiveness to them.*
23. What lessons can we learn from the account of Jonah? *Answers will vary but may include the following: to obey God the first time, to realize that we can't hide from God, to love our enemies, and to share the gospel with all people.*
24. Whom did we read about who believed that the Old Testament account of Jonah was true, historical fact? *Jesus.*