

Jonah

Chapter 1

God said to Jonah:

"Go to the city of Nineveh and preach repentance."

Jonah was afraid to go to Nineveh. He ran away.

He boarded a ship for Tarshish.

When the ship was at sea, a great storm hit the ship.

The sailors drew lots to see
who was responsible for this bad luck.

The lot chose Jonah
who admitted his guilt in disobeying God.

The sailors then threw Jonah overboard.
The sea immediately became calm again.

Lord, please help me agree to do anything
you ask me to do

Chapters 2 – 4

God arranged for a big fish to swallow Jonah.
Jonah was in the fish for 3 days.

Inside the fish, Jonah prayed to God for help.
God heard Jonah's prayer
and got the fish to vomit Jonah on the shore.

Again God told Jonah to preach repentance in Nineveh.
This time Jonah did as God requested.
"Forty days and Nineveh will be destroyed" he proclaimed.

The people of Nineveh believed God's message.
They put on sackcloth and ashes.
They fasted and prayed.
They repented of their evil behavior.

God saw their change of heart and spared Nineveh.

Jonah complained to God:
"Your change of mind will cause me a big loss of face."

God said to Jonah:
"Do I not have the right
to show compassion to my people?"

Lord, please help me repent of bad behavior