

# TEACHER PROMPTER & CHEAT SHEET

## Second Chances and Giant Fish: Jonah's Story

Scripture: Jonah 1-3 & Jonah 3:1 • Target: Ages 4–11 • 60-Second Lesson Roadmap

### SERMONS4CHILDREN MEDIA SUITE

- Fullscreen Classroom TV Mode
- Vector Cutout Craft & Puppet
- 8-Up Car Ride Pocket Slips
- 100% Free Ministry Resource**

**THE BIG IDEA:** You can't outrun God's love! Even when we make huge mistakes and run the wrong way, God gives second chances and guides us home!

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.'" (Jonah 3:1)

### THE 4 STORY BEATS (3-MINUTE VISUAL STORYTELLING)

**1. Buying the Wrong Ticket:** God said 'Go East to Nineveh,' but Jonah ran West and bought a boat ticket to Tarshish in the opposite direction!

**2. The Raging Storm:** A violent tempest threatened to break the ship apart; Jonah confessed he was running from God and told the sailors to toss him overboard.

**3. The Deep-Sea Submarine:** God prepared a giant fish that swallowed Jonah whole! In the pitch-dark belly for 3 days, Jonah repented and thanked God.

**4. The Second Chance:** The fish spit Jonah onto dry sand, and God's word came a SECOND time. God forgave Jonah, and an entire city was saved!

**OBJECT LESSON HOOK:** **Prop:** A toy submarine or large whale puppet that swallows a peg doll.  
**What to Say:** 'God loved Jonah too much to let him run away into danger. God will never give up on you either!'

**TACTILE / MOVEMENT:** Hold nose and make underwater bubble noises: 'Bloop, bloop, bloop!' then take a giant gasp of air.

**DISCOVERY QUESTION:** **In Class:** Emphasize Jonah 3:1: 'The word of the LORD came a second time.' Ask kids: 'Aren't you glad God gives second chances?'  
**Sensory Hook:** Clap hands like waves crashing: 'Crash, boom, splash!'

**CLASSROOM GAME:** Whale Belly Escape Relay: Crawl through a pop-up play tunnel or blanket tent and emerge onto the 'Dry Sand' mat!

**CLOSING PRAYER:** *"Loving Father, thank You that You are the God of second chances. When we make mistakes or run away, thank You for forgiving us and putting our feet back on the right path. Amen!"*

**CAR RIDE HOME:** **Parent Connection Question:** "Have you ever made a bad choice and needed a second chance? How did it feel when God or your parents forgave you?" (See accompanying 8-Up Pocket Slips for printout)