

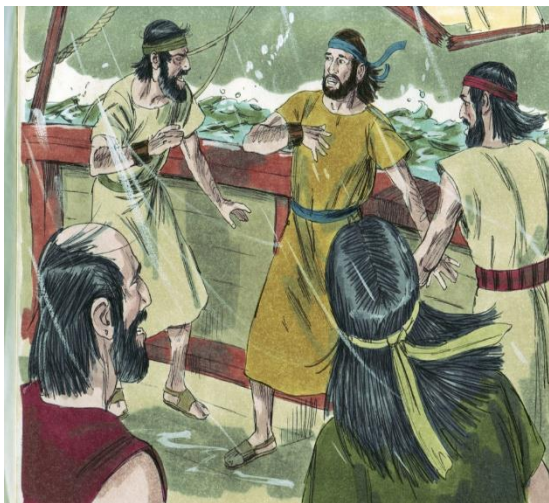
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Jonah's disobedience.

Scripture reading: Jonah 1st chapter

Jonah was a prophet of God Almighty.

One day long ago, God's Word came to Jonah: "Get up and move on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer." But Jonah got up and went to port to catch ship to Tarshis, running away from God. But God sent a huge storm at sea, the waves towering. The ship was about to break into pieces. The sailors were terrified. They called out in desperation to their gods. Meanwhile, Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship to take a nap. He was in sound asleep. The captain came to him and said, "What's this? Sleeping! Get up! Pray to your god! Maybe your god will see we're in trouble and rescue us." when they try to know who is the problem for this trouble, they put a lot on all name and Jonah's name came in it. So they grilled him: "Confess. Why this disaster? What is your work? Where do you come from? What country? What family?" He told them, "I'm a Hebrew. I worship God, the God of heaven who made sea and land. Since I did not obey God sent this storm." They said to him, "What are we going to do with you—to get rid of this storm?" By this time the sea was wild, totally out of control. Jonah said, "Throw me into the sea. Then the storm will stop. It's all my fault. I'm the cause of the storm. Get rid of me and you'll get rid of the storm." They took Jonah and threw him overboard. Immediately the sea was quieted down. The sailors were impressed, no longer terrified by the sea, but in awe of God. They worshiped God, offered a sacrifice, and made vows.



Hellooooo Kuttis, how are you doing? We are studying about Jonah. Why did he disobey God? Is not Jonah love God? If he is so, why does not he willing to go to Nineveh? The actual reason is people of Nineveh fought against Israel long ago. Since Jonah is Israelite he does not like his enemies to repent and be blessed. That is why he dies not want to go. But Jonah loved God very much. Just because he loved God he cannot disobey and do what he want. That is why storm hit the ship. So my dear sweet heart, if you hear from God, never ever thinking of running away from HIM. Then because of you many will have to suffer. Ok. After throwing Jonah into the see, all of them were happy and they offered sacrifices to God and worshiped HIM. What happened to Jonah? We will see tomorrow dear. Is that alright? Come now let's pray.

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Prayer

Heavenly Father, I surrender and submit my life unto you. Take complete control of my life. Give me a heart to obey you always. In Jesus most Holy name I pray. Amen.

