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# JONAH'S FISH TALE

A “fish tale” is a story that is exaggerated or embellished to make it sound better. The story below is Jonah’s “fish tale.” Mark out five sentences that are embellishing or exaggerating what the Bible says about Jonah.

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell them He had seen their wickedness. But Jonah didn't like the people of Nineveh. He didn't like them because they used to tease him in school. He thought he could run away from God, so he got on a ship sailing away from Nineveh.

Soon a storm began to beat upon the ship until the sailors were afraid that it would break into pieces. Water came into the ship and many of the sailors died. The wind roared and the waves crashed! Finally, Jonah realized he was the reason for the terrible storm. “Throw me overboard,” said Jonah, “and the storm will end.” The sailors didn't want to throw Jonah out, but the storm grew even wilder. At last they agreed. They threw Jonah into the sea. Instantly, the sea became calm. It was so calm, the sailors started fishing and caught a huge catch of fish.

Then God sent a gigantic fish to swallow Jonah. For three days and three nights, Jonah stayed inside the fish. While he was inside the fish, he asked God to help him. Also, when he was in there he had a campfire where he roasted marshmallows.

Finally, God made the fish spit Jonah out onto dry land. And this time, Jonah obeyed God. He went straight to Nineveh and began to preach. “God has seen your wickedness,” said Jonah. “He will destroy Nineveh in forty days.” The people listened to Jonah. They thanked Jonah for visiting them and threw him a fancy dinner party to celebrate. They were sorry for the bad things they had done. They began to pray. They returned to God. And God did not destroy them.

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# GOD'S MERCY

Jonah liked it when God showed mercy to him, but Jonah didn't want God to show mercy to others. Jonah needed to learn that all people are important to God and need His mercy. Fill in the blanks below to complete the verses about God's mercy.

## Psalm 103:11

"For as high as the \_\_\_\_\_ are above the \_\_\_\_\_, So great is His \_\_\_\_\_ toward those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him."

## 1 Chronicles 16:34

"O give \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD, for He is \_\_\_\_\_; For His \_\_\_\_\_ is everlasting."

## Ephesians 2:4

"But God, being rich in \_\_\_\_\_, because of His \_\_\_\_\_ love with which He \_\_\_\_\_ us..."

## Titus 3:5

"He \_\_\_\_\_ us, not on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_ which we have done in \_\_\_\_\_, but according to His mercy, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of regeneration and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit."

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