Music

Recommended Songs and Worship Activities for "Jonah"

Song: "Jonah Was a Prophet"
- Paraphrase of Lyrics:
Jonah was a prophet, but wasn’t very brave.
He didn’t want to listen to what God had to say.
He ran from God and sailed away, but a storm came roaring in.
Swallowed by a whale, Jonah learned to follow Him.

- Suggested Actions:
- "Jonah was a prophet": Hand gesture near the mouth to mimic speaking.
- "Didn’t want to listen": Cup hands over ears.
- "Ran from God": Run in place.
- "Swallowed by a whale": Make a large mouth with arms.
- "Learned to follow Him": Walk in place with hands clasped in prayer.

- Connection to Lesson:
Reinforces Jonah's story—a lesson on obedience and the importance of listening to God.

Song: "Who Did Swallow Jonah"
- Paraphrase of Lyrics:
Who did, Who did, Who did, Who did,
Who did swallow Jonah, Jonah, Jo-Jo-Jonah.
Who did swallow Jonah down in the deep blue sea?

- Suggested Actions:
- "Who did": Use hands to point around as if asking a question.
- "Swallow Jonah": Mimic a big gulp with hands.
- "Down in the deep blue sea": Wave motions representing the sea.

- Connection to Lesson:
Highlights the miracle of Jonah's rescue and God's sovereignty.

Worship Activity: "Act Out Jonah's Journey"
- Activity Description:
Divide the students into small groups. Each group will receive a part of Jonah’s story to act out dramatically. Encourage creativity with simple props (like a blue sheet for the sea and a paper whale).

- Connection to Lesson:
Encourages comprehension and retention of the story by physically engaging with the narrative.

Worship Activity: "Prayer Journey"
- Activity Description:
Set up four stations around the room representing key parts of Jonah's journey: Joppa, the Sea, Nineveh, and the Fish. At each station, guide the children in a simple prayer related to the part of the story they are visiting.

- Connection to Lesson:
Connects prayer life to storytelling, emphasizing reliance on and communication with God.

These songs and activities together help reinforce the story of Jonah with engaging multimedia, encouraging both the understanding of the lessons and the principles it imparts.