Takehome

Title: Exploring Jonah and the Big Fish

Objective: Learn about Jonah's journey and explore the themes of obedience, forgiveness, and second chances.

Time Required: Approximately 20 minutes

Materials Needed:

- A Bible or a printout of the story of Jonah.
- Color pencils or crayons.
- A blank piece of paper.
- A quiet space to reflect and discuss.

Activity 1: Reading the Story

1. Begin by reading the story of Jonah and the Big Fish together with a family member. You can use a children's Bible or online resources to find the story (Jonah 1-4).

2. Spend about 5 minutes on this activity, taking turns to read aloud and discuss any difficult words or concepts.

Activity 2: Jonah's Adventure Drawing

1. Think about Jonah's adventure inside the big fish. Now, take a blank piece of paper and draw a picture of Jonah's experience.

2. Let your imagination run wild! What might Jonah have seen, felt, or thought while inside the fish?

3. Spend about 5 minutes on this artwork.

Activity 3: Reflect and Share

1. Gather as a family and discuss these questions:

- Why do you think Jonah ran away from God’s instructions?
- How did Jonah feel when he was inside the big fish?
- What lesson did Jonah learn after his time in Nineveh?
- How do you think the story of Jonah teaches us about forgiveness and second chances?

2. Take about 5 minutes for this discussion and encourage each family member to share their thoughts.

Activity 4: Jonah’s Choices - A Creative Thinking Exercise

1. On another piece of paper, write down two things Jonah could have done differently in the story and what might have happened as a result.

2. Think of one choice Jonah made that you agree with and explain why.

3. Spend about 5 minutes on this exercise. Use bullet points for your ideas if you like!

Wrap-Up

- Conclude by summarizing what you have learned from Jonah’s story. How can you apply the lessons of obedience, forgiveness, and second chances in your own life?

- Take a moment to thank each family member for sharing and learning together.

Enjoy exploring the story of Jonah and the Big Fish!