

## Oasis Grades 1st-4th MPact 5th-

You would think that if God came and spoke directly to you, the first reaction would be to do exactly what He said. Not so with Jonah. When God told Jonah to go to Nineveh to tell them to repent from their sin, he got on a ship heading the other direction. Of course, no one can outrun God. God sent a ferocious storm that was so bad, the experienced sailors knew this was judgment from God. The only way to stop the storm was to throw Jonah overboard.

**What was Jonah's attitude when he realized God had saved him inside the fish?** (Jonah 2:1-9)

**What was Jonah's attitude when he realized God was now going to show the same kind of mercy to the people of Nineveh?** (Jonah 4:1-3)

Then this grown man began to pout because God is merciful and kind! Jonah was so filled with hatred for the Ninevites, he didn't want God to show them the same kind of kindness He had shown to him. Is there anyone you hate (or at least REALLY don't like?) Perhaps you should begin to pray for that person. What will God do to change that person? If you learn to love your enemies, God will at least **change you!** *Read Matthew 5:43-44. Discuss these verses as a family.*

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# Early Childhood Ministries

*Chimp Room – 2 year olds*

John 21:3-4

JESUS' FRIENDS GO FISHING

Peter and some of Jesus' friends went fishing. They fished and fished and fished all night, but they did not catch any fish. Then Jesus told them where to put their nets. When they obeyed Jesus, they caught fish! We also need to obey Jesus.

**Faithful Fish - 3 year olds**

Acts 3:1-10

HELPING OTHERS

Our story today is about Peter and John who were friends of Jesus. One day they were walking to the temple and on the way there they saw a man lying on a mat on the ground. The man could not walk, he would beg for money from the people going to the temple. Peter said, "I don't have any money to give you. But I can give you something better." Peter knew he could not help the man by himself. But he knew Jesus could. Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ, get up and walk." The man began to walk! The man praised God for being able to walk. Jesus helps us help others just like Peter helped the lame man.

**Bible Verse:** Serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13

**Kingdom Kids - 4 year olds through Kindergarten**

Acts 8:4-5, 26-39

GOD GAVE PHILIP TO TEACH GOD'S WORD

Today we are talking about a man who could read and would read God's Word but did not know what it meant. God sent Philip to be near this man. The man would read God's word out loud and Philip could hear him. Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading. The man replies no, "I need someone to teach me what it means." Philip was able to explain how the words the man read from God's Word told about Jesus. The man believed the word that Philip told him and believed in Jesus. The man went home joyful because he believed in Jesus.

**Bible Verse:** As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

**Wellness Policy**

All Staff and children are asked to refrain from attending when ill. Children should not be admitted into class with any of the following symptoms and/or illness; fever or throwing up in the last 24 hours, runny nose (not clear), active chicken pox, questionable rashes, any Skin Infection-boils, ring worm, impetigo, measles, mumps, conjunctivitis (pinkeye), diarrhea, coughing/croup, head lice, including the presence of eggs or nits.

# Mzawa Church

Hello from the Mzawa Church staff! Today we are starting back in our "Jesus: The Early Days" series and we are going to be discussing the miracle of Christ's birth! We will be reading in Luke and talking about the angel Gabriel and the shocking news he had for Mary.

As a family, read through Luke 1:26-38 and answer the following questions:

1. What angel approached Mary? Where have we heard of Gabriel before?
2. What news did the angel bring and what was Mary's reaction?
3. How do you think you would have responded to the angel?
4. Read Luke 1:37 and explain one thing we can learn from this story?
5. Try reciting our key verse: Luke 1:32

Next week, we will continue to discuss the events surrounding Christ's birth. We are already beginning to find out that from the very beginning, Jesus' life was going to be different from anyone else that had ever lived!

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