

JONAH PREACHES IN NINEVEH

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¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. ⁴On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed:

“Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.”

⁵The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did the Lord tell Jonah to do for the second time?
5		2.) What did Jonah tell the people of Nineveh?
5		3.) What did the people do to show that they were sorry?
5		4.) Why didn't God destroy the city of Nineveh?

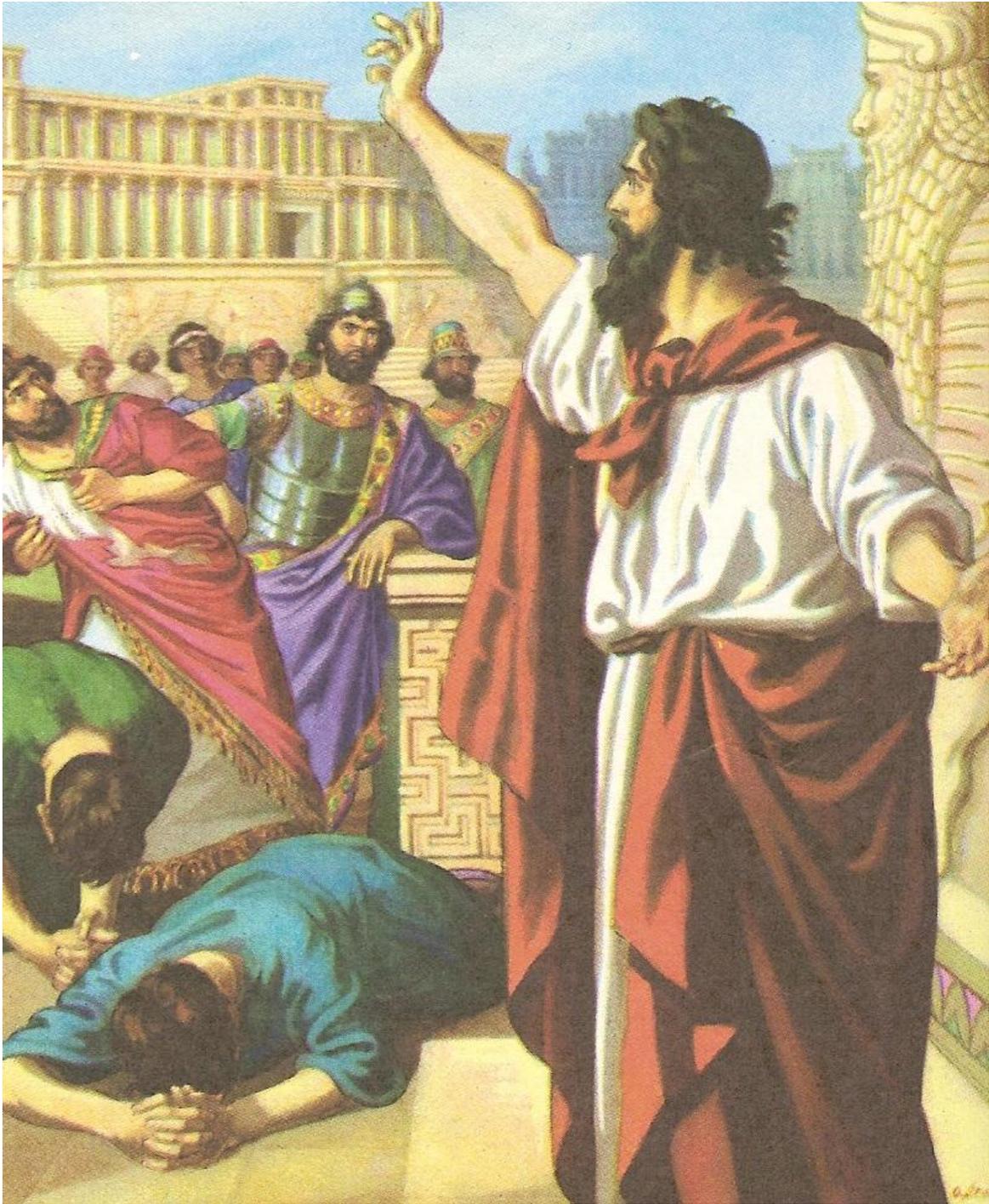
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“They went out and preached that people should repent.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mark 6:12</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Jonah tells the people of Nineveh that God is going to destroy their city

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: MEGAPHONES

Students will make megaphones to remind them that Jonah preached that the city of Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days.

MATERIALS

1. Megaphone Pattern
2. 67 lb. Cardstock
3. Glue
4. Crayons, Markers or Colored Pencils
5. Scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a “Megaphone Pattern” onto 67 lb cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color in the word “repent” on the megaphone patterns.
3. Cut out the megaphone on the solid black line.
4. Glue the tab to the opposite side.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their megaphones, remind them that Jonah told the people of Nineveh that the city would be destroyed in 40 days. The people of Nineveh repented and wore sackcloth to show the Lord that they were sorry. The Lord had compassion on the people and did not destroy the city.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

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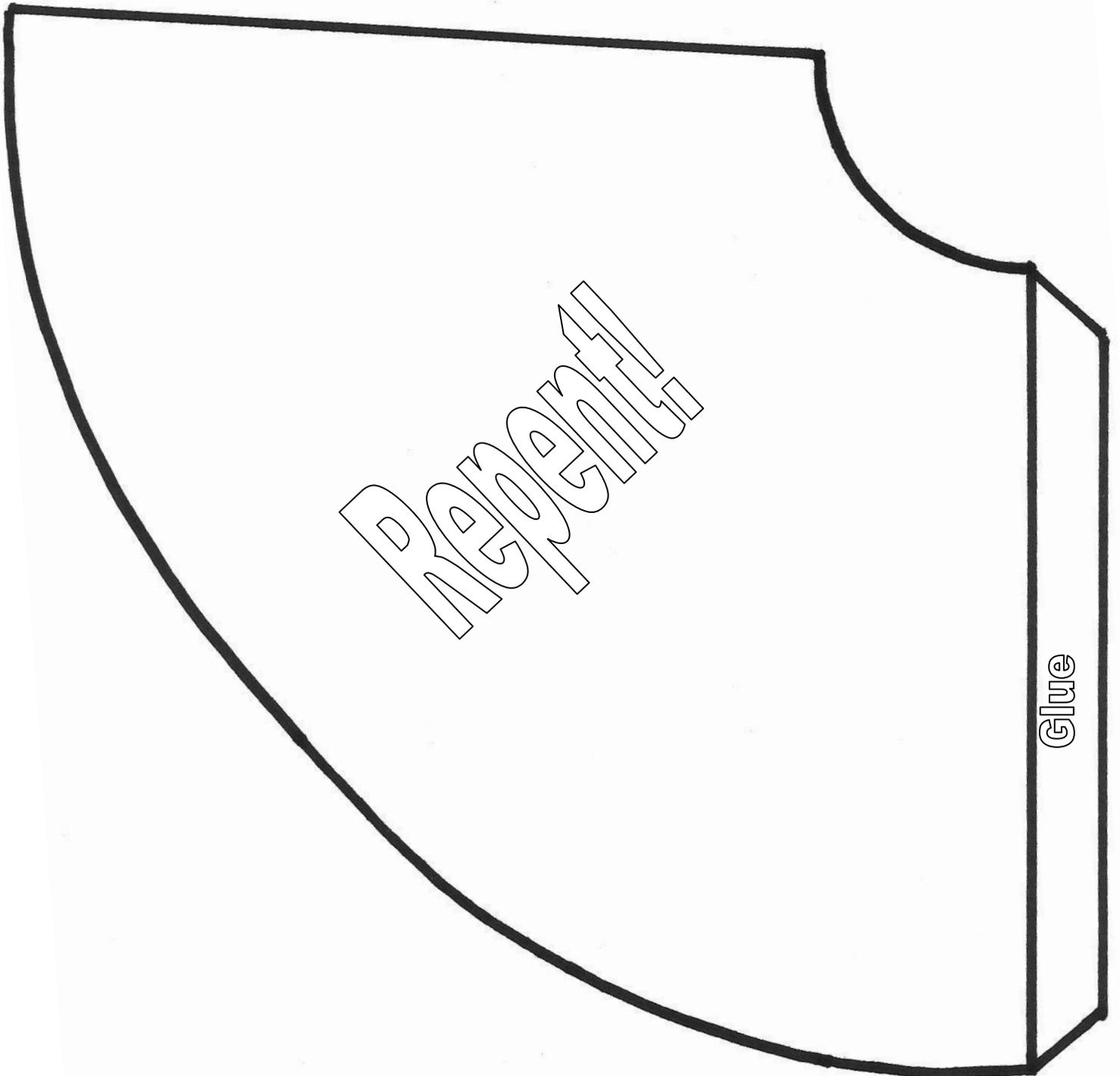
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MEGAPHONE PATTERN

Repent!

Glue

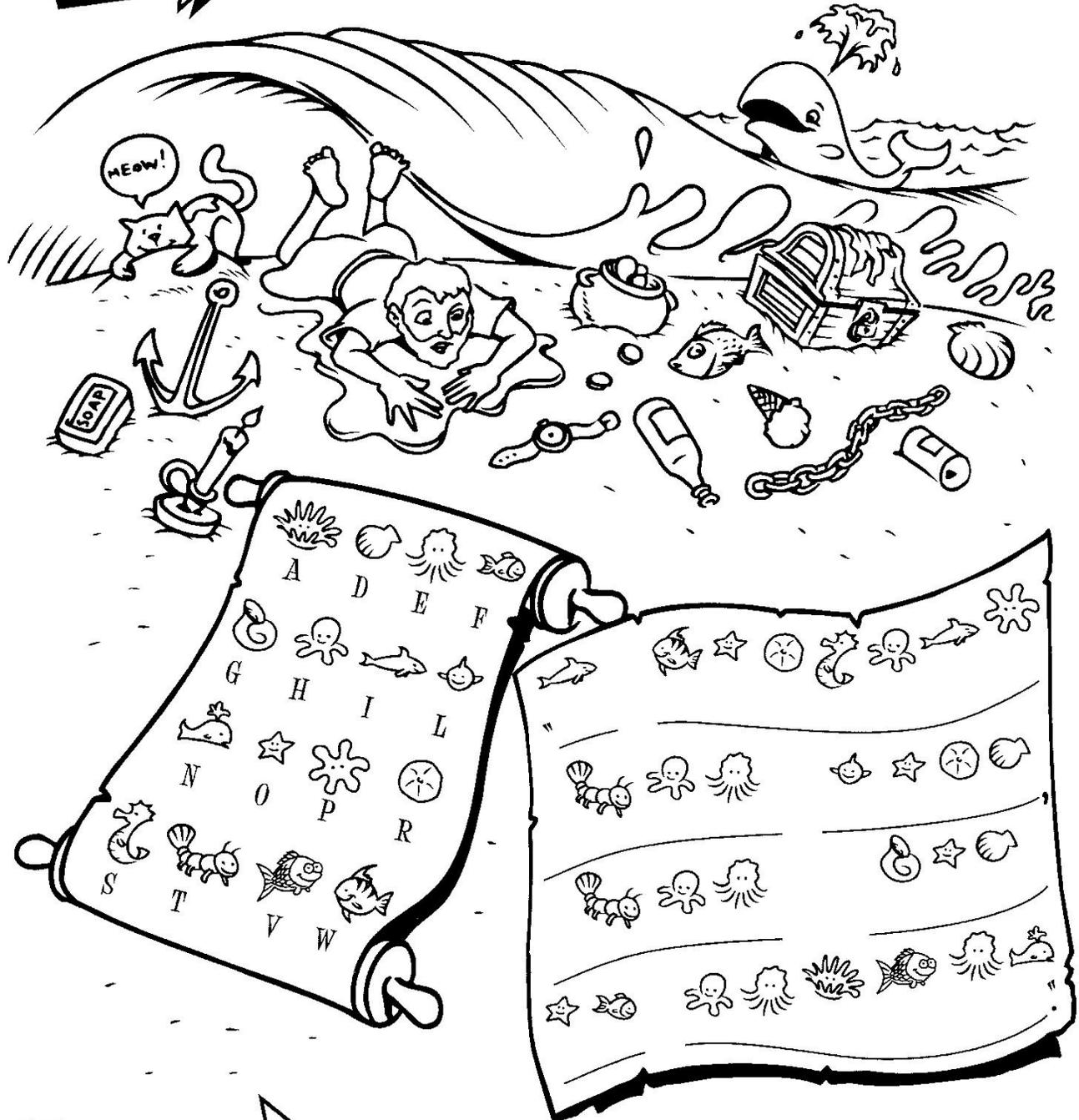


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The Challenge

Break the code to discover what Jonah said in Jonah 1:9 about God.



The Super Challenge

You know what happened to Jonah. There's something fishy about all the stuff washed up on the beach. Eyeball the picture for a minute; then turn over the page to see how many items from the picture you can write down.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JONAH 3:1-10

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Jonah disobeyed the Lord and chose not to go to Nineveh to preach against the wickedness that was happening in the city. Jonah got on ship, was thrown overboard, and swallowed by a big fish. Jonah was in the belly of a fish for three days and three nights. During that time, he prayed to the Lord.

The Lord heard his prayers and the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land. The Lord told Jonah a second time to go to Nineveh. This time Jonah listened and he spent three days in the city. Jonah told the people that in 40 days the Lord would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness.

The Ninevites believed God and decided to fast. That meant they did not eat or drink anything to show God that they were sorry for their evil ways. The people also wore sackcloth which is a rough material that itches the body. This also was to show how sorry they were. The king told the people to pray to God.

The people did what the king told them. God saw that they were sorry and decided not to destroy the city of Nineveh.

For more details, please read Jonah 3:1-10 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

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MEMORY VERSE

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DRAW A PICTURE OF JONAH PREACHING IN NINEVEH

