

# THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



## Jonah and the Big Fish

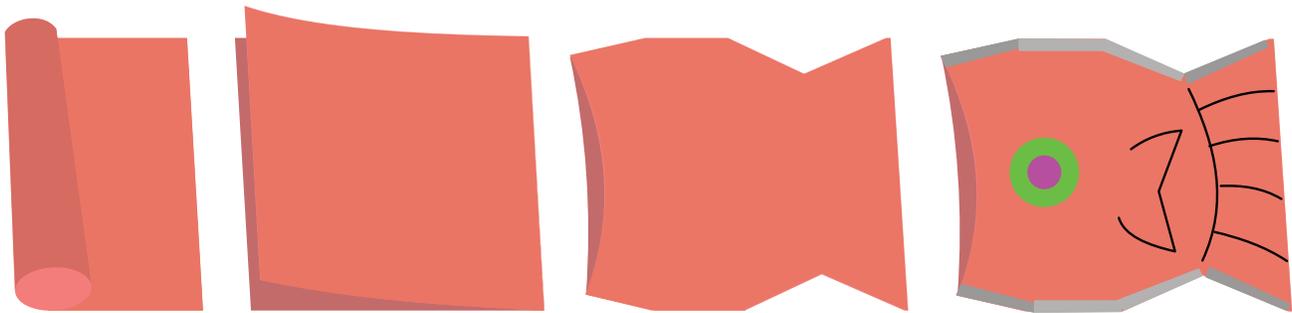
• For Pre-K age •

**Main Point:** A fun way to learn about God hearing Jonah's prayer from the belly of the fish.

**Bible Story:** Use a children's Bible version of the story of Jonah. The episode with the fish is told in chapter one; Jonah's prayer is chapter two.

**Object Lesson:** Jonah and the Big Fish - A hilarious Preschool learning activity

Materials needed: A roll of thick paper used by painter and carpenters for tarps and floor protection. A roll from Home Depot is three feet wide by 166 feet long. Use seven feet per fish, folding it back upon itself to form, when finished, a 3-½ foot long fish. You can make one fish per child, but that might mean a lot of work. Another option is to make three fish and let kids take turns.



**Instructions:** Read the first chapter to your group. Mention that Jonah was in serious trouble; no one had ever been inside a fish for three days! Ask the kids what they think Jonah should do. When ready, tell them the answer: he prayed to the Lord.

Choose three kids to crawl inside the fish. Give them a minute to snuggle and giggle and call to each other. Then, lead in a prayer something like this: "Dear God, it's me, Jonah. Help me! I'm stuck inside a fish because I didn't obey You! Please get me out of here!"

Say that God has answered their prayer—they can all come out now. Do this all again with as many kids as want to.

**Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video:** <https://youtu.be/PIZ37joozb8>

**Activity Page:** Have the kids scribble on the Jonah coloring page. Print their names on the finished pages; these are treasures to send home.

**Extra Fun:** Goldfish crackers snack

Provide Goldfish crackers to eat and an aquarium net to scoop them out of a small bucket. Let each child have a go.

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