



PRESCHOOL

WEEK 4 – STARTER



Activity Name: Big Fish, Bigger Fish

What You Need: ☐ Fish Card set

What You Do:

- Place the cards face up in the center of the group.
- Work together to sort them from smallest to largest.

What You Say:

Look at this big pile of fish! They are all different sizes. I need your help to put them in order. First, let's find the littlest, most teeny-tiny fish. *(Search together and find the smallest one.)* Good job! Let's put it right here.

Now, which fish comes next? We need one that's a little bit bigger. *(Let children find the next size up.)* Perfect! Let's put it next to the small one. *(Continue ordering the fish from smallest to biggest.)* Now for the last one! We need the BIGGEST fish of all! This one is like the big fish that God sent to help Jonah! Look how big he is!

Transition: You did a super job! You put every fish in the right order from smallest to biggest! In today's true story from the Bible, we'll hear about a man named Jonah and a really big fish. Let's go hear our story.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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WEEK 4 - SMALL GROUP



MEMORY VERSE: Open the Bible with action card inside. Say the verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

Let's learn our brand-new Memory Verse. It goes like this: God (point up) is with you (point to self) wherever you go' (march in place). Joshua 1:9 (open hands like a book).

Activity Name: Jonah and the Big Fish

What You Need: ☐ Jonah and tail cutouts ☐ envelopes ☐ tape or glue sticks ☐ coloring supplies

What You Say:

Let's make a special fish to help us remember our story about Jonah.

Here is your fish! (Hold up an envelope fish.) Color your big fish and your Jonah cutout. (Allow time to color.) Now your fish needs eyes. Let's draw two silly eyes. Great! Now slide Jonah into the belly of the fish. Who was inside the big fish in our story? (Pull Jonah out of the fish's belly.) Jonah! God was with Jonah wherever he went, even in the belly of the big fish!

You can take your special fish home to tell the story to your family! God was with Jonah in the boat, in the water, in the belly of the fish, and in Nineveh! God was with Jonah wherever he went. And, wherever Jonah went, he could talk to God! He could talk to God in the boat, in the water, in the belly of the fish, and in Nineveh. You can talk to God wherever you go too because God is always with you. **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**

What You Do:

- Give kids **one** of each: Jonah cut out, fish tail, envelope
- Help kids glue/tape the tail to the backside of the envelope on the right side. Write each child's name on their envelope.
- Encourage children to decorate their envelope and draw two eyes.
- Decorate the Jonah cutout and slide into the envelope.