



# TODDLERS

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**SAY:** Today's Bible story is about Jonah. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah got on a boat and went the other way. A big storm came, and God sent a big fish to keep Jonah safe. Jonah prayed and talked to God, and God was with Jonah everywhere he went.

**DO:** Show items to the group and retell the Bible story using the pictures.

- 1. Boat:** (Pass out boats.) God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. But instead, Jonah got on a boat and tried to sail away from God. Can you make your boat sail away?
- 2. Spray bottle:** God sent a big storm that rained and rained and rocked the waves. The people on the boat threw Jonah into the water. (Mist kids with the spray bottle.) Can you feel the water from the storm?
- 3. Fish:** (Pass out fish.) God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah and keep him safe. Jonah was in the fish for three days. Let's count to three. Ready? 1, 2, 3! Can you make your fish say, "Gulp"?
- 4. Fold hands in prayer:** (Fold hands like you're praying.) Jonah prayed to God, and the fish spit Jonah out. Can you pretend to pray like Jonah did? Dear God, thank You for loving me.
- 5. Mirror:** Jonah went to Nineveh. He told all the people that God loved them. And God loves us, too! (Hold the mirror up to each child and say, "God loves [child's name].")



## TODDLER CRAFT: WHEREVER YOU GO CAR HANGER

**What You Need:** Car hangers, coloring supplies or dot painters, markers for writing names, wipes, and (optional: assorted stickers)

### What You Say:

Today we learned that God was with Jonah everywhere he went. When Jonah was in the boat, in the water, inside the fish, and in Nineveh! Wherever Jonah went, God was always with Jonah, and **[Bottom Line] God is always with you.** Decorate your picture from our story about Jonah so you can remember that God is with you wherever you go too!

### What to do:

- Give each kid a car hanger.
- Write each kid's name on the front of their craft.
- Encourage children to decorate the car hanger. Clean hands as needed.

*Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with family.*



## TODDLER CRAFT: JONAH IN THE STORY

**What You Need:** “Jonah in the Story” activity page, coloring supplies or dot markers

### What You Say:

Let’s make a story picture of all the places God was with Jonah.

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah got in a boat and went the other way. Let’s point to the boat. *(Pause.)* That’s right! God was with Jonah in the boat. Let’s stamp the boat. *(Pause.)*

A big storm started, and Jonah got out of the boat and into the water. God sent a big fish to keep Jonah safe. The big fish swallowed Jonah. Point to the big fish in the water. *(Pause.)* That’s right! God was with Jonah when he was in the great big fish! Let’s stamp the fish.

Jonah prayed and talked to God, and after three days, the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land. Let’s point to the dry land. *(Pause.)* That’s right! God was with Jonah on the dry land, and when he went to Nineveh. Let’s stamp the dry land with our heart stamp. *(Pause.)*

Good job! God was always with Jonah, and **[Bottom Line] God is always with you.**

### What to do:

- Encourage kids to stamp/color the page as you retell the story.
- Write each kid’s name on their artwork.