

# Jonah & Paper Mache



1. Read the Book of Jonah and Prophets and Kings Chapter 22.

## **Bible Study:**

2. Where was Jonah from and who was his father? 2 Kings 14:25 and Jonah 1:1
3. God gave Jonah a message of judgment against which city? Jonah 1:2
4. Jonah went in the opposite direction to which port? To which city was the boat he found traveling? Jonah 1:3
5. Why did Jonah try to escape from the Lord and not do as he was told? Jonah 4:2, 3 & Prophets and Kings p. 266
6. Why did God send that caused a violent storm? Jonah 1:4
7. During the storm where Jonah was and what was he doing? Jonah 1:5
8. Why did the crew cast lots during the storm? Who lost the toss? Jonah 1:7
9. What did Jonah tell the men to do to stop the storm? Did they initially do what he told them? Jonah 1:12, 13
10. When the sailors threw Jonah into the sea and the storm calmed, what two things did they do? Jonah 1:16
11. What swallowed Jonah and how long was he inside of it? Jonah 1:17
12. What did Johan do inside the creature? Jonah 2:1
13. What happened to Jonah while he was inside the creature? Jonah 2:5
14. When God saved Jonah from death, what did Jonah promise the Lord? What happen next? Jonah 2:9, 10
15. Nineveh was such a big city, how long did it take to see all of it? Jonah 3:3
16. In how many days did Jonah say God would destroy the city of Nineveh? Jonah 3:4
17. The people of Nineveh believed God's message, so what did they do to show their sorrow? Jonah 3:5
18. Who could not eat or drink anything, according to the King and nobles' decree? Jonah 3:7
19. How did God react when He saw that they had put a stop to their evil ways? Jonah 3:10

20. When Jonah got mad with God for sparing the city of Nineveh, where did he go and what did he do? Jonah 4:5
21. What did God arrange to happen to Jonah? What happened the following morning? Jonah 4:6, 7
22. After Jonah became angry with God about the death of the plant, what did God tell him was more important: saving the city or saving the plant? Jonah 4:11
23. Jesus compared himself to Jonah. What did he say was similar? Matt. 12:39-41

### **Group Craft:**

24. In a small group, make a paper mache piñata in the shape of a “great fish”. Put Jonah inside the fish and have fun getting him out.

## **Paper Mache Project**

### **Materials Needed:**

- Large, Round Balloon
- Newspaper
- Paper Mache Paste
- Cardboard or Thick Cardstock Paper
- Party Streamer or Colored Tissue Paper
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Cups
- Mixing Bowl
- Water
- Flour or Glue
- Salt
- Spray Paint or Acrylic Paint
- Fishing Line or String
- Paper Clip
- Pipe cleaner
- Individually Wrapped Candy

### **Paper Mache Paste:**

Here are a few options for paste for your paper mache projects:

- Mix 1 part flour with about 2 parts of water until you get a consistency like thick glue. Add more water or flour as necessary. Mix well to get out all the bumps. Add a few tablespoons of salt to help prevent mold!
- Similar to the above recipe – Put 4 cups of water into a large pot. Place the pot on the stove and bring the water to a boil. While you are waiting for the water to boil, mix together 1 cup of flour with 2 cups of water, stir well to get out as many bumps as possible. Once the water is boiling, carefully add your flour and water mixture. Simmer this mixture for 2 to 3 minutes, until smooth. Add a few tablespoons of salt to help prevent mold. Allow to cool before you try to use it!
- You can use regular glue mixed with a bit of water. Mix using about 1 part water with 2 parts glue.

## Paper Mache Instructions:

### Day 1

Begin by ripping several newspapers into long, skinny shreds. Make a paste mixture by using any of the above recipes.

Blow up a large balloon and tie it off. Set the balloon on a bowl or plastic cup that is large enough to keep it steady. Make a loop with the fishing line or string and tie it to the paper clip. (This is how you will hang your piñata later) Tape the paper clip to the top of the balloon.

Put on thin plastic gloves, then begin dipping the newspaper strips into the paste mixture and layering them on the balloon. Brush off excess mixture as the layers are added. This will make cleanup easier.

Let the first layer dry and then add another layer.

### Day 2 (depending on drying time)

Design fins and cut them out of a cardboard cardstock paper, or from a recycled manila folder. Test the fit of each fin on the curve of the balloon.

Cut newspaper strips  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" to 6" long. Dip the newspaper strips in the paper mache paste and attach the fins to the balloon. Start with the tail fin and secure each fin in place. Cover the entire fin with newspaper strips.

Put extra support strips at the base of each fin similar to a hinge to add strength. Use the cup to balance the fish so it doesn't roll into its newly added fins. The fins will be extremely fragile while they are wet.

Allow time for the third layer to dry, then add the fourth, and last, layer of newspaper. Let dry.

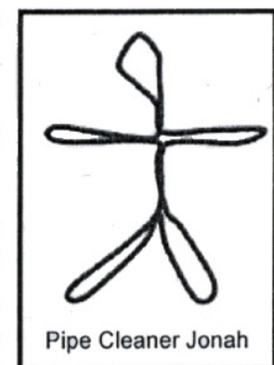
### Day 3

Once the form has dried, push a pin through the layers and pop the balloon. Cut an opening that's large enough to insert candy and begin dropping treats through the hole. After enough treats are inserted, insert your Jonah and cover the hole with more newspaper and paste.

Decorate the paper mache with party streamers, spray paint, or acrylic paint. (To decorate with streamers, cut small notches into one side of the streamer and glue the streamer into the piñata, one later at a time.)

### Jonah inside the big fish:

Draw a "paper person" and cut him out OR twist a pipe cleaner into a person shape, like shown to the right. This is Jonah. Stuff the fish a little ways with candy, and then insert your Jonah into the fish through the opening for the candy. Finish stuffing with candy. The Pathfinders will know Jonah is "trapped" inside their fish.



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## **Jonah & Paper Mache Answers**

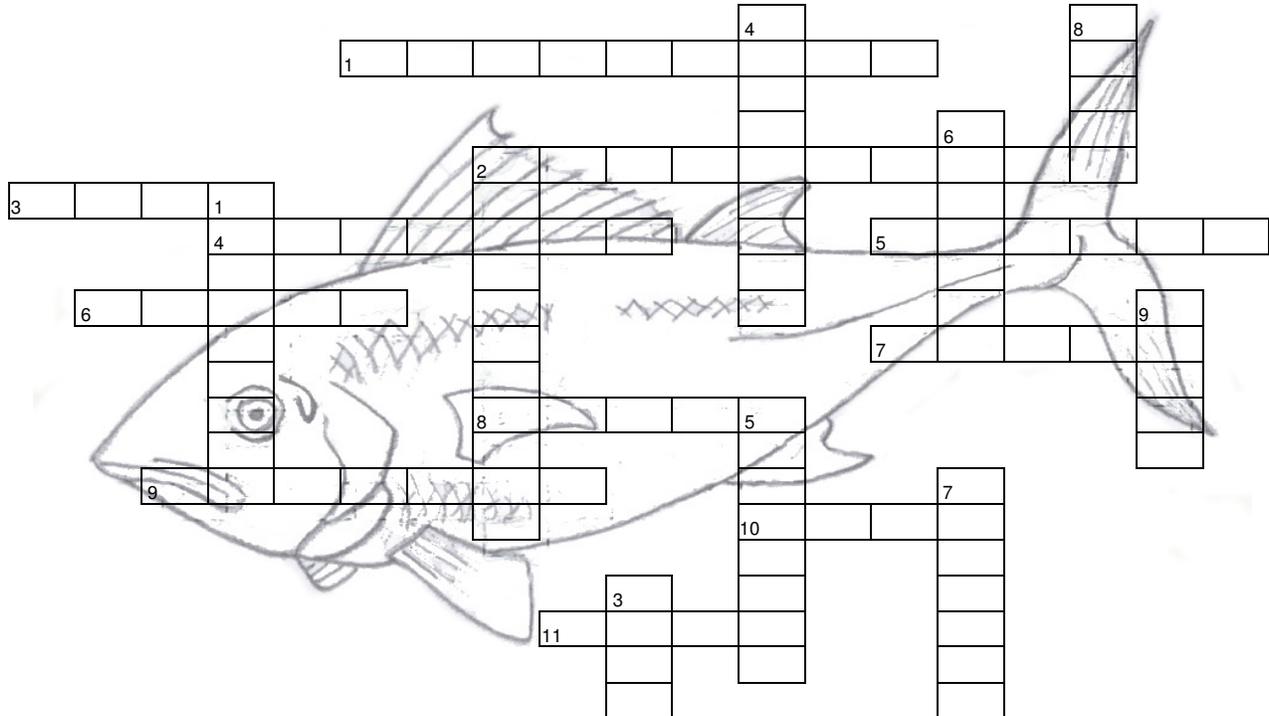
(The answers are taken from the New Living Translation of the Bible. Double check the answers with whichever version of the Bible you will be using.)

2. Jonah was from Gath-hepher. His father was Amittai.
3. Nineveh
4. He went down to the seaport of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish.
5. Jonah feared that “nothing he predicted was going to happen” because God is a gracious and compassionate God. P&K. “As the prophet thought of the difficulties and seeming impossibilities of this commission, he was tempted to question the wisdom of the call....While he hesitated, still doubting, Satan overwhelmed him with discouragement”.
6. God sent a powerful wind.
7. Jonah was asleep down in the hold.
8. The crew cast lots to see which of them had offended the gods and caused the terrible storm. Jonah lost the toss.
9. Throw him into the sea. Instead of throwing Jonah to the sea, the men rowed harder to get to shore.
10. They offered the Lord a sacrifice and vowed to serve Him.
11. A great fish swallowed Jonah, and he was inside the fish for 3 days and 3 nights.
12. Jonah prayed to the Lord.
13. “I sank beneath the waves, and death was very near. The waters closed in around me, and seaweed wrapped itself around my head”.
14. Jonah promised to offer sacrifices to God with songs of praise and fulfill all his vows. When the Lord heard this, He ordered the fish to spit up Jonah on the beach.
15. Nineveh was a city so large that it took three days to see it all.
16. In 40 days.
17. They decided to go without food and wear sackcloth to show their sorrow.
18. No one, not even the animals.
19. God had mercy on them and didn't carry out the destruction he had threatened.

20. Jonah went out to the east side and made a shelter to sit under.
21. God arranged for a plant to grow above Jonah's head, but the next morning God sent a worm that ate through the plant and it died.
22. Saving the city was more important to God.
23. "For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so I, the Son of Man, will in be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights".

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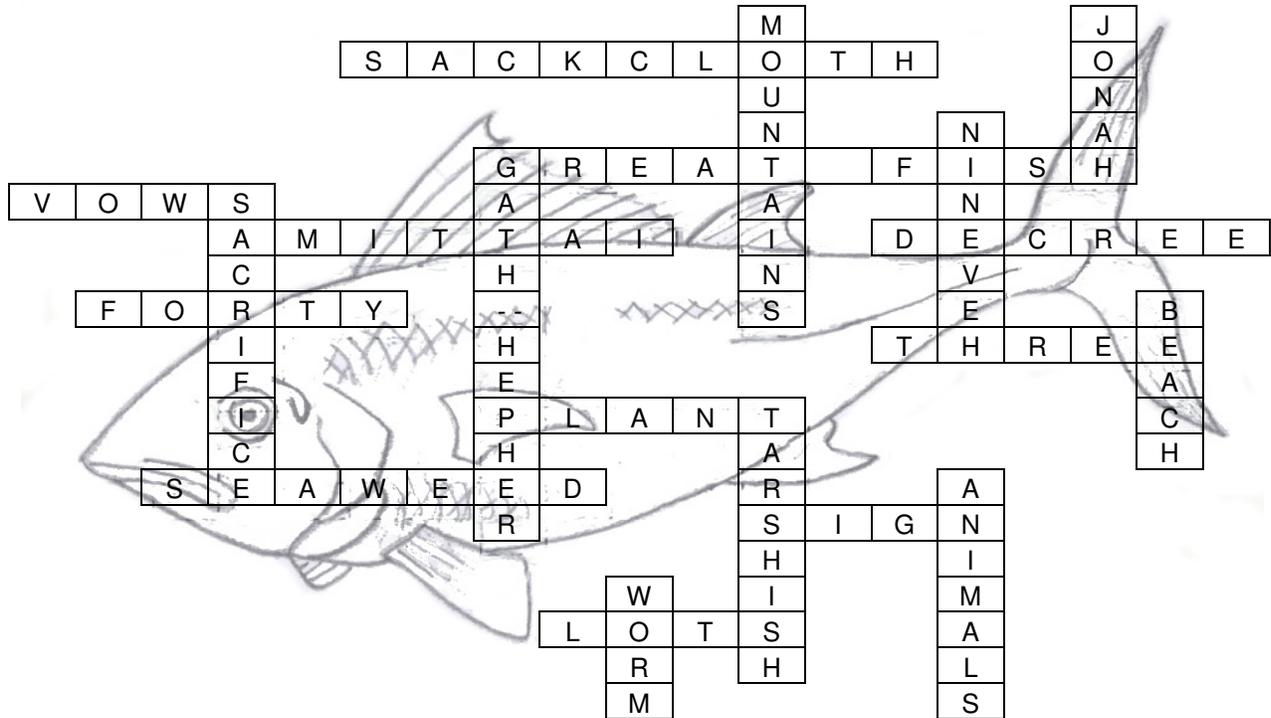
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