

WELCOME NOTE

Dear teacher,

All glory and honour be unto our loving Father in heaven. May you be filled with His love and peace as you prepare for the lesson.

Why was this new syllabus written?

1. The main objective of this is so that God's words are written on their hearts.
2. Second objective is that the children can apply what they have learned about the verse in their daily lives.
3. Third reason is so that as they grow up, when they face challenges, they will be able to have an impression of what they have learned and turn to God first.

Here are a few things you should do before you dive into the preparation:

1. Spend time with God. Being connected to the Holy Spirit is important because we are imparting His teachings.
 - a. Pray
 - b. Sing praises
 - c. Read the bible passage reference.

While preparing:

1. Decide the flow of your lesson. You don't have to follow the traditional way of teaching.
 - a. Do the craft first so that you can use it during the Bible story.
 - b. Play the game first so that the kids can understand the lesson from their experience.
 - c. Pick and choose the activities. The stated activities, games and crafts are only suggestions. Feel free to make changes to any part of the lesson plan to suit your teaching style.
2. Download the game or craft template if needed.
3. Regarding the story part, use your preferred method to bring the message across.
 - a. Power Point Slides
 - b. Ready videos from the Internet
 - c. Puppets
 - d. Draw while telling the story

- e. Enlarged pictures
- f. Drama
- g. Adding in a song or two

During the lesson, spend time to get to know the children.

1. Use the time while they are doing craft or while waiting for their parents, take a chair and sit by the door and chat with them.
2. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to tell you which child you should approach for that day.
3. Here are some openings that you can use, questions like the following let the child feel noticed, important and cared for.
 - a. "How was your week in school/at home?"
 - b. "I noticed you are wearing.../you brought.../you look.../you have a scar on your..."
 - c. "Just now you told us about...do you want to tell me more?"
 - d. "You were running around/disturbing your friend/looking at something/playing with something. How did you feel?"
4. Pray with the child.

We hope that you will enjoy every bit of teaching these precious little ones. Let us remember that we are obeying Jesus' command to feed His sheep (John 21:15-17). May you be filled with the Holy Spirit and grow closer to the Lord.



Overview

Week	3
Bible Passage Reference	Jonah 3 and 4
Topic	Grace
Focus	Bible Story 2 - Jonah 4
Memory Verse	Jonah 4:2 You are a gracious and compassionate God.

Pre-lesson

1. Opening prayer
2. Flash these slides to refresh the children's memory of the previous lessons
 - a. Picture 1 and 2
 - b. Jonah under a shaded plant.

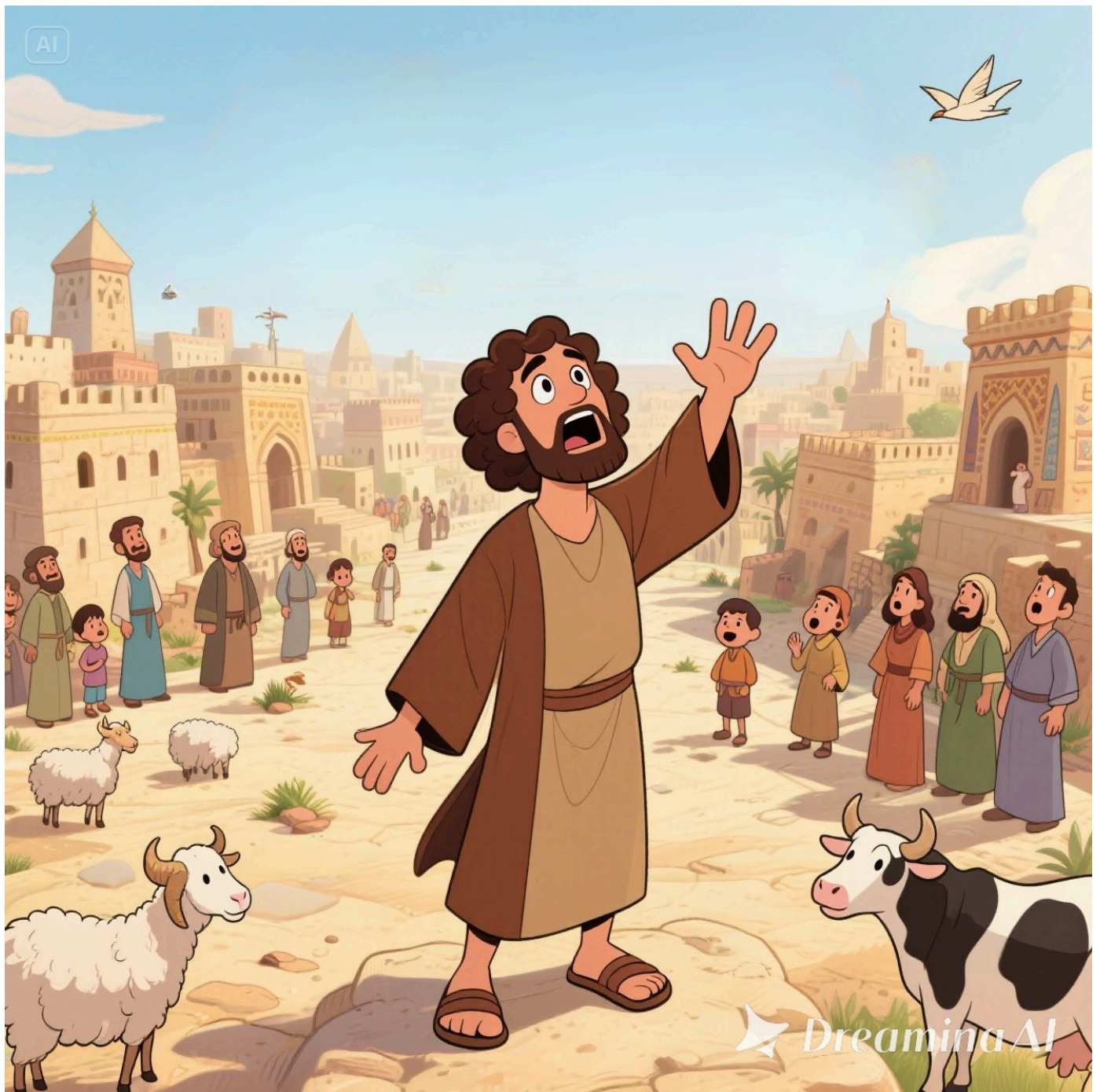
Lesson

1. Recite the memory verse with the children.
2. Present the story. You can use your preferred method of bringing out the story or refer to the simplified version of the story in the following page.
3. Discussion questions
 - a. Why was Jonah angry?
 - b. How long did it take for the vine to grow? And how long until it died?
 - c. Who did God care about more—the vine or the people in Nineveh?

Simplified Version of the Story



A long time ago, there was a man named Jonah. He was a prophet—someone God sent to give people messages.



One day, God said to him, "Jonah, I want you to go to a big city called Nineveh. Tell the people there: 'You are doing many bad things! You must stop now, or the city will be destroyed!'"



At first, Jonah didn't want to go. He didn't like the people in Nineveh. But in the end, Jonah went and told them God's message.



And guess what?

Everyone in Nineveh repented and said sorry to God, they started to changed! The king, the people, even the cows and sheep! They all listened and stopped doing wrong.



God saw this, and He forgave them. He did not destroy the city.



But Jonah was angry! He said, "Hmph! I knew You would forgive them! You are so kind and full of love. You don't get angry easily. You always give people another chance! Why did I come here for nothing? I don't even like those people in Nineveh!"



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Jonah went outside the city. He built a little shelter and sat down to watch. He wanted to see if anything would happen to the city.



The sun was so hot, Jonah felt dizzy. Then, God made a vine grow, tall and green, to give Jonah some shade. It kept the sun away. Jonah was super happy. "This vine is great!" he said.



Game and Object Lesson - Growing the bean stalk - a race to the finish line

1. Before the class: Print or draw a vine stalk on a paper.
2. Divide the kids into 2 teams.
3. For safety, make sure the child who is racing does not wear shoes .
4. In each team, one child is supposed to race from the beginning to the finish line but he/she can only step on the vine stalk that is in front of him/her.
5. This vine stalk picture will be arranged by team mates whereby the last person moves to the front after the child in the race has stepped on it.
6. The first child to reach the finish line, win.



Vine Stalk for the game





Craft

Materials	1. Print out of craft template. 2. Glue 3. Pencils or crayons 4. Small leaves
Before Lesson	1. Print out the craft template. 2. Gather small leaves.
During Lesson	1. Using crayons, do leaf rubbings on the plant vines where Jonah is sitting under 2. Or glue real leaves to the picture The image shows a close-up of a white surface, likely a piece of paper. There are two green leaves: one at the top and one at the bottom. Between them are two orange crayon rubbings, which appear to be of a leaf's vein structure. An orange crayon lies horizontally between the two leaves, positioned over the rubbings.



Craft Template



JONAH 4:2

**YOU ARE A GRACIOUS AND
COMPASSIONATE GOD.**

Closing

1. Recite the memory verse with the children. Encourage them to practice at home.
2. Ask the children if they have any prayer requests and pray for them.
3. Closing prayer: Dear Father, we thank You for today's lesson. We learned that we can be just like You, to be gracious and compassionate to the people around us. Jesus, help us to show that You are in our lives to every one around us. In Jesus name I ask and pray, amen.