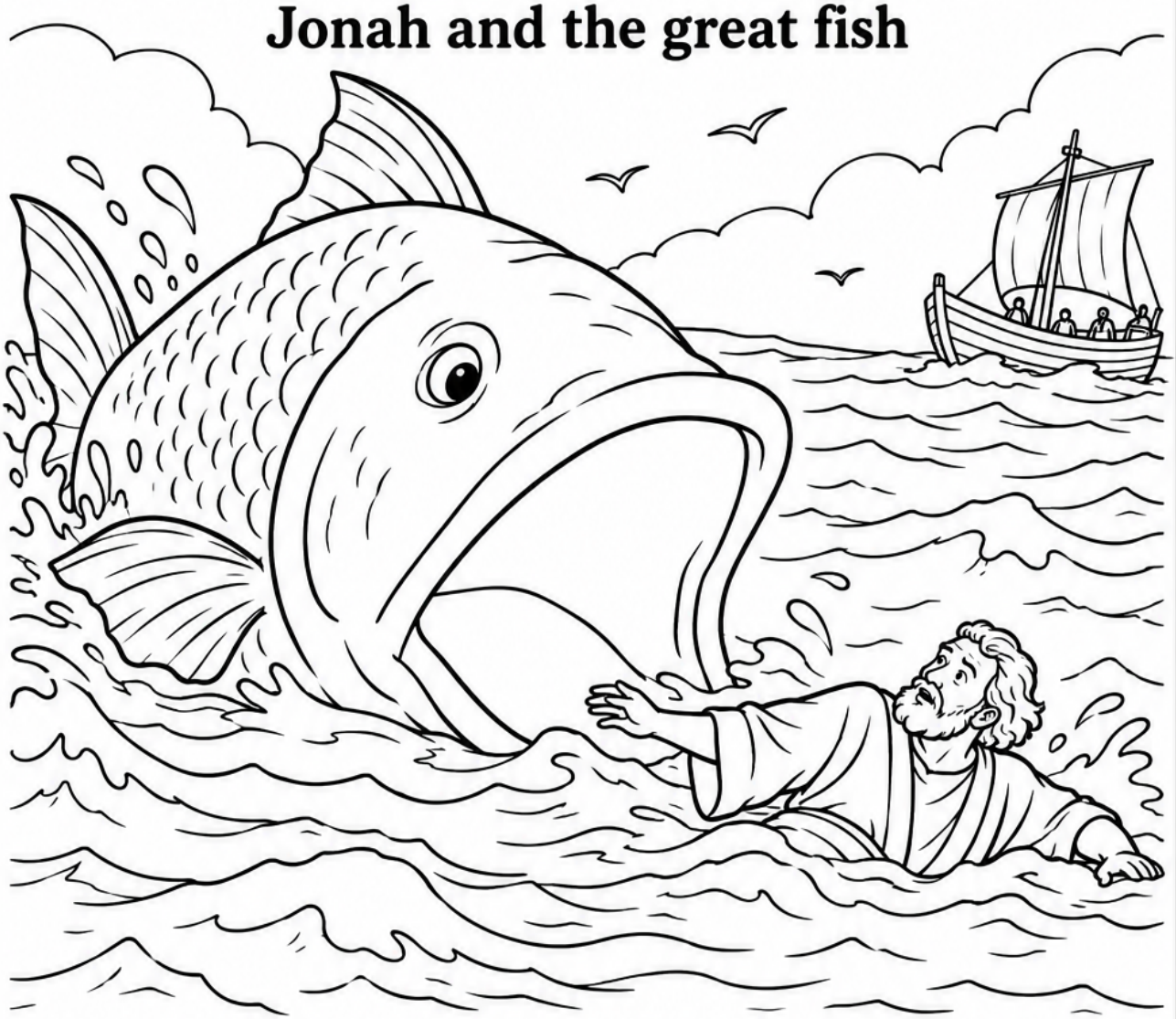
WAYMARK 65

The Prophet & What God Requires

Jonah and the great fish



The LORD prepares a great fish to swallow Jonah.

Jonah 1:15–17

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

What did the LORD prepare to swallow Jonah?

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Jonah & Micah
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Jonah 1-4
2. Micah 1-7

MAIN POINTS

- God called Jonah again after bringing him safely to land (Jonah 2:10; Jonah 3:1-3).
- The people of Nineveh turned away from evil and violence (Jonah 3:5-10).
- God cared about Nineveh's people and animals (Jonah 4:10-11).
- Micah warned people not to take fields and houses from others (Micah 2:1-2).
- God wants us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What good way of living does Micah teach?
Micah 6:6-8

2. Which little town is named for the coming ruler?
Micah 5:2

3. God cared about the people and animals in Nineveh. Who can you show kindness to today (Jonah 4:10-11)?
Jonah 4:10-11

MEMORY VERSE / Micah 6:8

Micah says to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

WEB

He has shown you, O man, what is good. What does Yahweh require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

KJV

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The Prophet & What God Requires

Jonah & Micah
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 65 / Younger children

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER

ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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Jonah & Micah
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Jonah 1-4
2. Micah 1-7

MAIN POINTS

- Jonah's failed flight did not erase his responsibility; the LORD repeated the command, and Jonah went (Jonah 1:1-3; Jonah 3:1-3).
- Nineveh's response included belief, fasting, and turning from evil and violence (Jonah 3:5-10).
- God contrasted Jonah's concern for a temporary gourd with His concern for Nineveh's people and cattle (Jonah 4:4-11).
- Micah connects personal greed with corrupt leadership by naming seized homes, bribed judges, and paid religious leaders (Micah 2:1-2; Micah 3:9-11).
- Justice, mercy, and humility shape faithful life with God, whose final word includes pardon and compassion (Micah 6:8; Micah 7:18-20).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What conduct does Micah put above impressive offerings?
Micah 6:6-8

2. Which place is both small and named for Israel's ruler?
Micah 5:2

3. God asked Jonah whether his anger was right. When has anger made it hard for you to care about another person (Jonah 4:4, 9-11)?
Jonah 4:4

MEMORY VERSE / Micah 6:8

Micah joins just action, love of mercy, and humble walking with God in one requirement (Micah 6:8).

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Jonah & Micah
Name _____ Date _____

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Waymark 65 / Preteen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

NOTES

ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

The Prophet & What God Requires

Jonah & Micah
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Jonah 1-4
2. Micah 1-7

MAIN POINTS

- The LORD's second call shows that Jonah's earlier disobedience did not remove the command to go to Nineveh (Jonah 1:1-3; Jonah 3:1-3).
- God responded to Nineveh's concrete turn from evil and violence by withholding the announced judgment (Jonah 3:5-10).
- The gourd exposed a conflict between Jonah's concern for personal relief and God's concern for Nineveh's people and cattle (Jonah 4:4-11).
- Micah treats property seizure, violent rule, bribery, and paid religious speech as connected violations of judgment (Micah 2:1-2; Micah 3:1-12).
- Micah places justice, mercy, and humility together, then praises God as the One who pardons and delights in mercy (Micah 6:8; Micah 7:18-20).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Why did the sailors row hard for land before casting Jonah into the sea?
Jonah 1:11-16

2. What evidence of change does Jonah 3 give before God withholds the announced judgment?
Jonah 3:5-10

3. Jonah wanted a different outcome for Nineveh than the mercy God showed. When has anger narrowed your concern for people, and how could mercy change your response (Jonah 4:1-11)?
Jonah 4:1-11

MEMORY VERSE / Micah 5:2

Micah names Bethlehem Ephratah as the place from which a ruler in Israel would come (Micah 5:2-4).

WEB

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come out to me who is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings out are from of old, from ancient times.

KJV

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

The Prophet & What God Requires

Jonah & Micah
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 65 / Teen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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Jonah & Micah
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Read & think

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1. Jonah 1-4
2. Micah 1-7

MAIN POINTS

- Jonah's flight did not nullify his commission; the word of the LORD came a second time and required the same destination (Jonah 1:1-3; Jonah 3:1-3).
- Nineveh's response was visible in belief, fasting, sackcloth, and a turn from evil and violence, and God withheld the announced judgment (Jonah 3:5-10).
- The gourd episode tests Jonah's scale of pity by setting temporary personal relief beside a city of more than sixscore thousand people and much cattle (Jonah 4:4-11).
- Micah locates injustice in both private acquisition and public institutions: property is seized, judgment is perverted, and leadership is sold (Micah 2:1-2; Micah 3:9-11).
- Micah's call to justice, mercy, and humility is framed by God's past deliverance and followed by praise for His pardon, compassion, truth, and mercy (Micah 6:1-8; Micah 7:18-20).

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Jonah 3:5-10

3. Jonah explained his flight by appealing to the very mercy of God that he resented toward Nineveh. Where does your stated theology of mercy conflict with the people you actually want spared (Jonah 4:1-11)?
Jonah 4:1-11

MEMORY VERSE / Micah 6:8

Micah places this requirement after recalling the LORD's past deliverance and after questions about increasingly costly offerings (Micah 6:1-8).

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Jonah & Micah
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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER