Jonah and the Big Fish
Jonah 1:1-3:10

Jonah was a prophet of God. One day, God told Jonah, "Go to the big city of Nineveh. Tell them to stop doing bad things."

But Jonah ran away. He did not want to go to Nineveh. Instead he got on a boat to sail across the sea. God sent a big storm to stop Jonah. The sailors on the boat were afraid. They thought the boat was going to sink!

Jonah told the sailors, "My God has sent this storm. If you throw me into the water, the sea will become calm again.

So the sailors threw Jonah into the raging sea. Instantly, the sea became calm.

Just then, Jonah saw a big fish coming! The fish swallowed Jonah.

For three days and night, Jonah was inside the fish. He prayed to God, "Please forgive me."

The God told the fish to spit Jonah onto dry land. God told Jonah second time, "Go and tell the people of Nineveh to stop doing bad things."

This time, Jonah obeyed God. The people in Nineveh were sorry for doing bad things, so God forgave them.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Discussion questions:
1 Instead of obeying God, what did Jonah do?
2. To save the ship from the storm, what did Jonah tell the sailors to do?
3. What happened as soon as Jonah was thrown overboard?
4. After being in the belly of a fish for three days, how do you think Jonah smelled?
5. Do you think Jonah listened to God the next time God told him to do something?

Craft ideas:

JONAH and the GREAT FISH

Supplies Needed:
- Spring type clothes pin that opens and closes
- Crayons, markers or colored pencils
- Colored Paper or Foam Board
- Glue or hot glue gun and glue stick
- scissors

Instructions:
1. Color pattern of fish and Jonah
2. Cut out the fish and Jonah
3. Cut fish in half following line
4. Line fish halves on clothes pin with tail just covering the metal part of the pin (**1 ½" of the pin will be visible**)
5. Glue top half of fish on upper part of clothes pin
6. Glue bottom half of fish on lower part of clothes pin
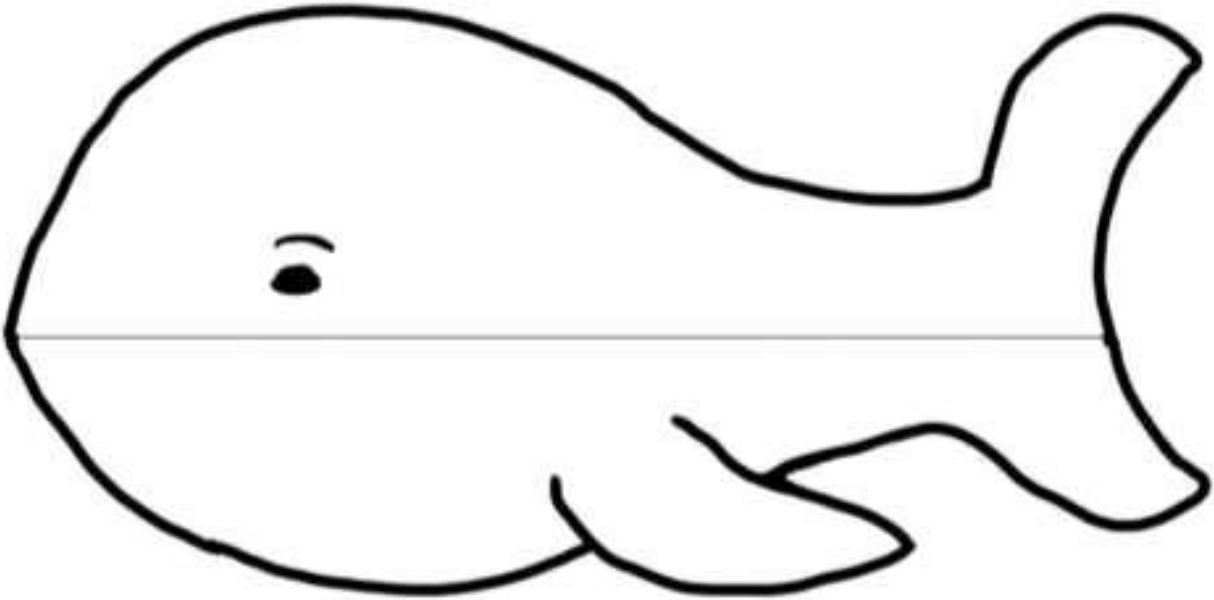7. Glue Jonah on the lower half of clothes pin behind the lower half of the fish

Other options:
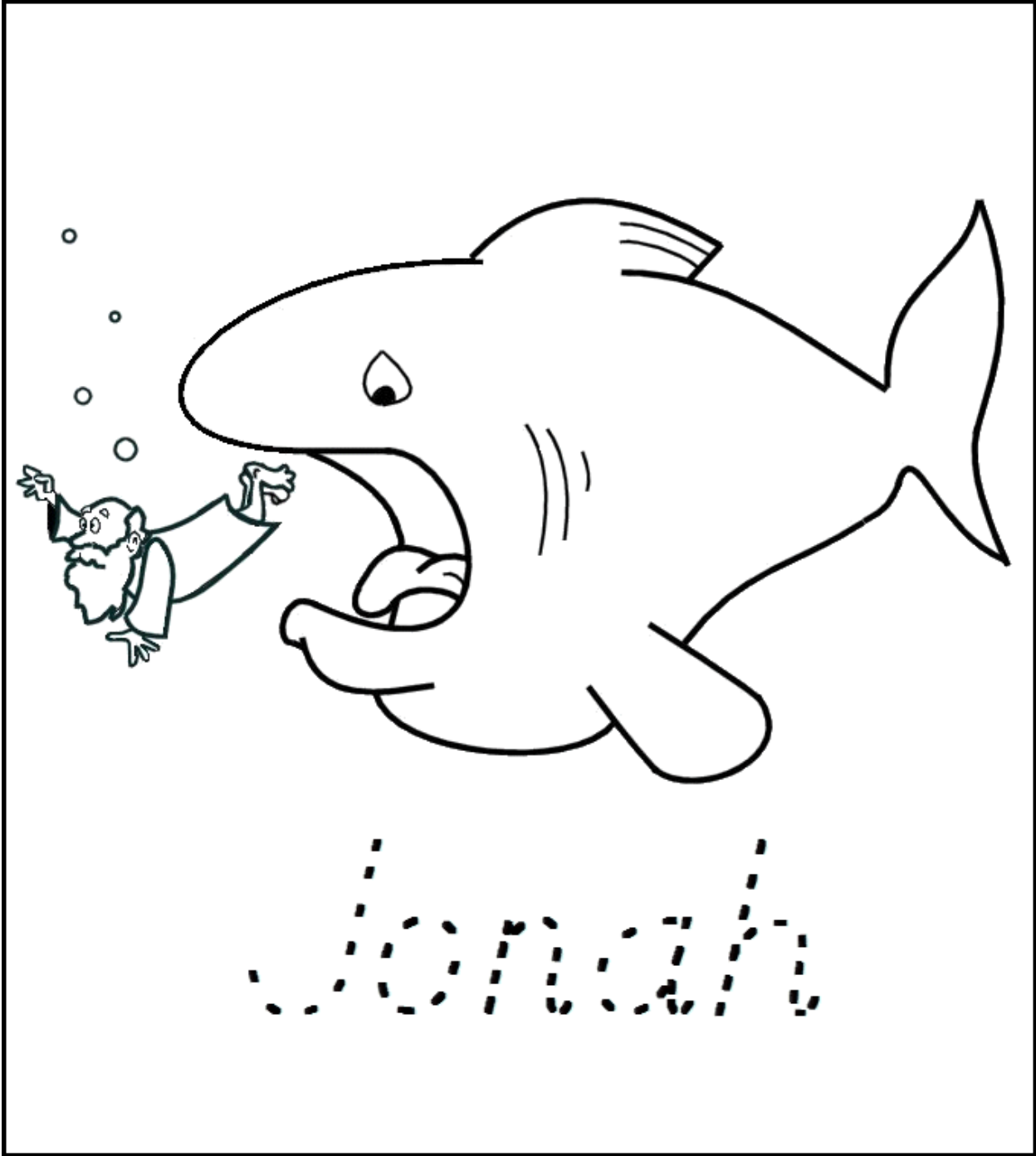*Use colored paper or foam board for the fish cutout*

Jonah Cut-Out

Great fish cut out

Coloring pages:

Connect the dots:

4 ●

5 ●   ● 6

3 ●

● 7

10 ●

11 ●

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15 ●   14 ●   ● 12

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