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God told Jonah to get up and go to a town called Nineveh. God wanted Jonah to preach to the people and to tell them to stop sinning.

Jonah got up, but he did not go to Nineveh. Instead, Jonah got on a ship going the opposite direction! God sent a storm that was so strong the sailors thought the ship would sink!

“Throw me into the sea,” Jonah told the sailors. “The sea will calm down then.”

The sailors threw Jonah overboard and the sea became calm.

God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was inside the fish for three days. He spent the time praying to God.

God heard Jonah’s prayers and commanded the fish to spit Jonah out onto dry land. God told Jonah: “Get up. Go to Nineveh, and preach to the people.”

This time, Jonah obeyed God. He went to Nineveh. He preached that God was going to destroy the city because the people had sinned.

When the people of Nineveh heard God’s message, they were truly sorry for what they had done. They prayed and told God that they were sorry. Even the king declared that no one would eat or drink so that the people could pray.

God heard the people’s prayers. He forgave them and did not punish them.

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