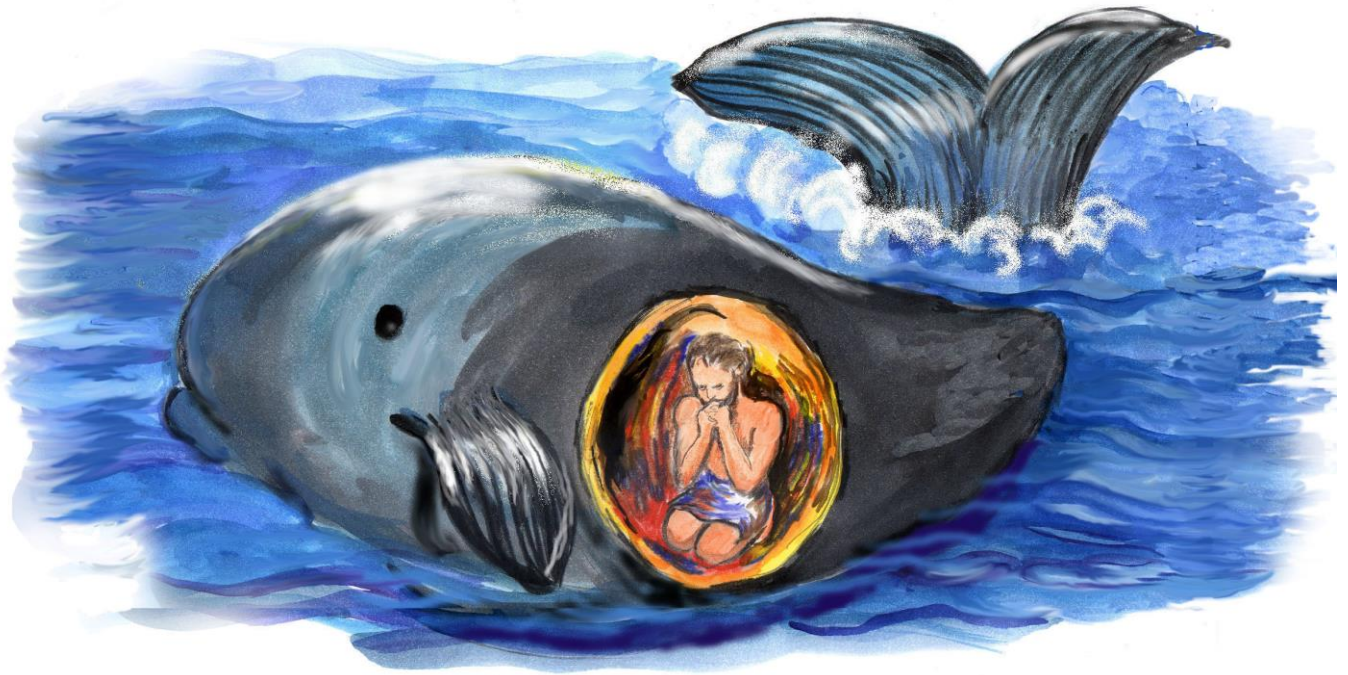


How the Lord Saved Jonah

Jonah 1-3



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Jonah was a prophet of the Lord, long ago. The Lord told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and warn the people to change their evil ways.



The Lord loves everyone, even the people of Nineveh who were being very bad. But Jonah didn't love the people of Nineveh. They were his enemies.



Jonah didn't want to help them be good so he got on a ship to sail far away.



A great storm began when the ship was at sea. The sailors were afraid the boat would sink.

The sailors thought maybe someone on the ship had made the Lord angry. To find out who it was, the sailors cast lots. Jonah's lot showed them that it was his fault.

The sailors asked Jonah, "Who are you?" (Jonah 1:8).

"I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land" (Jonah 1:9).

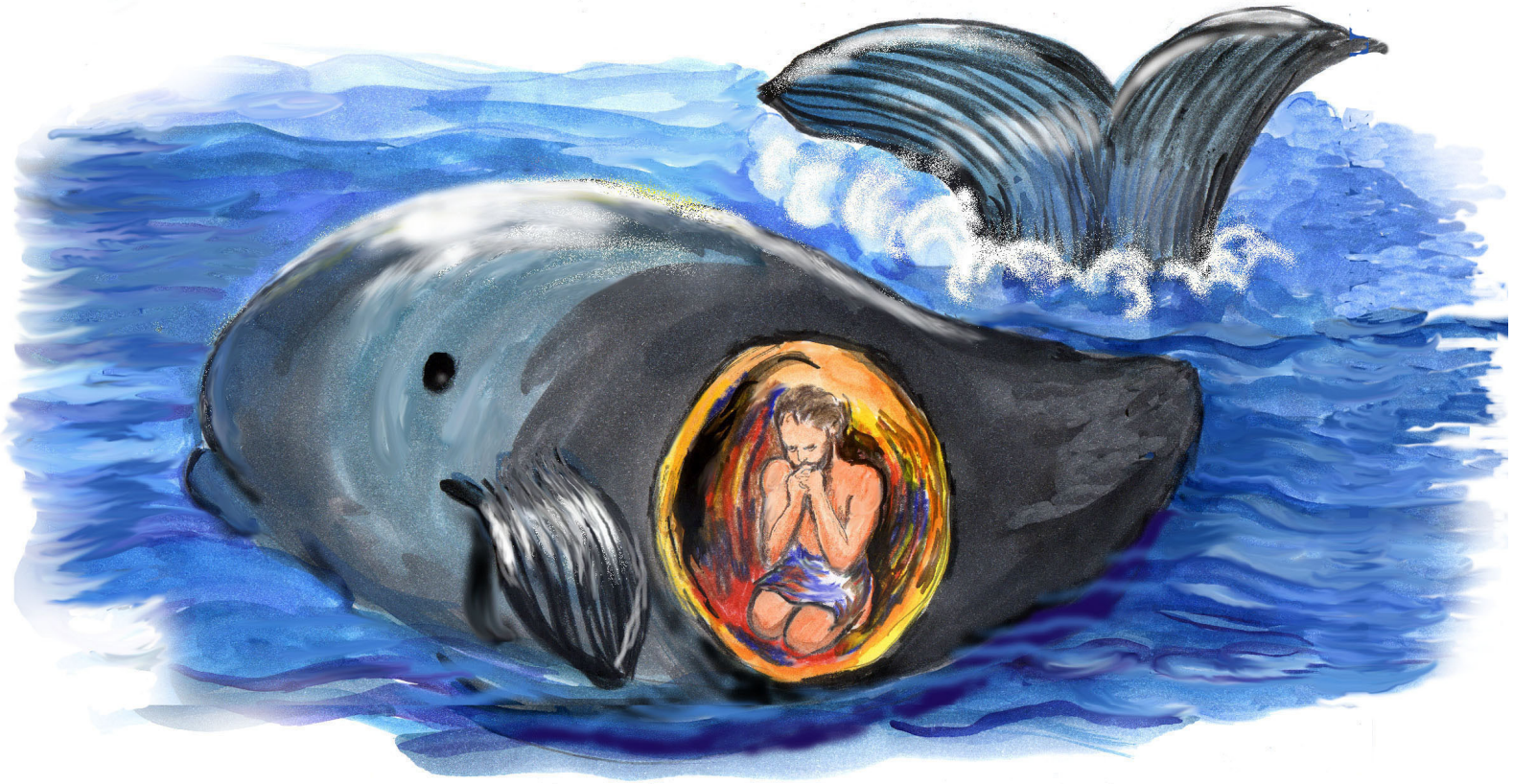


Jonah told them he was running away because he didn't want to help the people of Nineveh.

"Throw me into the sea and the Lord will stop the storm!"

The sailors didn't want to do this. They tried rowing harder to get to shore, but the storm was too strong. There was nothing else to do but throw Jonah overboard.

So the sailors threw Jonah from the ship and the storm stopped.

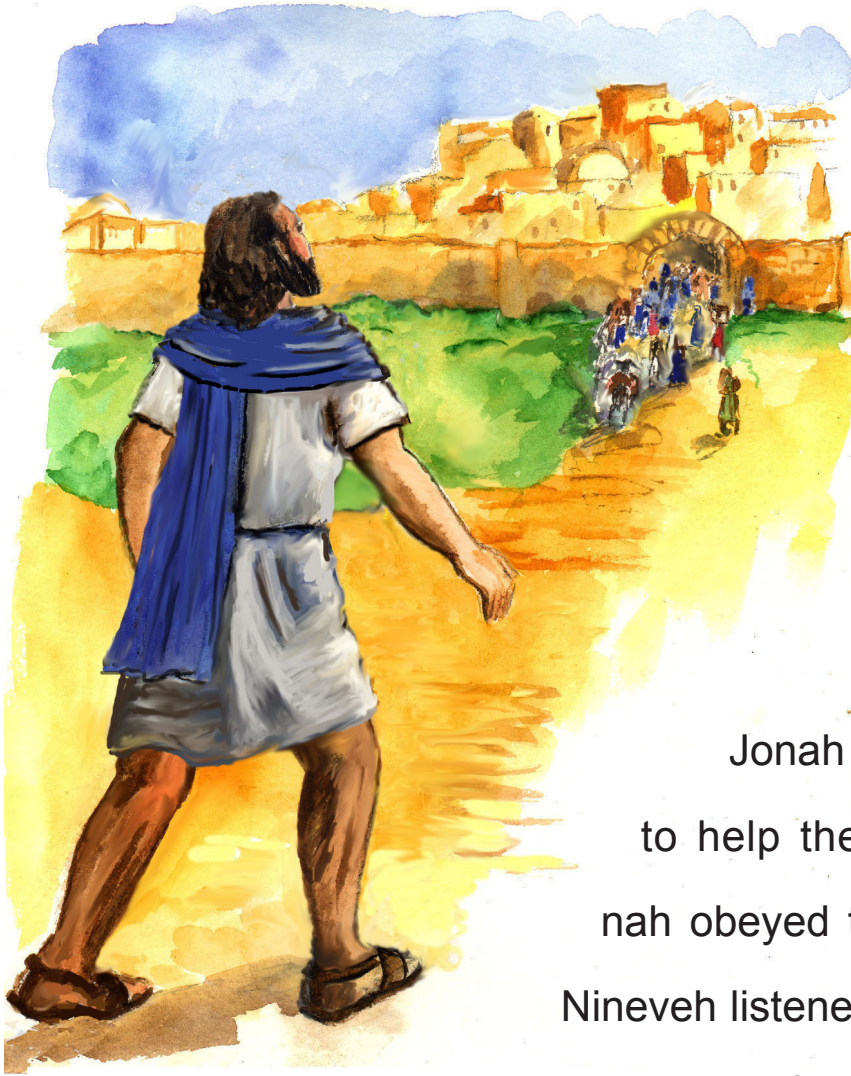


Even though he disobeyed the Lord, the Lord looked after Jonah. He did not drown in the sea. Along came a great big fish who swallowed Jonah! But the Lord kept Jonah alive inside the fish.

Jonah was sorry that he had tried to run away from the Lord. He prayed from inside the fish, telling the Lord how frightening it had been in the sea.



Because Jonah was sorry, the Lord commanded the fish to open its mouth and spit Jonah out onto the dry land. Jonah was alive and unharmed. It was a miracle!



Again, the Lord told
Jonah to go preach in Nineveh
to help the people. This time Jo-
nah obeyed the Lord. The people of
Nineveh listened to the message Jonah
brought them from the Lord, and the Lord
forgave them, as He had forgiven Jonah for trying to run away.

The Lord saved the people of Nineveh, and He saved Jonah too.

The Lord took care of Jonah even when Jonah disobeyed him.
The Lord is taking care of us too, always.



The Travels of Jonah