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Q&A

Whom did God call to be His prophet?

Where did God want Jonah to go?

Read more about it in Jonah 3

An Old Testament Story

God Sends Jonah to Nineveh

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One day, God called a man named Jonah to be His prophet.

“Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it; for their wickedness has come before me,” God said.

Instead, Jonah tried to flee from God. He decided to board a ship bound for Tarshish.

God caused a great wind to come upon the sea, causing a storm so great that the ship was in danger of breaking up.

“Come, let us cast lots to discover on whose account this evil has come to us,” the terrified sailors decided.

The lot fell on Jonah.

Jonah explained to the sailors that he was a Hebrew who was fleeing from God. He also suggested that he be thrown overboard to calm the sea.

The sailors did what Jonah suggested, and the sea stopped raging.

God sent a great fish to swallow Jonah, and he remained in the fish’s belly for three days and nights.

After Jonah prayed to God, God caused the fish to expel Jonah onto dry land.

Then, for the second time, God called Jonah to be



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Bible Trivia

How did Jonah feel about God sparing Nineveh? (Hint: Jonah 4:1)

Answer: He felt displeased and angry.

His prophet.

“Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you,” God said.

Jonah traveled to Nineveh. The city was so big that it took him three days to walk through it.

As he walked, Jonah announced God’s message.

“Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,” he said.

The people of Nineveh believed God’s message. They declared a fast and put on sackcloth to show repentance.

When the king heard God’s message, he too put on sackcloth, and he also sat in ashes to show his repentance.

“By decree of the king and his nobles, no man or beast, no cattle or sheep, shall taste anything; they shall not eat, nor shall they drink water,” the king declared.

“Man and beast alike must be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God; they all must turn from their evil way and from the violence of their hands. Who knows? God may again repent and turn from His blazing wrath, so that we will not perish.”

When God saw Nineveh’s repentance, He did not destroy the city.

COVID Rules Lead Elgin Students to Study Saints Artfully



(Photos provided)



Every year the fifth grade class at St. Thomas More School in Elgin completes a project about saints. Students choose a saint to research and write a report about. Normally, the project ends with the students dressing up like the saints they studied and presenting their reports in church. This year strict health protocols prohibited that, so the fifth graders created “Biography Bottles.” Using liter plastic bottles, students created their saints’ likeness. Their creations are displayed in a hallway for all to see.

Puzzle

Using the hints provided, put a T next to the sentences from the Book of Jonah that are true and an F next to the ones that are false. If a sentence is false, put the correct answer on the line provided.

1. ___ Jonah was the son of Job. _____ (1:1)
2. ___ Jonah boarded a ship in Joppa. _____ (1:3)
3. ___ A palm tree gave Jonah shade. _____ (4:6)
4. ___ Jonah built a hut outside of Nineveh. _____ (4:5)

Answers: 1. F (Amittai); 2. T; 3. F (gourd plant); 4. T