



HOPEWELL MB CHURCH
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE (Children and Youth)

Parents, the following information is provided to you to study the lesson with your son/daughter each week. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

The overview will be presented each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Lesson discussion material will be rotated weekly amongst the various Target Groups (Senior, Junior, Primary, and Beginner classes) in an effort to include all ages in this lesson series.

The Overview is merely a brief discussion of the bible lesson. In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text**, **Related Scriptures**, **Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Review Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. We suggest using a “kid-friendly” bible version for the scripture passages. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God’s Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

We invite you to join us for in-person class discussion.

November 2024

UNIT III: Jonah: A Resistant Prophet

All lessons this month focus on how God’s Will is fulfilled even when His people are reluctant to follow

WEEK 1-Jonah Repents: This lesson shows how God protects us even while He disciplines us

WEEK 2- Nineveh Cries For Forgiveness: This lesson shows how God extends His love even to those we may consider to be the most sinful

WEEK 3-Jonah Is Angry With God: This lesson shows how amazing God’s love is even towards His enemies

WEEK 4-Jesus Talks About Jonah: This lesson reminds us that we might face opposition as we follow Jesus

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DATE OF LESSON: November 3, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Jonah Repents

LESSON TEXT: Jonah 2:1-10

RELATED SCRIPTURES: I Kings 8:27-30; Psalms 39:7-13; 88:3-9; Isaiah 45:20-22

GOLDEN TEXT: *“When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple”* (Jonah 2:7)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Senior High Bible Class** book.

LESSON REVIEW

1. How did God change Jonah’s heart?
2. In what ways did God rescue Jonah both physically and spiritually?
3. What lessons did Jonah learn from his rebellion, his rescue, and his time in the fish?
4. In what ways did Jonah describe the surroundings he was in (v. 2, 6)?
5. Who did Jonah say had put him in the sea and in his present situation (v.3)?
6. How do God’s protection and discipline interact

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Prayers Directed Toward God’s Temple (I Kings 8:27-30)

T- Hope In the Lord (Psalm 39:7-13)

W- Overwhelmed With Trouble (Psalm 88:3-9)

Th- God Is Just and the Savior (Isaiah 45:20-22)

F- A Cry of Distress (Psalm 18:4-6)

Sa- Reaching For Strength From God (Psalm 143:5-8)

Su- Jonah’s Prayer (Jonah 2:1-10)

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DATE OF LESSON: November 10, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Nineveh Cries For Forgiveness

LESSON TEXT: Jonah 3:1-10

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Esther 4:1-3; Jeremiah 18:7-10; Amos 7:1-6; Nahum 1:7-14;
John 21:15-17

GOLDEN TEXT: *“God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not”* (Jonah 3:10)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Junior Bible Class** book.

LESSON REVIEW

1. **Is it always easy to ask someone for forgiveness? Why or why not?** It is not always easy to ask someone for forgiveness, because you have to be willing to admit that you did something wrong first
2. **What did Jonah do when God asked him to preach?** Jonah ran away
3. **What did Jonah do the second time God asked him to preach?** Jonah went to Nineveh and began shouting God’s message to the people there
4. **What was Jonah’s message to the people of Nineveh?** He told them that in forty days Nineveh was going to be overthrown (or destroyed) because of their evil actions
5. **What was Jonah afraid of?** Jonah was afraid that the people would get angry with him because of what he was telling them
6. **How did the people respond to Jonah’s message?** The people believed the message, repented, and stopped doing evil things and asked God to forgive them
7. **Have you ever been afraid to tell someone the truth?**
8. **Why do you think it is important to have leaders who want to do what is right?**
9. **What was God’s response to Nineveh’s change?** God forgave Nineveh
10. **What does it mean to humble my heart before God?** When we humble our hearts before God it means that we want to honor God instead of choosing our own ways

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Coming Destruction of Nineveh (Zephaniah 2:13-15)

T- God Is Slow to Anger (Nahum 1:1-6)

W- The Lord’s Judgement of Nineveh (Nahum 1:7-14)

Th- God Responds to Repentance (Jeremiah 18:7-10)

F- Rend Your Heart (Joel 2:12-14)

Sa- There Is Forgiveness With God (Psalm 130:1-6)

Su- Nineveh Mourns Their Sins (Jonah 3:1-10)

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DATE OF LESSON: November 17, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Jonah Is Angry With God

LESSON TEXT: Jonah 4:1-11

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 34:4-8; I Kings 19:4-8; Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 15:25-30

GOLDEN TEXT: *“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy”* (Psalm 103:8)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Primary Bible Class** book.

LESSON REVIEW

- 1. Why did Jonah become angry with God?** Jonah became angry because God did not punish Nineveh; instead, God was merciful to Nineveh and forgave Nineveh after they repented of their sins
- 2. What does mercy mean?** It means that we don’t get the punishment that we deserve
- 3. What did this reveal about Jonah?** It showed that Jonah’s heart and priorities were not in line with God’s
- 4. How did God respond to Jonah’s anger?** God patiently revealed His view of the situation to Jonah
- 5. What lesson can we learn from this?** When our hearts are not in line with God’s we allow our selfish desires to cause us to point fingers at others and judge them. We forget how good God has been to us

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Cain’s Anger (Genesis 4:3-7)

T- God’s Kindness to the Nations (Psalm 117:1-2)

W- Elijah’s Request for Death (I Kings 19:1-8)

Th- The Lord is Gracious (Psalm 145:1-13)

F- Resenting Forgiveness (Luke 15:25-30)

Sa- God Describes Himself (Exodus 34:4-8)

Su- Uncompassionate Prophet (Jonah 4:1-11)

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DATE OF LESSON: November 24, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Jesus Talks About Jonah

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 12:22-32, 38-40

RELATED SCRIPTURES: I Kings 10:1-13; Matthew 16:1-4; Luke 11:14-23;
I Corinthians 1:22-25

GOLDEN TEXT: *“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad”* (Matthew 12:30)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Beginner Bible Class** book.

LESSON REVIEW

- 1. How did Jesus use Jonah to tell the people about himself?** Jesus told them that they should be careful about who or what they rejected. Jesus also told them that just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale, three days and three nights, Jesus would be in the grave three days and three nights
- 2. How can we be certain that we are with Jesus?** Jesus said that those who are with him gather others, those who are not with him scatter them (or cause them to go away)
- 3. How can we be certain we are following Jesus?** The Holy Spirit helps us when we pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to choose the right way to go.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Is He the Christ? (John 7:25-31)

T- Show Us A Sign! (Matthew 16:1-4)

W- A Kingdom Divided Will Fall (Luke 11:14-23)

Th- After Three Days, He Arose (Matthew 27:62-28:8)

F- Christ Crucified-the Power and Wisdom of God (I Corinthians 1:22-25)

Sa- Unwilling to Believe (John 5:39-47)

Su- The Sign of Jonah (Matthew 12:22-32, 38-40)