



**HOPEWELL MB CHURCH
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE**

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

Classes will be held each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please join us in person for an in-depth discussion. All lesson discussion material will be taken from the Adult Bible class Sunday School book (please see **Youth Corner** for all other versions).

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 **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

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 Repents: 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 Points to 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 **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What makes it unusual that this is the first time we read of Jonah praying?
2. What had Jonah been doing that was about to change?
3. What was this prayer of Jonah about, and what was it not about?
4. In what ways did Jonah describe the surroundings he was in?
5. Who did Jonah say had put him in the sea and in his present situation?
6. How did Jonah express hope for the future?
7. What were some of the things Jonah described that he was experiencing during his ordeal?
8. How did things change when Jonah started remembering God?
9. What did Jonah mean by “lying vanities,” and what was his opinion of them (Jonah 2:8)?
10. What did Jonah decide to do, and how did God respond to him?

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 Repents

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 **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was different about God’s second command to Jonah compared to His first one?
2. What made Jonah’s assignment so difficult for him?
3. What was the specific message God had Jonah give Nineveh?
4. Why did God allow a grace period of forty days, and what does that reveal about Him?
5. What three things did the people of Nineveh do after hearing Jonah’s message?
6. What did the king do?
7. What did the fasting and wearing of sackcloth indicate, and why were the animals included?
8. What was the king’s rationale for ordering the things he did?
9. What was God’s response?
10. How do we explain the fact that God repented of what He had said?

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 **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What particular evidence do we have for the Holy Spirit’s inspiration of this book?
2. What was Jonah’s surprising reaction to Nineveh’s repentance?
3. What did Jonah rightly say about God?
4. After repeating why he had run from God in the first place, what did Jonah request of Him?
5. How did Jonah respond to God’s first question?
6. What made Jonah grateful, and why did his gratitude evaporate?
7. How did God increase Jonah’s discomfort after the plant died?
8. What was God’s second question, and how did Jonah respond?
9. What contrast did God make between His attitude and Jonah’s?
10. What lesson should we take from the book of Jonah?

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 Points to 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 **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why was the healing of the demon-possessed man a particularly impressive demonstration of Jesus’ power?
2. Why did the people ask whether Jesus was the Son of David?
3. How did the Pharisees explain away the miracle?
4. How did Jesus use logical reasoning to prove that the Pharisees were incorrect?
5. Why did Jesus mention the exorcisms performed by some of the Pharisees’ followers?
6. Why did Jesus insist that the kingdom of God had come to them?
7. Why was there no neutral ground when it came to believing Jesus?
8. Why did Jesus say that the Pharisees had committed an unforgiveable sin?
9. Why did the scribes and Pharisees ask Jesus for a sign?
10. What was the only sign that they would be given?

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)