



Ask for volunteers to act out the drama. One child is Jonah, three children are the three in the boat, and a group of children (say five each side) stand around them in the shape of a boat like this (). One child is the wind and two children are the waves crashing either side of the boat.

Everyone in the drama gets ready to act out his or her part by telling them what each one has to do. Once all children know their part the narrator starts reading the story below (large print is story) and point to each child to act out their part.

SCENE 1 = God speaks to Jonah [Jonah 1:1-2]

Narrator: Long, long time ago a man called Jonah was told by God to go to a place called Ninevah and tell the people there how much God loved them. God wanted them to stop doing all the bad things they were doing and worship Him. God wanted to save the people from evil and give them life forever.



SCENE 2 = Disobedience means trouble.

Narrator: Jonah sais no to God and tries to run away. He gets on a ship to sail to a place far, far away from Ninevah, the place where God wants him to be. [Jonah 1:3]

So God who created heaven, earth and everything in it, sends a storm to the ship. The winds blow upon the sea and very big waves crash upon the ship. Everyone on the boat is afraid they will die! The men on the ship do not know God, but they know Jonah knows God and ask him to pray to his God to stop this storm. [Jonah 1:4-6]

- Wind blows = children huff and puff, ‘blowing’ towards the ship making noises like a howling wind noise.
- Waves crash into boat = both children push not too hard into the boat (wall of kids) and making noises like waves crashing against a boat.
- Three kids in boat scream and each yell lines ‘oh no we will die’ and to Jonah ‘why is God mad at you Jonah?’ ‘Jonah what have you done?’
- Wind blows loader = children huff and puff, ‘blowing’ towards the ship still making noises like a howling wind.
- Waves crash into boat = both children push not too hard into the boat (wall of kids) and still making noises like waves crashing a boat.
- Jonah: ‘I have disobeyed God and He is angry with me. Throw me out of the ship into the sea and the storm will stop.’
- The three children in the boat grab ‘Jonah’ and pretend to throw him out of the boat (the wall of kids). Jonah is now standing outside (the boat).
- Wind kids stops blowing.
- Waves kids stop moving.
- Three in boat say ‘We will only worship the living God who all things. Thank you God for saving us.’

Narrator: The three in the boat did not know God but obeyed Him, unlike Jonah. The storm stops and they are saved from the storm. They now praise and worship God who created all things and saved them. [Jonah 1:6-16]



SCENE 3 = Even when we have done wrong, God still loves us.

Narrator: God sent a very, very big fish to swallow Jonah. He was inside the fish three days and three nights. It was very dark and he was afraid. Jonah finally prayed to God and said he was sorry for not doing what God had asked him to do. He begs God to forgive him and save him from this darkness and prison inside the fish. He knew only God who created everything could save him. God forgave Jonah and told the fish to spit Jonah out. The fish obeyed God and spat Jonah out of his belly onto dry land.

[Jonah 1:17 - 2:10]

SPIRITUAL These men did not know God before the storm. God used Jonah's disobedience to help save these men by showing them His power. That is how much God loves us, He wants everyone to be saved if we would only worship Him.

God always listen to us. He may not always do what we want because He is God and knows what is best, but He always listens. He is ready to save anyone who cries out to Him and believes in Him.