THE GOSPEL PROJECT PK. Unit 14.2 Jonah prophet to Ninevah
Date: Sunday November 15, 2026 Teachers: Laura Mc (lead), Julianne, *Jourdan (on call)*
Bible Passage: Jonah 1–4 **Key Passage:** Joel 2:13
Props: from home: if you have a picture of a LARGE fish or a big toy fish you can bring it
At centre: fishy fish activity sheet, paper for sign, chairs for game
Review Rules:
One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)
Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)
Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)
Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

INTRO BIBLE STORY: *"Fishy, Fishy"* materials: (fishy fishy activity sheet- will colour at end of class)
Let's count the fish in this picture and notice what is different about each one. In our story God used a HUGE fish to swallow Jonah in order to save him from drowning. God wanted to save Jonah from the sea, in order for Jonah to tell people about God's love.
We are going to learn from our story today that God does not give people what they deserve. Even when the Ninevites' desires and actions were far from what God wanted and they behaved really badly, God gave them the opposite of what they deserve, He showed them love and mercy.

THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO)
KEY PASSAGE (PLAY KEY PASSAG SONG) *This is the first week for this song, encourage kids to stand and follow along
"Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious, He is compassionate, slow to anger, rich in faithful love." Joel 2:13

GOSPEL GEMS
God said go- Jonah said No! (shake head no)
God sent Jonah to Nineveh because He loved the PEOPLE (make a heart with hands)
God sent Jesus because He loves us. (make a cross with hands)

SING A SONG:
Sing "God Is So Good" :
"God *is so good, God is so good, God is so good,
He's so good to me."
God loves people. Jesus came and gave His life for us because God loves us!

ACTIVITY ***"Riding the waves"*** **materials:** (chairs arranged)
Set up a "boat" by arranging chairs, one for each child, in short rows. Invite the children to sit in the chairs and play out what it would be like to be in a boat during the following conditions:
• peaceful waters (sit still)
• rough seas (flail limbs about)
• choppy waves (sit up tall and slump down repeatedly)
• pouring rains (cover heads, hide under chairs)
• thunder and lightning (cover ears)
• chilly winds (shiver, teeth chatter, rub arms)
Have you ever been in a boat? What was the weather like? In today's Bible story, God sent a storm while His prophet Jonah was in a boat. God wanted to get Jonah's attention, and He did.

ACTIVITY: "*The opposite way!"* materials: (make a sign with construction paper/or at home bring, large arrow: THIS WAY)
God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. Did Jonah obey God and go to Nineveh? NO! Jonah did the opposite, he got on a boat and tried to go as far away from Nineveh as possible. I am going to hold up this sign that is an arrow that says THIS WAY, and when I hold it up you are going to go in the opposite direction. Pay attention to which way the arrow is pointing though!
Jonah didn't want to obey God, because He knew God's nature was one of merciful love. God loves the world He made and he wants the world to know about his love, Jonah wanted them to receive God's judgement which is for people to experience the consequences of their desires and actions. Do we want to be like Jonah? NO! We want to obey what God wants AND we want to share His merciful love with the world God loves. Did God give the people what they deserved for their bad behaviour?NO! God gave the opposite His merciful love!

ACTIVITY: 3 DAYS!
Ask the kids to lie down. Jonah was in the belly of the whale for 3 days!!! Let's count those sleeps, that's one, two, three. This make us think about another 3 days in the Bible. Does anyone know another 3 days that are important? **Jesus gave his life by dying on the cross, and after 3 days He rose again to rescue us.**

PRAYER: Father, thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you back. Thank you Jesus for rescuing us, like you rescued Jonah and the Ninevites, thank you for giving us your Spirit to make us love you back.

FREE PLAY/COLOURING SHEET: