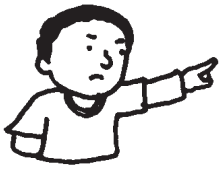
Jonah and the Big Fish

Jonah

Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Jonah 1. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 26 pictures.

Have you ever been fishing? How big was the fish you caught? Listen to hear about a very big fish that caught a man!



Jonah told people messages from God. One day, God told Jonah, "**Go** to Nineveh. Tell the people that they have disobeyed Me."

But Jonah did NOT like the people of Nineveh, so instead of going to Nineveh, Jonah got onto a boat that was going the other way! He did not want to obey God. He went down into the bottom of the boat and went to **sleep**.

God sent a big storm. The waves were crashing. All the sailors were very afraid! But Jonah knew that God had sent the storm because Jonah had disobeyed. Jonah told the sailors, "Throw me into the ocean. Then the storm will stop." One, two, THREE! The soldiers threw Jonah into the water. Sure enough, the waves stopped crashing.

The boat was safe. But Jonah was in the ocean! Then God sent a huge **fish**. The fish opened its mouth wide and WHOOSH! Jonah was in the belly of the big fish!

Jonah began to pray. He asked God to forgive him. He thanked God for rescuing him, even though he had disobeyed. Jonah prayed and he waited. Then God sent that big fish close to land. The fish began to cough and choke and AACK!—he coughed Jonah right up onto the beach! Then God talked to Jonah again.

God said, "**Go**! Tell those people they have disobeyed Me!" And this time Jonah obeyed! He went to Nineveh. He told everyone he saw that they had disobeyed God. The people listened. Then they obeyed God. They asked God to forgive them! And God did forgive them.

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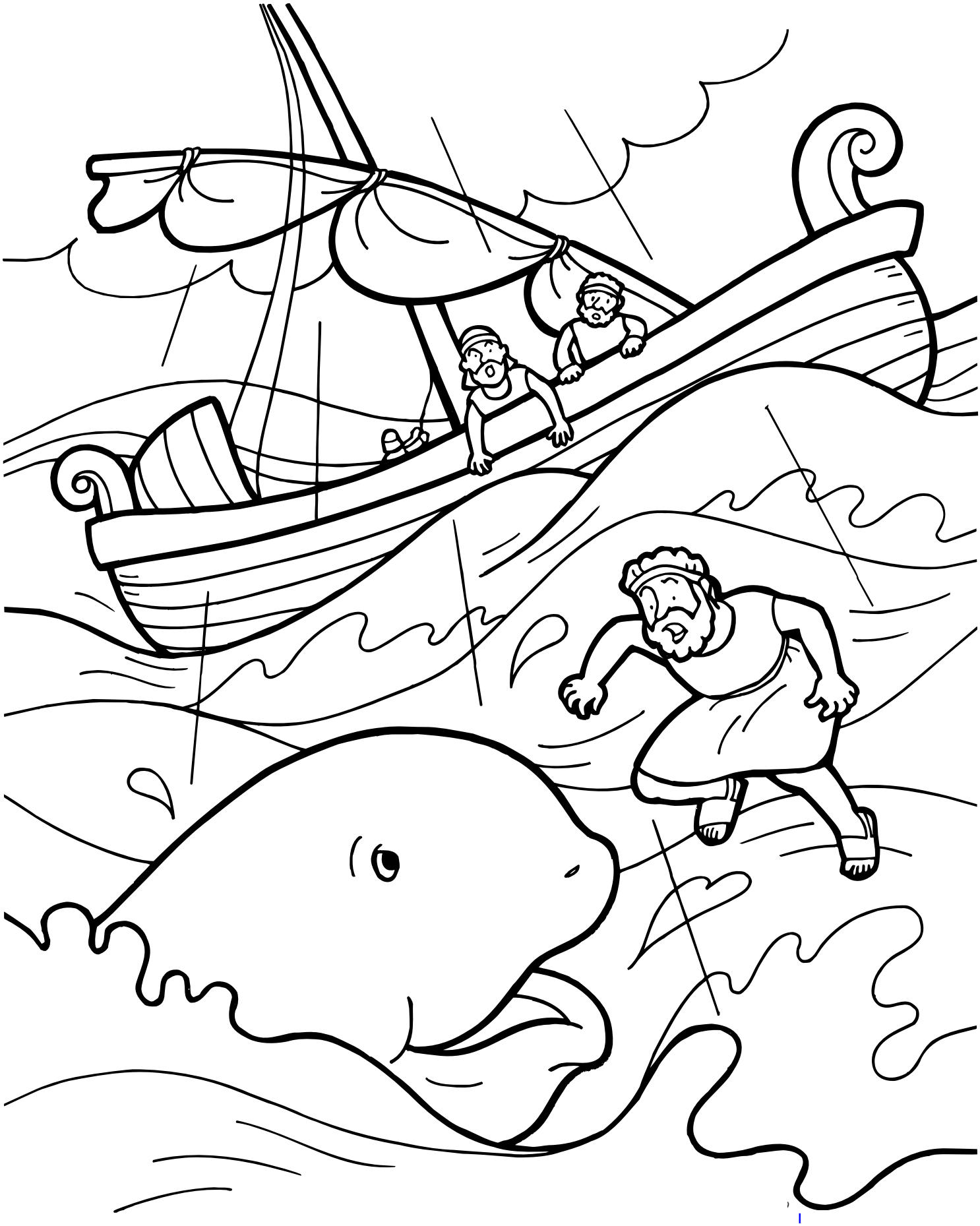
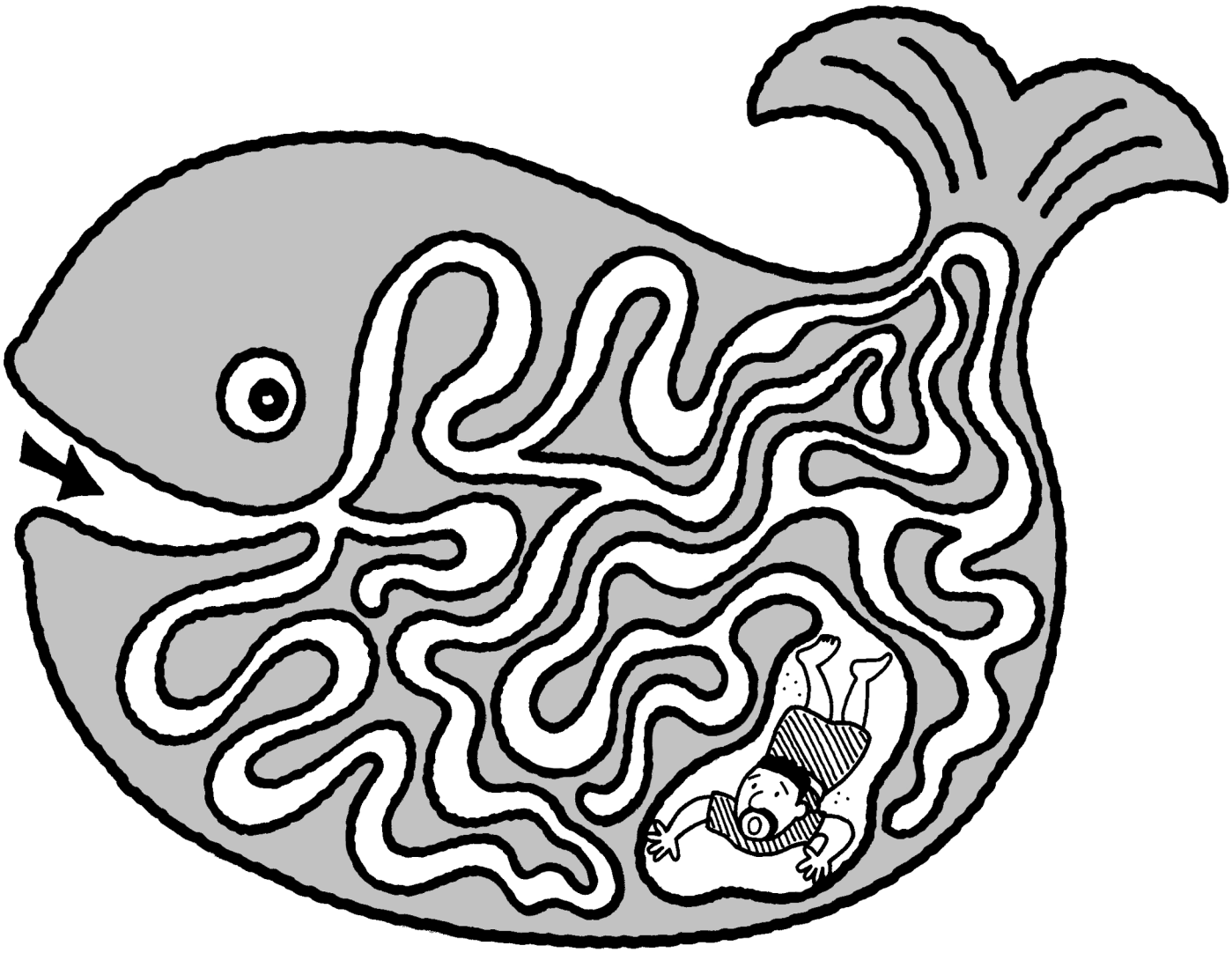
Summer Unit 2:
I Can Share God's Love

Bible Verse:
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
I can obey God by showing His love to others.



Follow the path from the big fish's mouth to Jonah.



Jonah learned to obey God.
We can obey God, too.
Our Bible says, "We will do everything the Lord has said" (Exodus 19:8).

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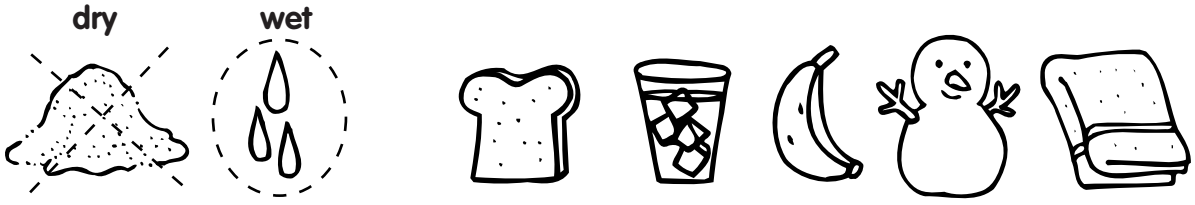
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