

Teaching

COMPASS
KIDS

Text: Jonah 4:1-11

Main Point: *Christians have a great desire to reflect the great compassion God has for unbelievers.*

Main Objective: *To display the wonderful compassion God has for the lost*

Main Application: *Reflect who God is by first turning to Him to change your heart*

1. Christians Know They **Need to Have More Compassion** (vv. 1-5)
2. Christians **Chose the Gospel Spreading** Over Their Comfort (vv. 6-9)
3. Christians **Compassionately Tell People** to Repent & Follow Jesus (vv. 10-11)

Lesson: Steve, in amazement, asked his friend, Tony, "How are you able to do that? How can you walk up to a stranger & confidently & calmly tell them how they can find salvation in Jesus?" Tony chuckled & replied to Steve, "Well, it did not start this way. It took a to of time. Time to not only to "practice" but time for God to change my heart & view of other people..."

Point 1- Steve, utterly confused, tilted his head & asked, "what do you even mean!?" Tony, laughing a little louder, responded, "I guess I was entirely clear or helpful just now. What I mean is I needed God to give me a new heart, a new mind, His heart & His mind. When I used to look at other people, I was more like Jonah..." Steve interjected, "You mean the big fish guy?" Tony answered, "yes, him." Steve then asked, "what do you mean you were like him? Last time I checked, you did not get swallowed up by a fish!" Tony replied, "yeah, I was not swallowed by a fish, but I had a hateful heart towards other people. God called Jonah to evangelize to his enemies, & Jonah did not want to because they were his enemies. Jonah hated them. He knew God would be merciful to them & did not want to be part of God's plan to deliver his enemies. When I saw other people, I was annoyed by them. I wanted to be left alone and not bothered. I wanted them to go away. When they hurt me, I wanted to hurt them back. When they disobeyed the teacher, I wanted them to be punished. I had zero compassion for them. I did not care that many were not Christian and destined for Hell. I did not care but instead thought they deserved it. **I needed more compassion because God has compassion for me.**"

Point 2 - Steve then chimed in, "I do not see that in you. What changed?" Tony answered, "It all changed when I became a Christian. I realized how much mercy & patience God was showing me. I saw my sin & how much I deserved Hell. I saw the love of God through Jesus, who took my place. He suffered so I could go free. He died so I can have eternity with Him! When that happened, God changed me. I saw people the way He did, helpless & in great need of His deliverance from their sin. I used to seek only my comfort, fun, toys, and desires. I wanted life my way. Instead, God gave me His heart for Him & a passion for others to be saved. **I now want others to know they can be saved through Jesus instead of seeking my own comfortable life.**

Point 3 - I began to tell others about what Jesus did on the cross & His resurrection & how they can be saved by turning from their sin & trusting in Him. I was nervous, scared, & even annoyed at people. However, over time, the more I did it, God's heart in me began to grow more & more. As I tell more people about salvation in Jesus, **my compassion to say to people to repent & follow Jesus grows!** It begins by seeing how much compassion God has on me." Steve then said, "Can God do this for me? I feel like I get annoyed at other people easily. I do not have a desire for them to know God. Can I change?" Tony replied, "of course, my friend..."

Getting to Know Your Bible

Coloring Page Facts: Genesis 16, 17, & 18

-Abraham & Sarah Doubted God

1. **They thought they were too old for kids**
2. **They tried to have kids their way**
3. **God reminder them He can do anything**

Key Truths:

- 1) **Impatience only Brings Pain**
- 2) **God Strengthened Their Faith in Him**
- 3) **Trust God's Promises & Timing**
- 4) **God Promised the Messiah through Them**

Application Questions

Summer at Sea: The Revival You Don't Want

Jonah 4:1-11

****Bold is for K-1st & 2nd-5th do all the questions****

1) What stood out to you the most from the lesson on Jonah 4:1-11

-Use this questions to help encourage your kids to listen carefully, think about what they are learning, & feel comfortable expressing their thoughts. Take time & ask each child. Leave room for bizarre answers but reward good answers with Bible Bucks. We want your kids learn how to learn from the Bible

2) Read Jonah 4:1-5 & 1 Thessalonians 2:8-9. Fill in the blanks: According to Jonah, God is _____, _____, _____, _____ in steadfast love, & _____ from disaster. What did

Jonah lack? What is compassion? After reading 1 Thessalonians, what are the two things Paul share with the Thessalonians? How much did Paul work at loving the Thessalonians? Why are Christians compassionate?

-Answer: GRACIOUS / MERCIFUL / SLOW TO ANGER / ABOUNDING / RELENTING. Jonah lacked compassion for his enemies, the people of Nineveh. Compassion is a concern and care for another person. Paul share 1) the Gospel & 2) his own self (aka his life). Paul worked day & night to show how much he cared for them; the opposite of Jonah. Explain to the kids Christians are compassionate because God is compassionate. Use Romans 5:8-10 to show God's compassion.

3) Read Jonah 4:6-9 & Romans 9:1-3. Fill in the blank: According to Jonah, Jonah was very _____ when God killed the plant giving him shade. What was the reason Jonah was mad at God? God commands us to _____ our enemies. After reading Romans, how would you describe Paul's love for the unbeliever? Why would Paul want to switch places with an unbeliever, letting them enter Heaven? Where did Paul get this deep love?

-Answer: ANGRY / LOVE. Explain to the kids how Jonah cared about a plant more than the lost people of Nineveh. Explain further how God calls us to love our enemy (b/c God did). Illustration: Have a kids act out being attacked by a swarm of scorpions & another kid angry they did not get to eat their slice of cake. Show the kids Paul's extreme love for the lost: he wanted to take their place in hell for them! He got this deep love by knowing the God who loved him (he knew his Bible!).

4) Read Jonah 4:10-11 & 2 Peter 3:9. Fill in the blanks: According to Jonah, God wants to show _____ to Nineveh! What does pity mean? According to 2 Peter, why has God not come back yet? Describe how the Christian is supposed to share the Gospel? Who can explain the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

-Answer: PITY! Pity is sympathy for someone. Explain God pitied people so He did something to save them: through Jesus dying & resurrecting! The reason God has not come back yet is because He is waiting for the perfect amount of people to be saved! Challenge the kids to use the Bible to help them understand how to be saved. Ask one of them to explain the Gospel to you. You then can explain the Gospel. You can use the Umbrella Illustration to explain the Gospel. Watch the video via the QR code below beforehand to help you be able to explain it to your age group. Use the whiteboard or other toys to illustrate the presentation.

Ask Your Parents! - Can you share the Gospel with me?

Answer: Use 2 Thess 1:8-9, Romans 5:8-10, & 1 John 1:9 to explain the Gospel!

Use this QR code to explain the Gospel to your kids!



This Week's Memory Verse

(Bold is for 3-1st; the rest is for 2nd-5th)

"...And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?..." -Jonah 4:11

Review From Last Week

Jonah 3:1-10

Main Point: You Need to Rightly Respond to the Second Chance God is Giving You.

Subpoints;

1. Know God **Gives Second Chances**
2. Christians **Admit Their Sin & Wrongdoing**
3. Christians **Turn From Their Sins** (vv. 8-10)

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