

## **Generations of Faith Session 5: The Prophets of the Old Testament**

### ***Daniel Reading Plan Pre-K***

While this session of Generations of Faith is on the whole of the Prophets of the Old Testament; for the kids we are going to focus on the stories from the Book of Daniel and one from a minor prophet - Jonah.

It is important to make sure that the kids understand what a prophet is and the role they play in the Bible. First and foremost, a prophet is a person – or sometimes a group – who speaks for God. The prophet's words spoken in God's names – usually called prophecies or oracles – are God's words. Some people think prophets can predict the future, but this is not their role in the Bible. The biblical prophets were called by God during times of crisis to offer God's People challenge or comfort, depending on the circumstances.

#### **April 26 – May 2**

#### **The Fiery Furnace**

**(Daniel 3)**

Read the story from your Children's Bible: In Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar built a golden statue of himself for everyone to worship. Three men named Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the statue because of their faithfulness to God. King Nebuchadnezzar sentenced them to be thrown into a fiery furnace, but they believed God would protect them from harm, and He did!

**Key Concepts:** God will protect you. Stand strong in your faith. Listen to God, even when others do not.

**Song:** This Little Light of Mine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty9bZXN4uWA&t=81s>

**Activity 1:** Coloring Page (page 4).

**Activity 2:** God is our protection Science experiment. Do this experiment, to illustrate God's protection. 1. Say to the children "God protects us, even in the most difficult circumstances." 2. Put an orange into a clear container of water. Show the children the orange floating on top of the water. 3. Peel the protective skin off the orange and then put the orange back into the water. The orange will sink. 4. Explain that the peel protects the orange and stops it from sinking. Explain that just like the orange peel protects the orange, God is our protective covering.

#### **May 3 - 10**

#### **Belshazzar's Banquet/The Writing on the Wall**

**(Daniel 5)**

Read the story of how Belshazzar did not learn from the consequences of his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar's pride and the fingers writing upon the wall of the King's palace from your Children's Bible or Bible Storybook.

**Key Concepts:** Show respect for God. Discuss how that treating the temple items with respect showed respect to God. How do we show respect to God today? You can also discuss how God humbles the proud. God used Daniel's wisdom to get the king's attention about his pride. The king acted like he was better than God. God humbled the king. We are called to humble ourselves and trust in God.

**Song:** My God is So Big <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aq1ZIC4IsEw>

**Activity 1:** Coloring Page (page 5)

**May 11-18 Daniel in the Lion's Den**

**(Daniel 6)**

Read the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den from your Children's Bible or Bible Storybook.

**Key Concepts:** Always remember to pray. God can protect us from anything. God is with us in good and bad times.

**Song:** Angels Watching Over Me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87OI6z1ufEI>

**Activity 1:** Coloring Page (page 6)

**Activity 2 - Making a paper bag lion puppet:** Cut the black construction paper into a triangle for a nose. Cut the yellow and orange construction paper into strips ½ or so inches wide and about 4 inches long. Glue on the nose. Draw eyes and the rest of the lion's face. Next put a thin line of glue around the outer edge of the lion's face. Let the kids use the orange and yellow strips to design and glue down the lion's mane.



**May 19-26 Jonah and the Large Fish**

**(Jonah 2)**

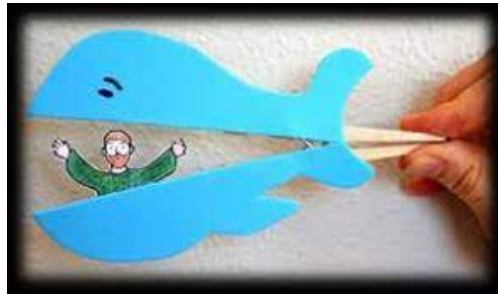
Read the story of Jonah and the Whale/Large Fish from your Children's Bible or Bible Storybook. Jonah was an ordinary person until God chose him to deliver a message to the city of Nineveh. Jonah decided to run from God to a city far from Nineveh. After Jonah was swallowed by a great fish, he realized his mistakes and repented to God.

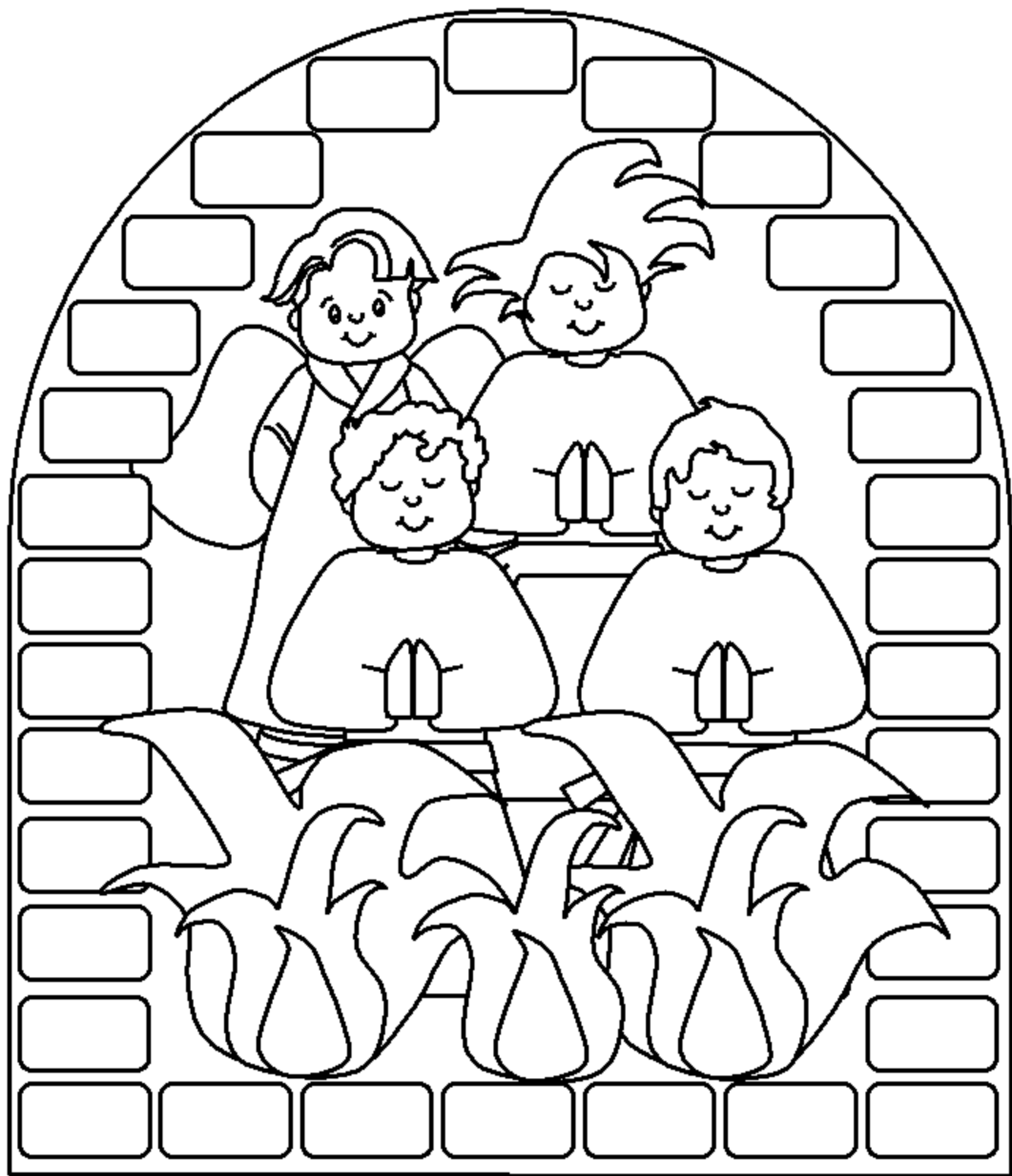
**Key Concepts:** Explain the importance of obedience to God and the need to serve Him every day. Explain that actions have consequences. Identify that God never stops loving us and that God hears us when we pray. God gives us second chances. (If you disobey, ask for forgiveness because God will give you a second chance.)

**Song:** O-B-E-D-I-E-N-C-E <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Bvb5L14Zo>

**Activity 1:** Coloring Page (Page 7)

**Activity 2:** Have the children color and cut the Jonah and fish cutout on page 10 of this packet. Cut the fish in half along the line. Attach the top and bottom of the fish to the clothes pin. Attach Jonah to the inside of the fish.

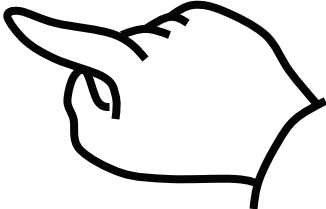




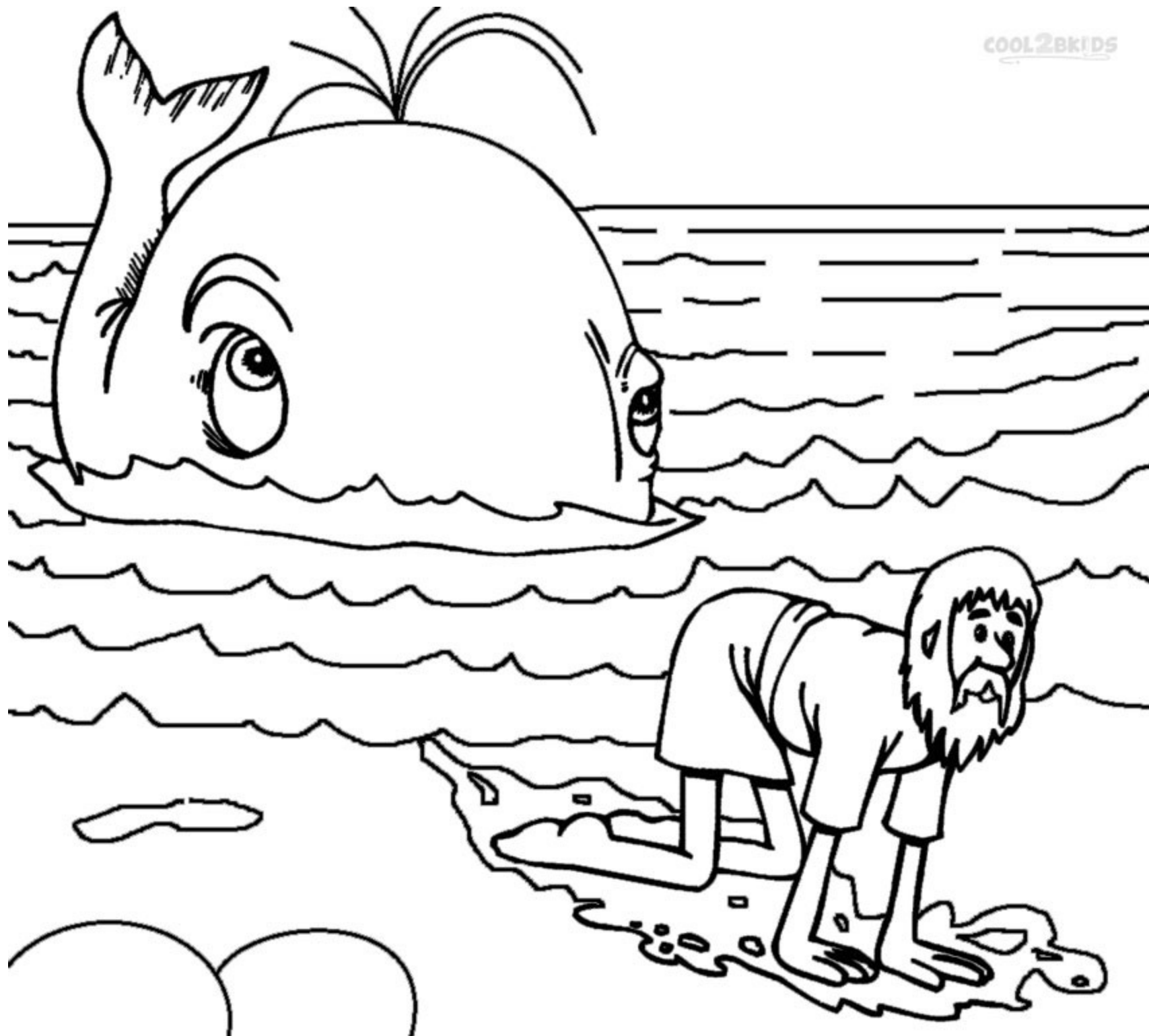
Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

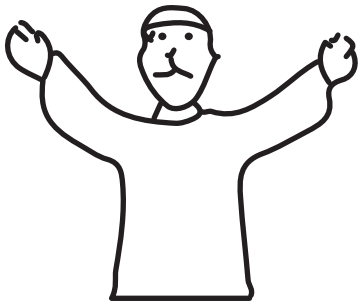
*Daniel 3:28*

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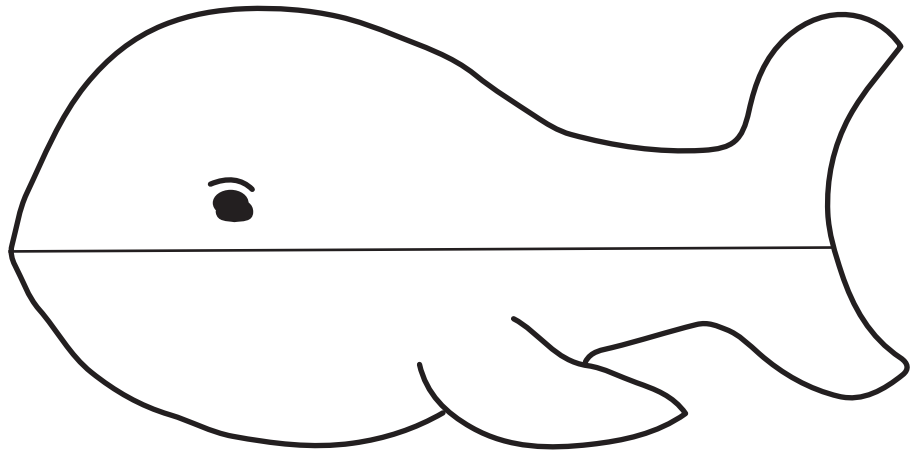




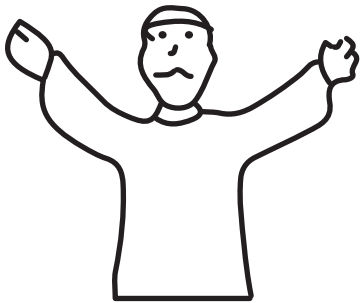




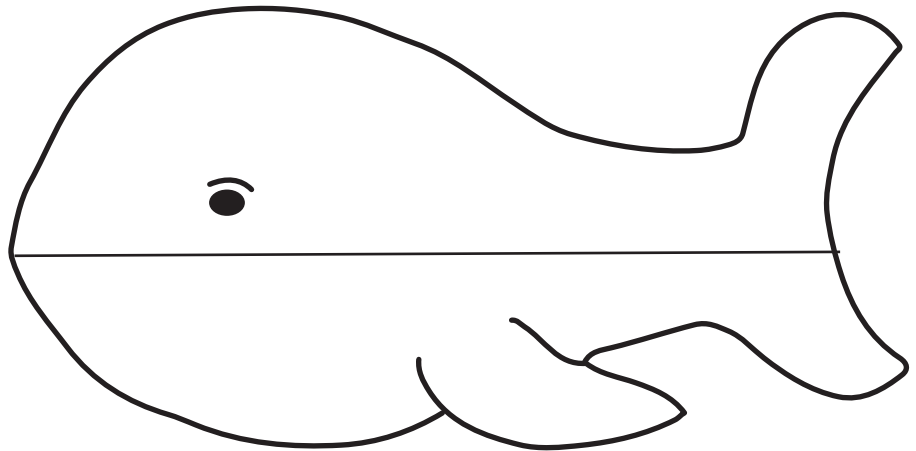
Jonah Cut-Out



The Great Fish Cut-Out



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