

Jonah

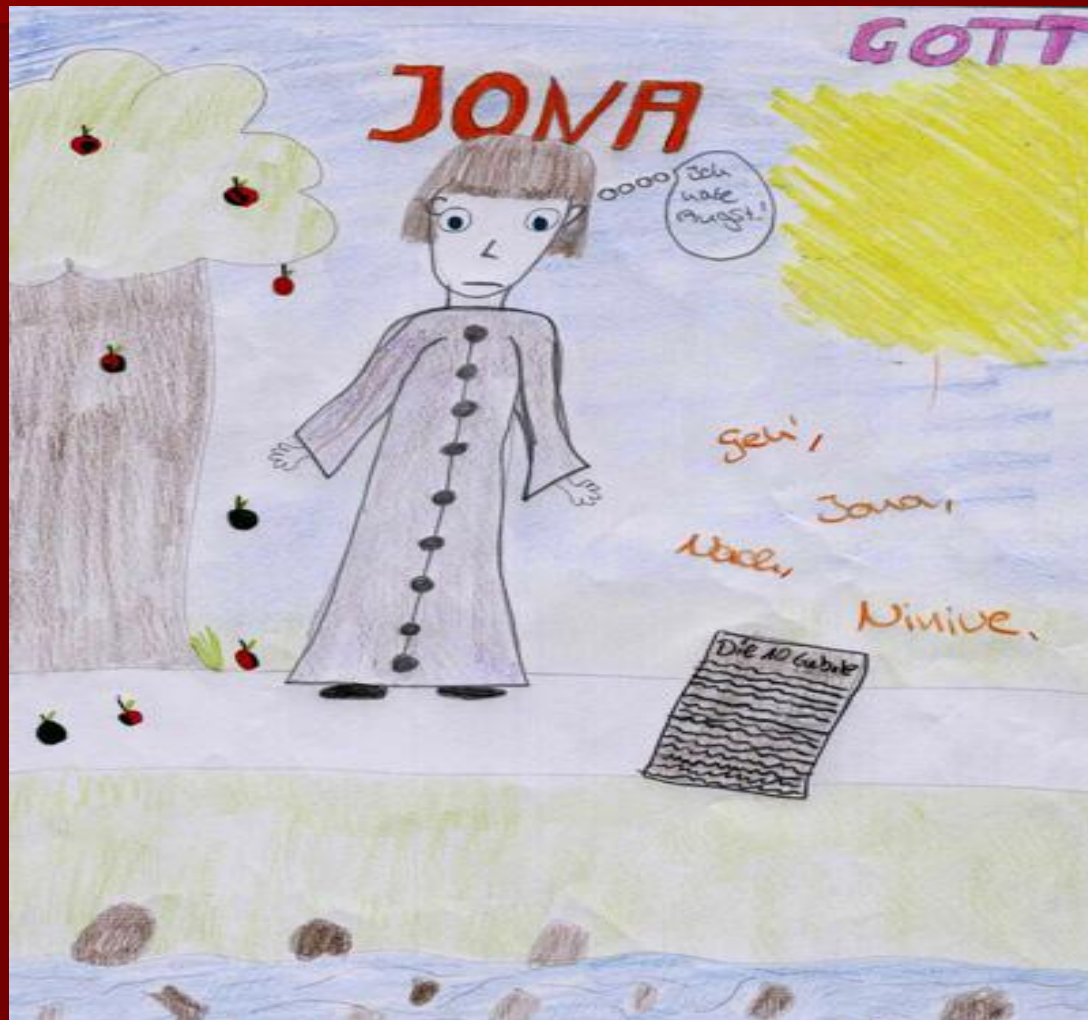
**A story from the Bible
The Old Testament**

THE PROPHET JONAH

God says to Jonah, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city and preach against it, for their wickedness has come up before me."



But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of God. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish.

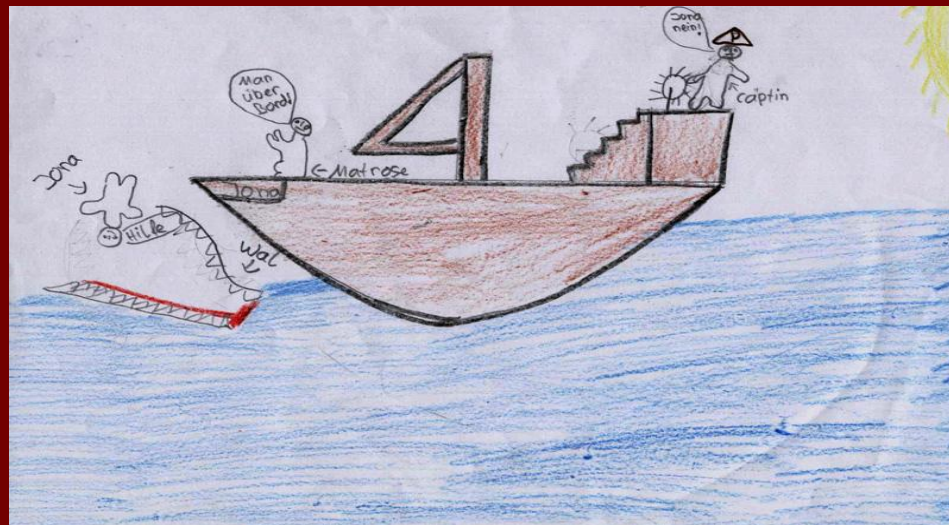


**But God sent out a great storm on the sea,
so that the ship was likely broken up.**



Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and he was laying down, and was fast asleep.

Then they woke him up and asked him, "Tell us, please, for whose cause this evil is on us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? Of what people are you?" He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear Yahweh, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land." They tried hard to row against the heavy sea and cried to God, and said, "We beg you, God, we beg you, let us not perish for this man`s life, and don`t lay on us innocent blood; for you, God, have done as it pleased you." They took up Jonah, and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased its raging.

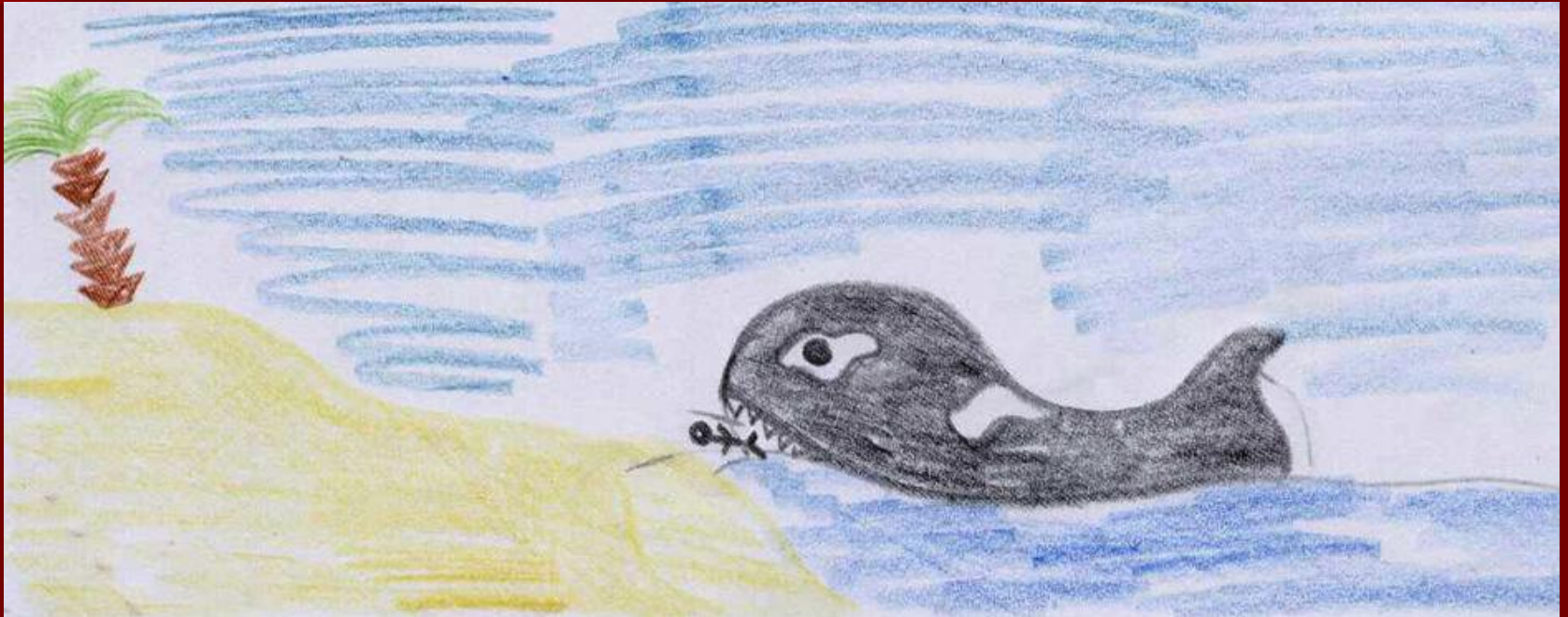


**God prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah,
and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and
three nights.**



**Then
Jonah
prayed to
Yahweh,
his God,
out of the
fish`s
belly.**

**God spoke to the fish, and it vomited out
Jonah on the dry land.**



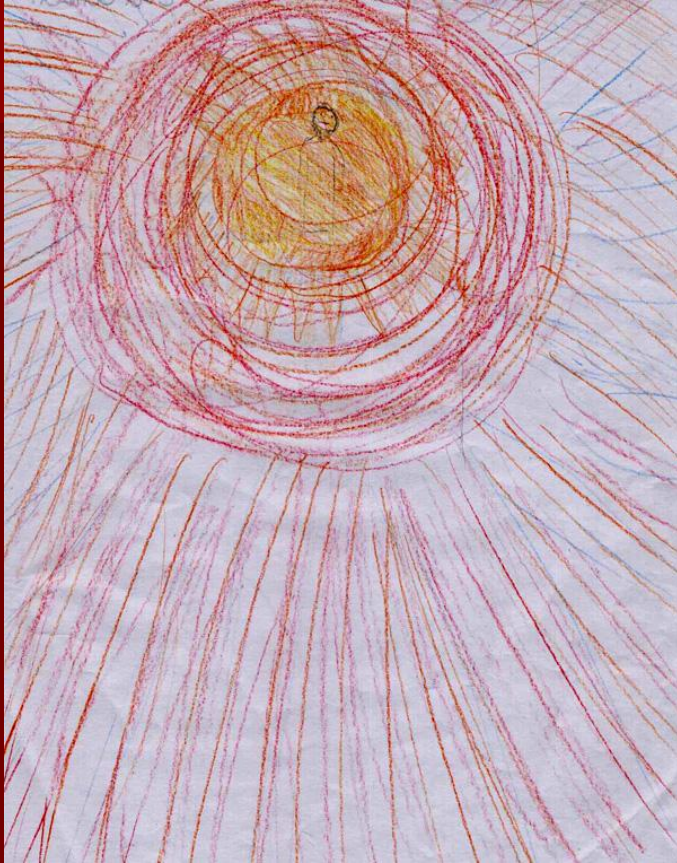
**So Jonah went to Nineveh, according to the word of
God. Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three
days` journey across.**

**Jonah came into the city, and he cried out, and said,
"Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"**



**The people of
Nineveh believed
God; and they
proclaimed a fast,
and put on sackcloth,
from the greatest of
them even to the
least of them.**

**The news reached the
king of Nineveh, and
he arose from his
throne, and took off
his royal robe,
covered himself with
sackcloth, and sat in
ashes.**



God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. God repented of the evil which he said he would do to them, and he didn't do it.

**As you can see you can't run away
if there is any problem you should
solve.**

AND WHAT ABOUT NINIVEH?

**Niniveh can be everywhere today, too.
What about your city, your town, your village
or the place where you live?**