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# Overboard

# Jonah Runs from God

Bible Verse

“Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36).



## Safe Harbor

God's mercy is our safe harbor. Draw a picture of a safe harbor. Include a shore, a lighthouse, and a dock.



Read the verses. Complete each statement. Write the answer on the part of the harbor that it corresponds to.

- The Shore (1 John 2:25)—God has promised . . .
- The Lighthouse (John 14:6)—We can only come to God through . . .
- The Boat (Romans 10:17)—Faith in God comes by hearing . . .
- The Dock (Ephesians 1:13, 14)—God secures us in His mercy by sealing us with . . .

Write the name of a person you know who needs God's safe harbor of salvation. Write what you would say if you were explaining salvation to that person right now. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Knack for Navigating



Ships need special guides called pilots for navigating the complex waterways around a bay. Pilot your ship to the correct delivery location.

Begin at 73 Seagull Way. Sail west one nautical mile, then north 5 miles. Then steer east 2 miles. Your destination is on the north side. What is it?

Begin at 520 Walrus Way. Sail south 2 nautical miles, then west 8 miles. Then go north 3 miles. Steer east 2 miles; your destination is on the north side.

Play a game with a friend or family member. Take turns navigating. One player chooses a starting point and destination. He or she tells the starting point and gives directions. The other player must navigate to the destination.



# God's Direction

While we are all different, each of us must follow God's directions. Unfortunately, we often choose to go our own way, like Jonah did.

## Our Own Direction

Write about or draw a picture of what happened when Jonah followed his own direction.



Write down three things that the world tells us to do that go against the Bible.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## God's Direction

Write about or draw a picture of what Jonah should have done.

Along with showing mercy, God has given other directions. Look up each verse and write down the direction each gives.

Romans 12:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:32 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 2:3 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thessalonians 5:11 \_\_\_\_\_



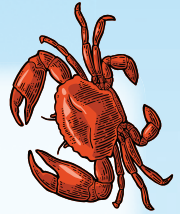
# High Tide Tidbits

- Jonah's name means "dove" or "pigeon" in Hebrew.
- Jonah lived in Gath Hopher, less than 5 miles from Nazareth, where Jesus later grew up.
- Jonah was a real person and is mentioned in four other passages of the Bible—2 Kings 14:25; Matthew 12:39–41; Matthew 16:4; and Luke 11:29–32. The events in Jonah, including all miracles, were real, historical events.
- The Bible records only one prophet of Israel being sent to a Gentile nation with an offer of mercy. Jonah is that prophet.



## Mercy for Me

Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?



Why did Jesus rise from the dead?

How can a person receive Christ's payment for sin and gain eternal life?



Safe Harbor: (1) Eternal life; (2) Jesus Christ; (3) The Word of God; (4) The Holy Spirit.  
Knack for Navigating: (1) 399 Pelican Canal; (2) 12 Albatross Way.

Answers: