

BIBLE CHALLENGE

1. Jonah was:
 - a. Fisherman
 - b. Sailor
 - c. Wildlife trainer
 - d. Prophet
2. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh to tell the people:
 - a. About Jesus Christ
 - b. About the newest i-pad
 - c. To change their evil ways
 - d. Fishing season was beginning
3. Nineveh was known for:
 - a. A beautiful city and cruelty in battle
 - b. Manufacture of fine silk
 - c. Wonderful fishing
 - d. Great internet access
4. Jonah listened to God and went to Nineveh.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. Jonah went in the opposite direction, boarded a boat and:
 - a. Was thrown overboard and got entangled with an octopus
 - b. Was made captain because of his great sailing skills
 - c. Was thrown overboard and was swallowed by a big fish
 - d. Was invited to the captain's table for dinner
6. God gave Jonah a second chance.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. Jonah went to Nineveh and told the people to change their wicked ways ... and they did.
 - a. True
 - b. False

JONAH

Jonah was a prophet when Israel separated into the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah. God told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and tell the people to change their evil and wicked ways. Nineveh was the capital of the Assyrian Empire known for its culture, physical beauty, gardens and fortifying walls. The Assyrians were also known for their cruelty in battle leaving devastation wherever they went.

When God called Jonah, he ran in the opposite direction. Jonah boarded a boat for Tarshish. During the trip a terrible storm nearly broke the ship apart. Jonah told the sailors his disobedience to God was probably the reason for the storm. And they threw him into the sea. Jonah was swallowed by a big fish and he was in the fish's belly for three days and nights. During that time he thanked God for saving him from drowning. The fish spit him up onto land not far from Nineveh.

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. This time Jonah went. He told the people to change their evil ways and repent or their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people repented.

Jonah was furious that God did not destroy the Ninevites. They deserved to be punished, but God forgave them. Jonah said he would rather die than see his enemies be forgiven instead of receive the punishment they deserved.

Jonah went outside the city to wait. God caused a plant to grow to give him shade from the sun. Jonah was appreciative. God sent a worm to destroy the plant and, therefore, Jonah's shade. Jonah was upset and again said he would rather die.

Then God said ... "You are concerned about a bush for which you did not labor ... should I not be concerned about Nineveh, a [city that does not know me.]" (Jonah 4:9-11)