

God is Good at Life

God is good at Life: In this theme in our OSH classes we are learning that God is our **Creator** and **Provider**. We are studying stories of **life** (and death). God created life. He is in charge of life. Without Him we would die physically and spiritually. We are important to God. Through Christ He offers us eternal life.

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Lesson 8: JONAH

God supplies a plant to shade Jonah and then causes it to die to teach Jonah compassion for life.

Text: Jonah 3 & 4

Memory Verse: Psalm 86:5

Dear Parents, A Saver of Life is our God! We have been studying about life. This week's lesson is about how God taught one of His prophets, Jonah, the value of life. Jonah lived in Israel during the time of the divided kingdom. As you study this lesson with your child and then throughout the week talk to your child about being compassionate. We need to be kind to others and help them if we can. God wants us to be compassionate.

Prayer & Praise

Praise Verse: Psalm 116:5

*The LORD is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.*

Use the praise verse to praise & lead to into prayer!

**Open My Eyes that I may see ...
God wants Life not Death for Me!**

Theme Song: ["I Stand Amazed"](#)

Theme Psalm: [Psalm 23](#)

When Wall

Use the "[When Wall – Purple Cards Key](#)" file to do the When Wall cards at home. Review the Historical

Heading cards ("purple cards") that tell the story of the Bible. This week scramble the purple cards and have your child tell the story of the Bible as he/she puts them in order. For Kindergarten and up add in the Famous People cards (white cards) and for 2nd grade and up add in the Books of the Bible cards (yellow cards).

Lesson

As you introduce the lesson, talk about where in the Bible timeline this lesson occurs (which purple card this lesson falls under). See the [Life-When Wall](#) file for guidance. "Jonah" falls under the "Kings" purple card. Tell carefully or read dramatically today's lesson using your child's lesson folder. Make sure you use some sort of visuals as you teach the lesson, here are some [lesson 8 visuals](#) created by Renee! *Remember to emphasize how God is the hero of the story.*

FACTS TO KNOW

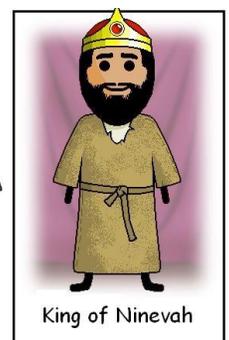
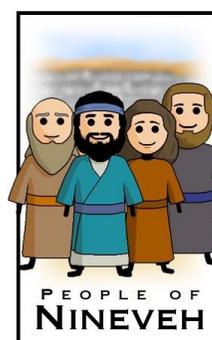
WHO: Jonah, people, of Nineveh, and the king of Nineveh

(review the prophets of Israel: Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Jonah. Jonah was a prophet from Israel sent to foreign land.)

WHEN (Purple Card): Kings

WHERE: Assyria, Nineveh, Tarshish, Joppa

WHAT for: God's plan for us does not always seem right to us. God told Jonah to preach to Nineveh, but he had no compassion for them. God showed Jonah through the plant that shaded him and then died, that all life is precious. Isn't God compassionate?



Activities

Activities to do for lesson 8 were distributed last week! Put the rest in the back pocket of your child's folder to keep them in a safe place!

Marching Drill

Use the marching drill to review concepts from each lesson!

Lesson	Marching Drill – Start with : <i>Left, Left, Left, Right, Left</i>
1	<i>God made light and water for me. I thank Him now for all I see.</i>
2	<i>I love God: He is so great! He will make an end to hate!</i>
3	<i>I will follow night and day. God's my light he leads the way!</i>
4	<i>Jehovah is my strength and song! I will praise him all day long!</i>
5	<i>I will not complain and doubt. God provides I'll sing and shout.</i>
6	<i>I will not fear enemies. God my God, will fight for me.</i>
7	<i>I will fight for God my King. He is stronger than anything.</i>
8	<i>GOD made ME for LIFE not DEATH. I'll praise GOD while I have BREATH.</i>

Additional Ideas

Songs to Sing: "[OBEDIENCE](#)", "Jonah", "Who Did Swallow Jonah", "Love One Another", "Trust and Obey"

Watch [God's Story: Jonah](#)

Bible Fun for Kids – [Jonah](#)

Family Study Questions:

Make this a study for your entire family!

Read Jonah 1-4

Watch the Bible Project – [Overview of Jonah](#)

1. Why didn't Jonah want to preach to the people of Nineveh?
2. Would you disobey a direct command of God that He gave to you personally, as Jonah did?
3. Is there any indication that Jonah believed God was going to save his life when he told the sailors to throw him overboard?
4. Why did God save his life?
5. What was the lesson that God tried to teach Jonah with the plant and the worm?
6. How does 2 Peter 3:9 explain God's patience with Nineveh as well as His patience with Jonah?