

**FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB** *BOOK #8*

His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ~Psalm 1:2



**Way of  
Wisdom**

**Running From God or  
Listening to God**

# *Running from or Listening to* **GOD**



## **Quote the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)**

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

- <sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.*
- <sup>2</sup>He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,*
- <sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*
- <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.*
- <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*
- <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*
- <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*
- <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*
- <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.*

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*<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**Section 8:1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote from memory the list of all the books of the Old Testament**

Law	History		Poetry
Genesis	Joshua	1 & 2 Chronicles	Job
Exodus	Judges	Ezra	Psalms
Leviticus	Ruth	Nehemiah	Proverbs
Numbers	1 & 2 Samuel	Esther	Ecclesiastes
Deuteronomy	1 & 2 Kings		Song of Solomon

Prophecy		
Isaiah	Joel	Habakkuk
Jeremiah	Amos	Zephaniah
Lamentations	Obadiah	Haggai
Ezekiel	Jonah	Zechariah
Daniel	Micah	Malachi
Hosea	Nahum	

**Section 8:2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Read the Old Testament book of  
Jonah (4 chapters).**



**As you read, try to come up with a  
word or phrase that describes each  
chapter.**

Ch. 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Ch. 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Ch. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Ch. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 8:3** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Book 4, you studied how the Old Testament is  
broken down into sections. In which section of the  
Old Testament does the book of Jonah appear  
(Law, History, Poetry, Prophecy)?** \_\_\_\_\_

Jonah is unique among all of the Old Testament prophetic books because it is written in more of a story form. Stories are full of details that help us understand what happened.

1. Who was Jonah's father (1:1)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did God command Jonah to do (1:2)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Did Jonah decide to obey God or disobey Him? \_\_\_\_

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How do we know what Jonah decided (1:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Verse 3 teaches us that Jonah felt like he was about to hide or get away from *the presence of the Lord*. However, as soon as we begin reading verse 4, who do we see still involved in the story?

5. How did God try to get the attention of Jonah and the men on the ship's crew (1:5)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Surprisingly, Jonah finds a way to ignore what God is doing. What is Jonah doing while God is trying to get his attention (1:5)? \_\_\_\_\_

7. The crew tried to do several things to make their situation improve:

a. v. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

b. v. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

c. v. 7 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Did you know???

Casting lots is a way of giving a test to see if the truth can be known. Sometimes men would each choose from a group of straws to see which one drew the shortest straw. They believed that God would show who the guilty one was. The Bible teaches that God is able to use the practice of casting lots to help determine the truth or to give men information they need.



1. When Jonah began to answer the questions of the crew, he was forced to admit that God really was behind all that was happening. Jonah had to admit to himself that he was not able to run from God. What else does Jonah tell us about God in v. 9?

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2. What unusual thing did Jonah advise the men to do to him? \_\_\_\_\_



3. Did the men follow Jonah's advice? \_\_\_\_\_

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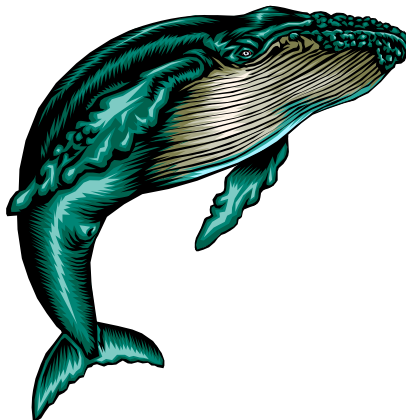
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4. What happened to the storm as soon as the men finally listened to Jonah (1:15)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How did the crew of the ship respond to the miracle (1:16)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. While the sea was now calm, Jonah probably wasn't. He was stranded in the Mediterranean Sea with no hope of surviving. How did God respond to this situation in Jonah's life (1:17)?  
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7. How long did God protect Jonah in the belly of the fish (1:17) \_\_\_\_\_



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1. Chapter 1 began with God speaking to Jonah. When chapter 2 begins, Jonah is speaking to God. Where is Jonah when he prays (1:1)? \_\_\_\_\_



2. Jonah had disobeyed God; however, when Jonah prayed, how did God respond (1:2, 7)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The *depth of Sheol* is a reference to Jonah feeling like he is on the edge of dying or of being in his grave. He is desperate before God. Before Jonah prayed, what thought does he say was going through his mind (1:4)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In 2:5-6, Jonah describes what happened after he landed in the water. He lists five different things that he remembers from that time. Which ones make it sound like he is about to die?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_

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1. In spite of how Jonah's desperate situation, God helped him. How does Jonah describe this? (2:6)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. In verses 8-9, Jonah describes how he will begin responding to God. Verse 9 is a pledge Jonah made when he was in the belly of the fish. Jonah said he would *sacrifice to the Lord with the voice of thanksgiving* (v.9). A sacrifice was the way people in the Old Testament showed their sorrow for their sins against God. Why do you think Jonah said he would do this with a thankful heart?  
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3. When Jonah says that *salvation is from the LORD*, he obviously believes that God could save him from dying. What else does Jonah (and all of us) need to be saved from? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. When Jonah confessed his sinfulness to God, God chose to preserve Jonah's life in a new way. After three days of being kept alive in the belly of a fish, where does Jonah end up? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Read Jonah 3

## Ninevah



1. Compare 3:2 to 1:2. Both of these verses record God's commands to Jonah. In what way is God's second command to Jonah different from the first one? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What can we learn about the city of Ninevah?

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3. Ninevah is described in almost exactly what way in three different places (1:2, 3:2, 3:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What message did Jonah preach to the people of the city (3:4)? \_\_\_\_\_

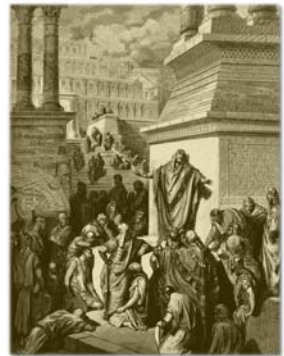
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1. How did the people and the king respond to Jonah's message of judgment (3:5)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Did you know???

Sackcloth is rough cloth made of something like camel's or goat's hair, and was usually worn as a symbol of mourning or penitence.



2. When the king heard Jonah's message, he made several amazing commands. What did he command the people to do and not to do?

Not to do \_\_\_\_\_

Do not \_\_\_\_\_

Do not \_\_\_\_\_

To do \_\_\_\_\_

Be covered with \_\_\_\_\_

Call on \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the king hope would happen if his people called on God earnestly (3:9)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. In 2:10, we saw God answer Jonah's prayer and spare him from death. In 3:10, we see God answer the prayer of the people of Ninevah and spare them from death. What do these verses teach us about the heart of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Read Jonah 4

1. The final chapter begins in a way that probably surprises you. How we expect Jonah to feel about God's forgiving the people of Ninevah? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How did Jonah actually feel (4:1)? \_\_\_\_\_

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### What in the world???

Jonah prays again to God (4:2), but this prayer sounds very different from the prayer he prayed in chapter 2. In this prayer, Jonah actually tells us why he tried to run away from God in the first place. Jonah did not want to preach to the people of Ninevah, because he did not want to see God forgive them. This is hard to understand, isn't it? However, it will help us to realize how evil the people of Ninevah were—they had a very bad reputation for being a cruel, wicked nation. Jonah wanted God to judge them, not forgive them.



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3. Jonah describes God in many ways (4:2). In the box next to each of the words below, write what you think Jonah means when he describes God this way:

**Gracious**

**Compassionate**

**Slow to  
Anger**

**Abundant in  
Lovingkindness**

**Relents  
Concerning  
Calamity**

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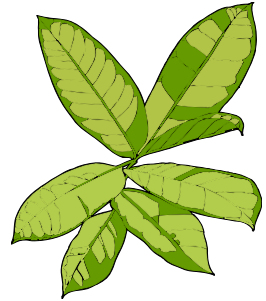
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1. Jonah is truly unhappy with God. Jonah actually wants God to kill him (4:3). After God listens to Jonah, how does God respond (4:4)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What sin does God say is in Jonah's heart? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Instead of answering God, Jonah "runs" from God again – only this time not so far as before. Jonah still wants God to destroy Ninevah, so he sets up a little camp outside the city in the hot sun and waits there as a challenge to God to keep His promise to destroy Ninevah (4:5). While Jonah is still angry at God, God does something kind for him. What does God do (4:6)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is Jonah's response to God's gift of comfort?  
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5. When God takes away the gift (4:7), how does Jonah respond (4:8)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jonah responds very much like he did in 4:3, doesn't he?



6. What lesson is God trying to teach Jonah through gift of the plant and then the death of the plant (vv. 10-11)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 8:11** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorize and quote the following verses:**

**Deuteronomy 6:5** *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

**Psalms 119:2** *How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart.*

**Jeremiah 29:13** *You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.*

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In your own words, write out a summary of the story of Jonah. Include at least one lesson you learned from studying it.

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