

Jonah and the Big Fish Puppet Show

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Attraction Puppeteer:

Supplies List:

- front Board
- back bracing
- shower curtain attachment
- chairs for kids
- chairs for workers
- fish puppet
- Jonah (small action figure)
- boat
- white board
- white board marker
- easel
- pumpkin
- lollipops
- Jr. church table

Attraction Instructions

This puppet show works for multiple children or just one. One worker is behind with the puppet while the other tells the story of Jonah. After the story, the children pick a lollipop out of the pumpkin. If their lollipop has a colored end, they get to choose a second pop.

Attraction Information

This is a classic puppet show. It will be scheduled to show every 15 minutes, lasting 5-10 minutes each session. While the story is being told the worker will hold Jonah. As the story progresses Jonah will be placed into the ship. The puppeteer will rock the ship as the story progresses. Then the fish puppet will jump out and eat Jonah. The storyteller will continue until Jonah is to be spat up onto shore. Then the storyteller will take Jonah from the fish's mouth and finish telling the story.

Helpful Verses to Memorize/Read

The Book of Jonah

Script

"Hi everyone! Welcome to the puppet show. I want to tell you a story. A long time ago there was a man named Jonah. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. Nineveh was a city of people who were not honoring God. God wanted Jonah to tell the city that if they did not turn from their wicked ways, their city would be destroyed. But Jonah did not obey God. Instead, he tried to run away to the city of Tarshish. To get to Tarshish he had to get onto a boat. While the boat was sailing, a great big storm came up and began shaking the boat back and forth so much that it was going to break apart! All the sailors on the boat were so afraid! But Jonah was asleep in the bottom of the ship. The captain ran to Jonah and woke him. He said to him, "How can you sleep!? Get up and ask your God for help!" The storm began to get worse and the sailors said, "What can we do to calm this storm!?" Jonah replied, "This is happening because I disobeyed God. Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the storm will calm. It is my fault that this storm has come upon you." The sailors didn't believe him. They tried to row harder to get back to land, but it didn't work. Then they picked up Jonah and threw him overboard. The storm calmed immediately. When the men saw that, they worshiped God.

But as Jonah floated in the water, God sent a big fish to swallow up Jonah. Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. Finally, Jonah told God that He would be obedient and go to speak to the people of Nineveh. The fish spit Jonah up onto dry land. Jonah went to Nineveh and spoke to them. He told them to stop what they were doing and honor and worship God. The king and all the people of Nineveh listened to Jonah, and turned from their wicked ways.

They honored God and were not destroyed. The End.

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Now come right around here and pick a lollipop from the pumpkin. If your lollipop has a colored end, you get to pick a second one.