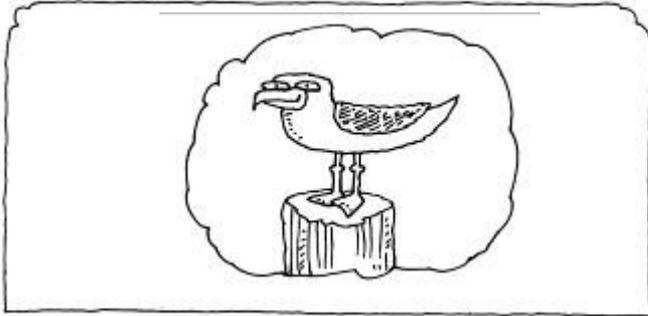


# JONAH tries to run away

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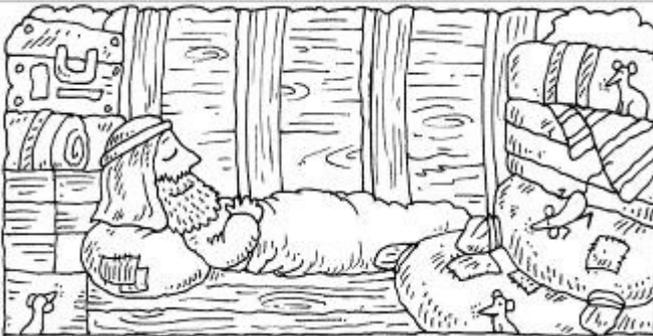
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God had a job for Jonah to do.  
But Jonah didn't want to go.  
He tried to run away from God,  
but God is everywhere.



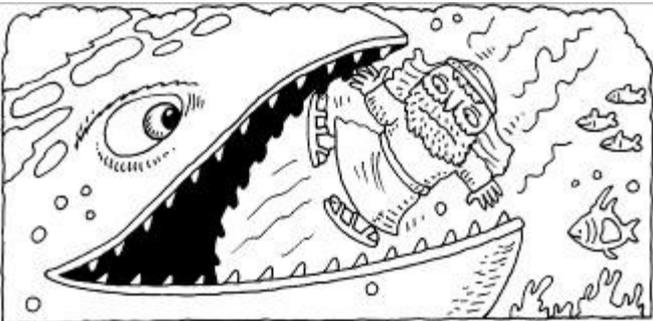
God told Jonah to go to Nineveh  
and tell everyone to stop doing bad things.  
Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh.  
He tried to run away from God.



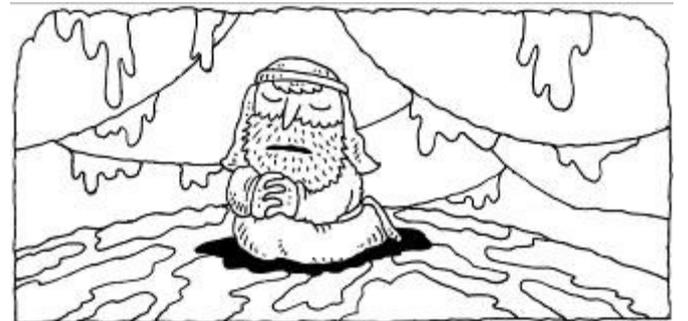
A big storm began to rock the boat.  
The sailors were scared.  
Jonah knew that God had sent the storm.  
He told the sailors to throw him into the sea.



Jonah got into a boat  
to go far across the sea,  
where God couldn't find him.  
But God is everywhere!



But God sent a big fish.  
It opened its mouth wide  
and swallowed up Jonah!  
It wasn't nice inside the fish.



Jonah prayed.  
He was sorry for running away from God  
He promised to do what God  
had said and go to Nineveh.



Thank you God  
for saving me!  
I will never try to  
hide from you again.



Jonah told the people of Nineveh  
how much God loved them.  
The people were so glad  
to hear about God!