

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 & Jonah 1:17-2:10 Series Jonah (2)
Singing: 397:1, 3, 4, 5 – 140:4 -- 187:1-4 - 233:1, 2, 6 – 362:1-3

Intro. The Gospel in Jonah's life begins with a great storm

A. The seeking God does not find willing hearts, even in his saints

B. Through the testimony of Jonah (ch. 2), God reveals Himself gloriously

When your soul feels despair because of your sins, remember the LORD

A. Your sins sink all human hope into despair

B. Yet where your hope ends, remember the LORD

I. Your sins sink all human hope into despair

A. Jonah's experience felt as 'being in hell' (ch. 2:1-2)

1. All his doings and his circumstance spelled 'hopeless'

2. when he adds all up, his soul fainted within him (vs. 7)

B. You don't have to be in a fish belly to have some sense of Jonah's despair

1. when God opens your eyes, you feel sense despair

2. when that happens, Satan changes gear (vs. 8)

II. But where you hope ends, you are to remember the LORD

A. While in the dark dungeon, God's Spirit revives Jonah's memory (vs. 7)

1. The meaning of the LORD (Exodus 34:6-8; Ps. 86:5)

2. Jonah's prayer in vs. 2, 4 is far from perfect

a. it's failing:

b. it's beauty:

B. God answers his prayer: vs. 10

Reflect and Act: Remember my Name (7b) ...

A. In My dealings with Jonah

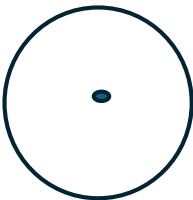
B. In my dealings with Jesus

Dear children,

Each week God calls me to share His Word with you. After I pray for God's help, I study the chapter. I ask God to help me to know His message out of the chapter. But I need help. Your help in prayer. Can I ask you that each week? And if you forgot, then you do it now!

1. Why did Jonah run away from God?
2. What did God do to turn Jonah from the wrong path?
3. Do you think that Jonah was sorry about his sins? _____ What made you answer either yes or no?
4. The sailor were afraid to throw Jonah overboard even though he told them to do it. What made them afraid to do that?
5. When you are afraid for doing something sinful, what will you do?
6. When you feel pain in your heart because you did something sinful, what should you encourage you to pray to God?
7. Satan likes to preach also. But he preaches lies. One lie is, "Sin is fun. Don't worry. Just enjoy." Can you think of other lies Satan tells you?

8. Someone said, "If you stand on the rim of circle, you can always draw a straight line to the center of the circle." Give it a try in the circle.



After that he said, "The Bible is like a circle. The center is Jesus Christ. And wherever you are in the Bible, you can draw a 'line' to Jesus."

Now comes the hard part. How does Jonah 2 tell you something about Jesus Christ?

9. What encouragement does the LORD give you when we read that He made the fish spit up Jonah onto the beach?