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# **Middle School**



# Reverse: A Study on Jonah

In this three-week study, students will get an in-depth look at one of the most unique books in the Bible. This study will get uncomfortable because it will make your students look in the mirror and challenge them about following God's will, repentance, and how they see their enemies.

We hope that your child would not have a heart like Jonah, but would look more like Jesus: to have a care for people that do not look like us or believe in the same things.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.'

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh."

Jonah 3:1-3a

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER

## **Morning Time**

Take time to pray with your child individually or do it as a family. Ask God for you to love the people you encounter today, especially those you disagree with.

## **Their Time**

Encourage them to spend time in God's word. A great suggestion is to continue reading Jonah as we progress through it in our student service.

## **Meal Time**

Talk as a family about the story of Jonah. Ask your child questions about the story and what stands out. The bible is a crazy collection of stories, and this one is definitely at the top.

#### **Bed Time**

Heading to bed with a teenager can sometimes be disconnected based on their schedule and schoolwork. Share with them something encouraging that you've seen in them recently. It's always great laying your head down on your pillow knowing your parents love you.

Weekly Bible Stories

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## Week One

## Jonah 1

We run in the direction of our strongest desires; if the Kingdom isn't our desire, then we will run the wrong way.

## **Week Two**

# Jonah 1, 2, 3:1

A change in direction requires a course correction.

## **Week Three**

# Jonah 3, 4, John 3:16

There is no "us" or "them". It's us for them.