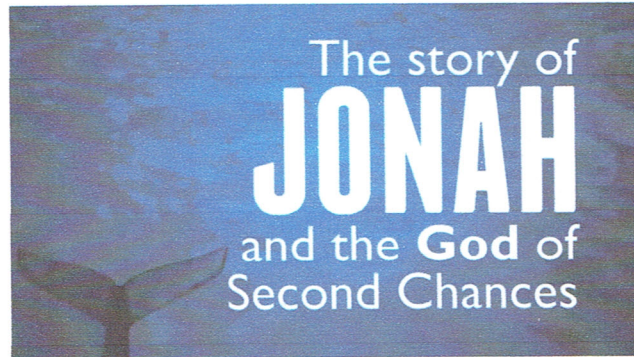


This Week in Sunday School - 1.24.21 - Jonah

Happy Sunday, Friends,



Today's story is all about second chances, and one very reluctant prophet named Jonah.

I love hearing stories about imperfect, reluctant prophets because I am hopelessly imperfect, and sometimes reluctant! Jonah shows us that God can use us even when we are reluctant to answer the call. I also love that it takes Jonah a couple of times to do the right thing. I rarely get things right the first time. We need second chances to get "doing the right thing" right. Doing the right thing may not be the easiest, but God loves us even when we need second, or more, chances.

Plus today's story includes lots of drama with a big storm, a man overboard, and being swallowed by a big fish....! Find our more below...

Attached are some activities and coloring pages. Enjoy!

Finally Friends, we all know what it's like to be told (not asked!) to do something we do not want to do. We know what "reluctance" feels like. Doing the right thing is hard. Doing the right thing with the right attitude can be even harder! But God doesn't give up on us. God keeps at us, just like with Jonah. And we always have second, third, even infinity chances with God.

I hope you know how much you are loved and missed! We can't wait to be back at church together soon.

Take Care, my perfectly imperfect Friends,
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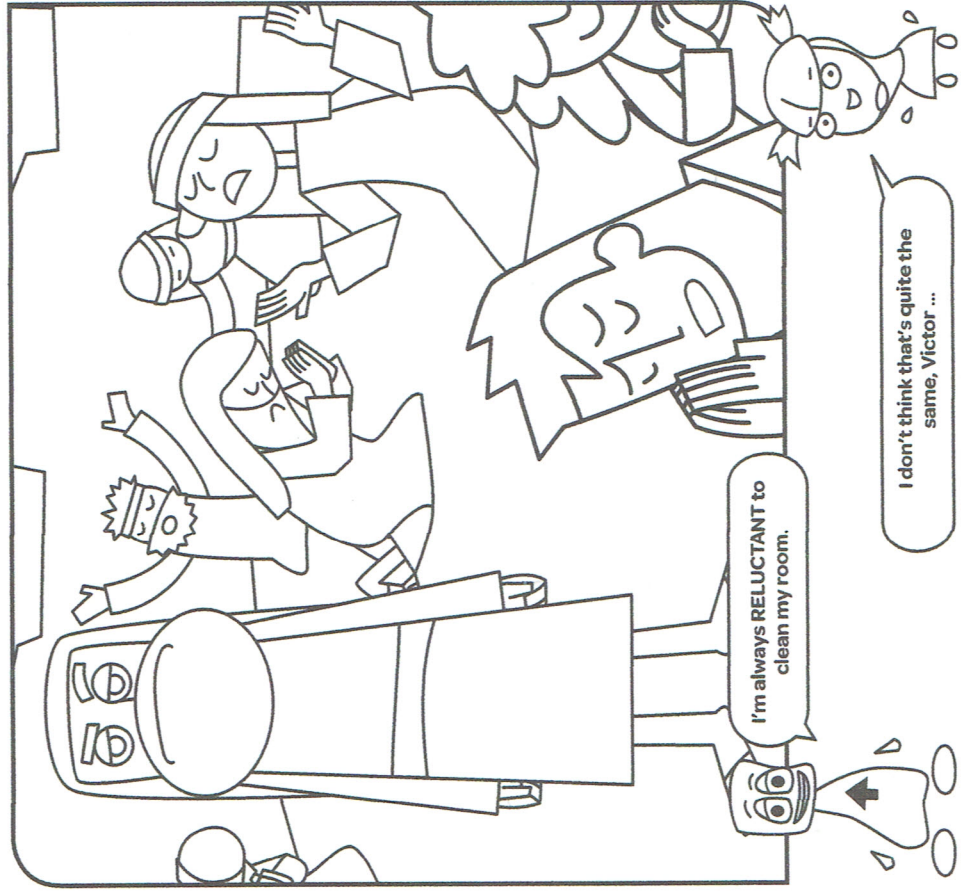
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TODAY'S THEME IS RELUCTANCE.



Reluctance means you aren't excited to do something.

Jonah did not want to follow God's plan. Color reluctant Jonah.

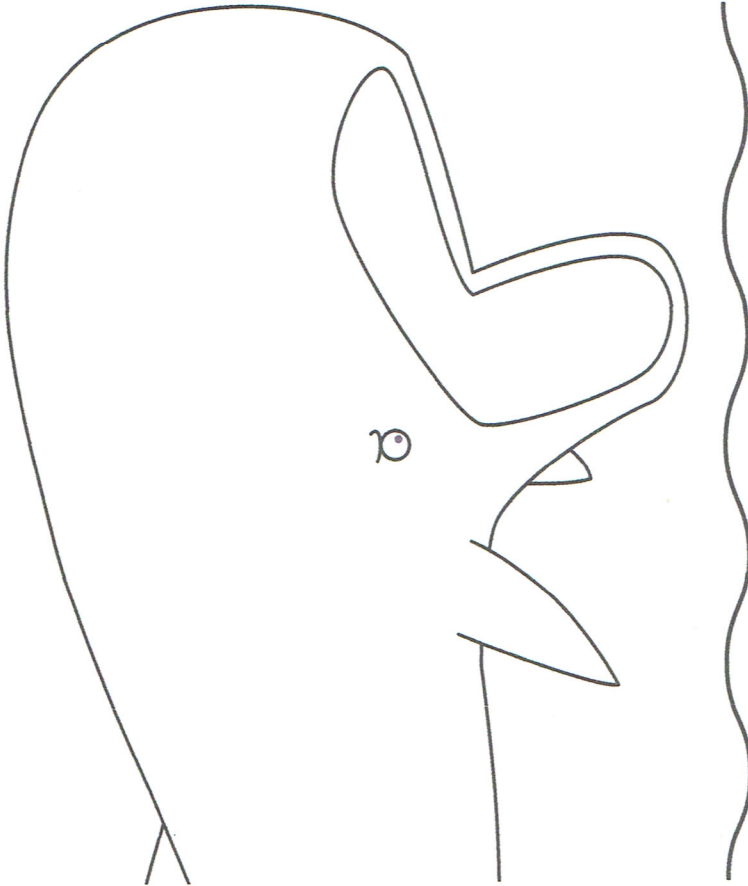


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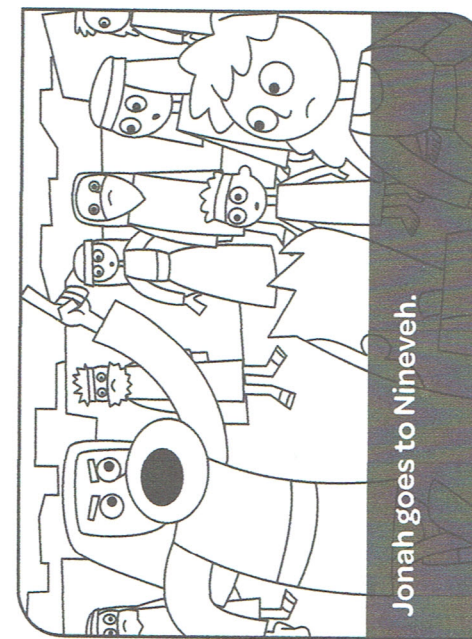
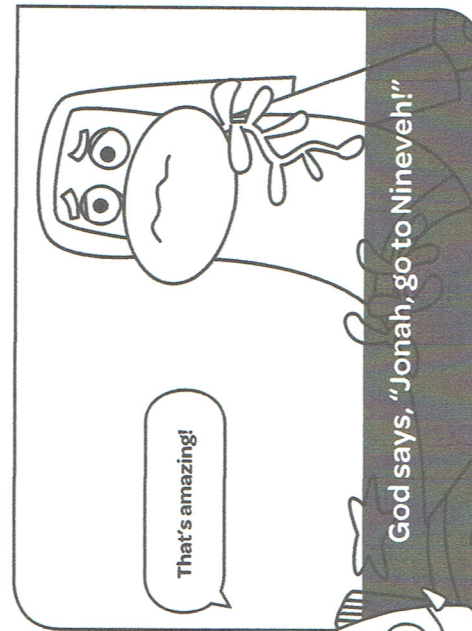
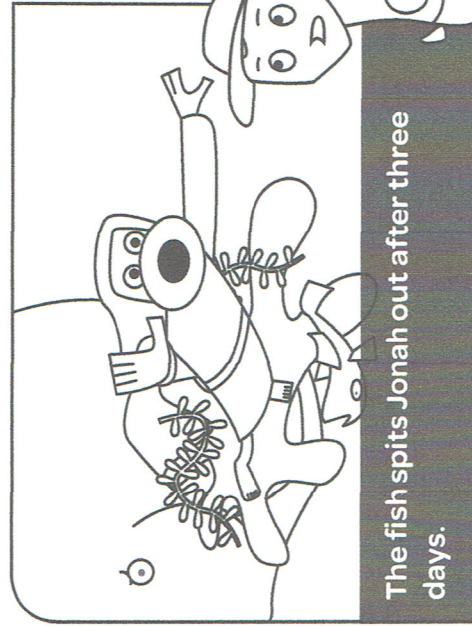
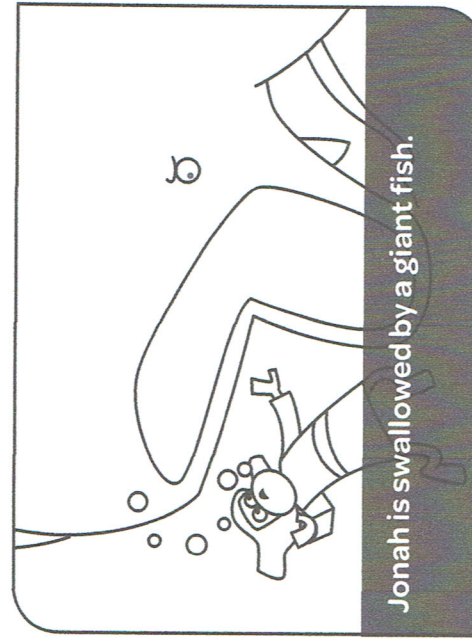
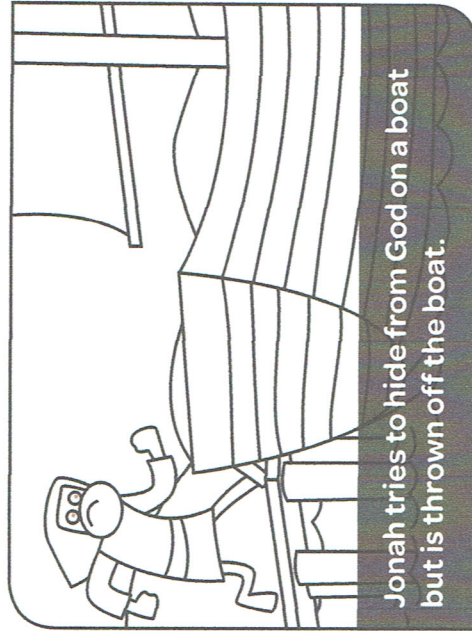
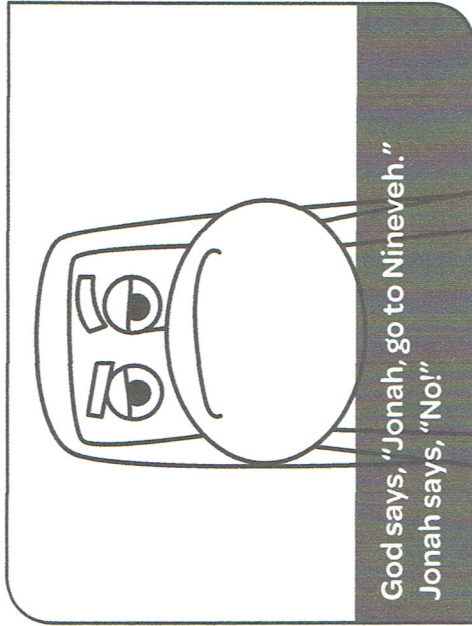
When Jonah was in the fish, he prayed to God. Draw Jonah inside the fish.



What do you want to say to God? Draw a picture. Close your eyes and pray your prayer. Pretend you're in a fish like Jonah!

Follow Jonah's journey to Nineveh.

Color these pictures.

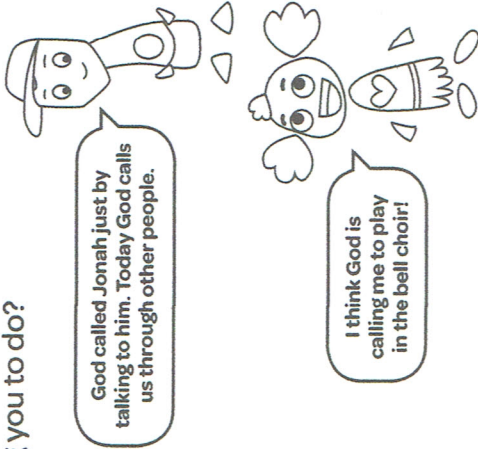


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Look in your church's bulletin or elsewhere in the worship space for the announcements.

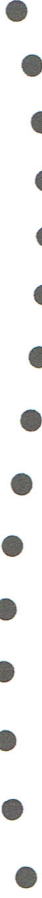
What is God calling people in your church to do?

Is there something God is calling you to do?



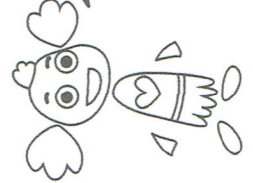
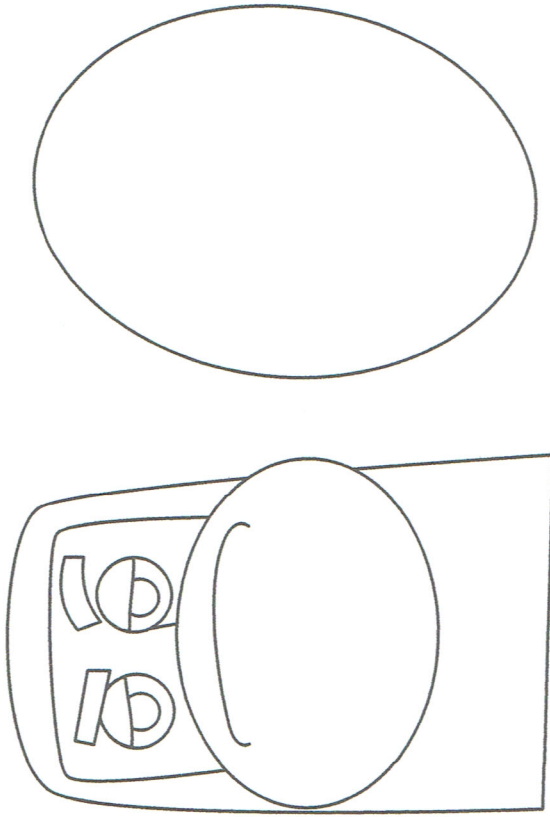
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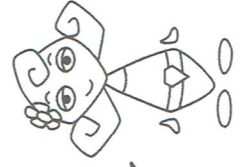


Reluctance means you don't want to do something.

What did it look like when Jonah didn't want to follow God? What do you look like when you don't want to do something? Color in the faces.



I'm not always excited to do my homework.



I don't always want to help my mom.

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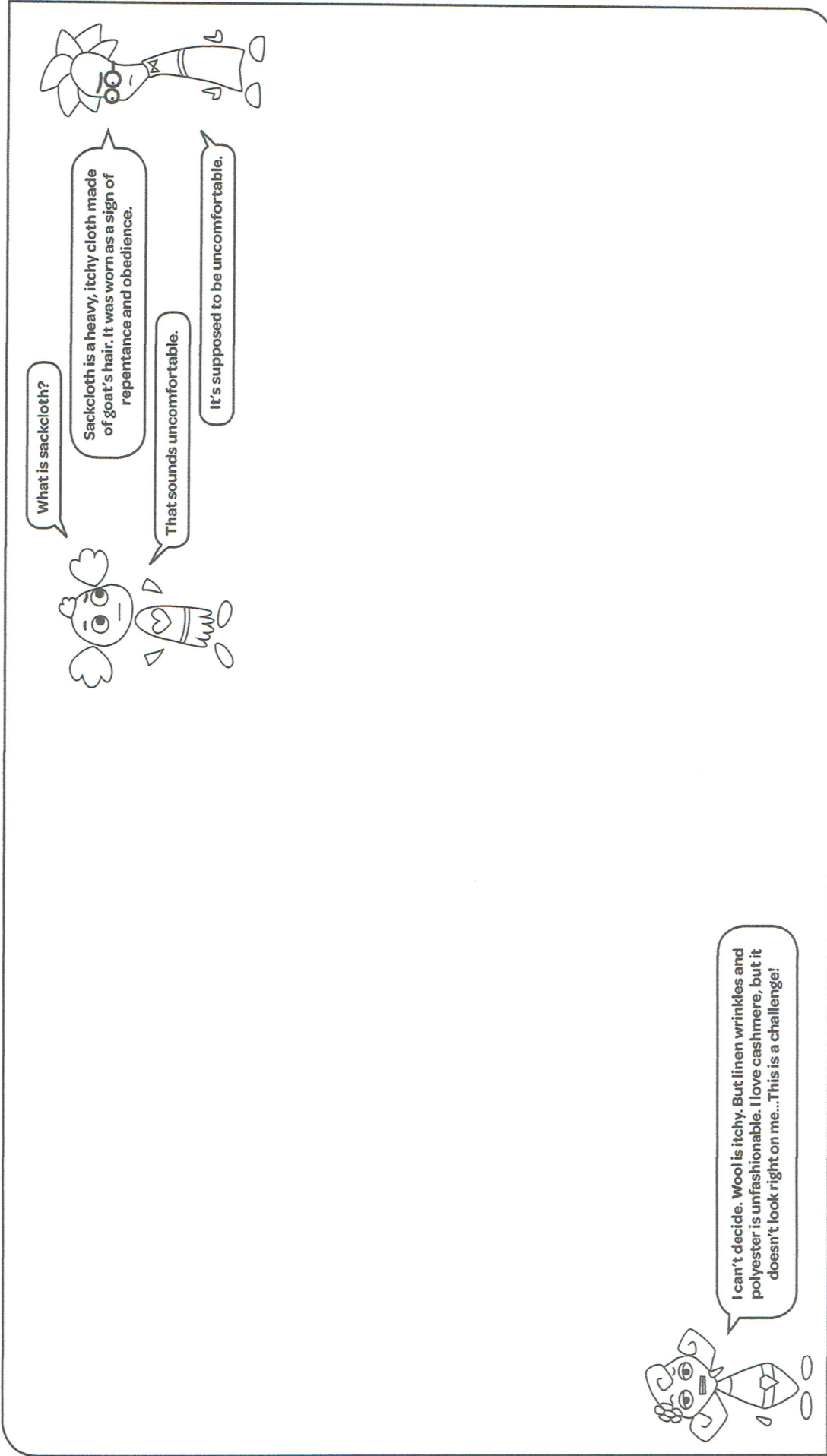
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God is calling us!

"And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth." Jonah 3:5

Draw your own repentance outfit—something that would make you uncomfortable. What would it be made of?



What is sackcloth?

Sackcloth is a heavy, itchy cloth made of goat's hair. It was worn as a sign of repentance and obedience.

That sounds uncomfortable.

It's supposed to be uncomfortable.

I can't decide. Wool is itchy. But linen wrinkles and polyester is unfashionable. I love cashmere, but it doesn't look right on me...This is a challenge!

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