

Verse to Remember:

“God our Saviour wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of truth”
(Ti 1 2:4)

Background:

Jonah lived in Israel, more than 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. Nineveh was a major city in the country of Assyria, one of the great enemies of Israel at that time. The ruins of Nineveh now, can be seen in the country of Iraq.



Summary:

The people of Nineveh were very evil. God was prepared to destroy this city. He told Jonah to go and warn them. Jonah didn't think that they should be forgiven, so he decided to run away. He got on a boat and sailed to Tarshish, in the opposite direction. While Jonah was on the boat, a terrible storm came, that almost tipped the boat over. The crew members asked Jonah what they should do to make the sea calm down. Jonah knew the storm was his fault, so he told the men to throw him into the sea. When they did, the sea calmed. While Jonah was floating in the water, a large fish came and swallowed him. Jonah sat in the belly of the fish for three long days and nights. When Jonah finally decided that he would go to Nineveh, the fish spat him onto the shore. Jonah went to Nineveh and told the people about God. All of the people asked God to forgive them of their sins. God saw the repentance in their hearts and forgave them. He decided not to destroy the city.



Lessons to Learn:

- God loves all the people in the whole world, and wants everyone to be saved.
- We also, should love all the people of the world and teach them about the love and forgiveness of God.
- We should try to know and to do what god wants us to do.