

## Prepare

### OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

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**Memory Verse:** "For I can do everything through [Jesus] Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

### RESOURCES

- Game: A set of keys
- Illustration: A teddy bear (of a favourite toy).
- Connect Groups: Simple biscuits, water and The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones.
- Craft: The Week 3 template (printed on cardstock), texters/markers, scissors, long wooden peg per child and PVA glue/sticky tape.

### THIS WEEKS KEY POINT: LISTEN, OBEY, SAY SORRY STRAIGHT AWAY!

## Mat Time

### 1. WELCOME & GAME: PASS THE KEYS!

Have the kids form a circle with a child blindfolded in the middle. The kids then slowly pass keys between each other as quietly as possible. When the person in the middle thinks they know where the keys are they should yell 'freezel' and point in the direction of where they heard the sound. If they get it right, the person holding the keys is now 'in.' Play multiple rounds, allowing a few kids to have a try!

### 2. WORSHIP AND OUR BIG THREE RULES

- **Have praise and worship time with the kids**, if they haven't already with the adults at the start of church.
- **Go through our three big rules:** We are kind, we listen, we obey. Give examples & explain any reward system.

### 3. THIS WEEKS TOPIC & MEMORY VERSE

- **Share today's topic:** We are learning all about how we can as we follow Jesus, we can be extraordinary! **Today we're learning that we can listen, obey, say sorry straight away!**
- **Go through the memory verse with the kids:** Have the kids repeat it loudly, quietly, with fun actions - be creative!

### 4. VIDEO AND VIDEO FOLLOW-UP

Jonah did not listen and obey God when He asked him to go and speak with the people from Ninevah. Instead he ran away! But Jonah learnt that God's way is best and he soon said sorry. God asks us to do lots of things in the Bible.

- Should we obey God?
- Who knows best – do we know best, or does God know best?
- When we do the wrong thing, like not being very kind or caring, what should we do?

### 5. ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Show the kids a bear (or any toy), who is your favourite toy! Tell the kids how much you love to play with him. God asks us to do lots of good things, like share! Imagine if you came to my house and I was playing with my bear and you had nothing to play with, but I kept the bear to myself. How would you feel? God tells us we should love everybody and be kind. Is sharing a kind thing to do? If God says to be kind and sharing is kind, what should we do? That's right - obey God and share! And if I forget and I don't share straight away, what should I say to my friend to make it better? We should say sorry straight away!

## Small Groups

### 6. CONNECT GROUP STORY TIME

Give the kids a simple biscuit as you read Jonah's story in the Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones pp. 160-169. Then ask:

1. Did Jonah listen to God when He asked him to go to Nineveh the first time around?
2. What did Jonah do instead?
3. What should Jonah have done?
4. When Jonah was tossed into the sea, how did God save him?
5. What did Jonah say to God when he was in the whale and realised, he did the wrong thing?

Pray together that God would help us to listen, obey, and say sorry straight away, even when we find these things hard to do!

### 7. CRAFT

Today we will be making Jonah and the whale to remind us that we should listen, obey and say sorry!

- Give the kids a peg, Jonah and the whale pre-cut from this week's template and colouring pens and pencils. Have them colour in the whale and give Jonah clothes, a face and some hands (leave room for this when you cut Jonah out)
- Next, have them cut along the grey line of the whale, cutting it in half. Stick the bottom half of the whale to the bottom arm of a peg and the top half, to the top arm of the peg. When you open and close the peg, the whale's mouth should open and shut. Finally, glue/tape Jonah to the bottom half of the mouth so that when the whale's mouth opens, Jonah is peeking out!

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### 1. WELCOME & GAME: THE SLEEPING SONG

In this game kids pretend to be sleeping as you sing the sleeping song; "sleeping, sleeping, all the kids were sleeping and when they woke up they were all..." Fill in the blank with various animals/objects for them to pretend to be. Once the kids have run their course acting like the animal/object, start the song again, with kids being asleep until the next thing is called.

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Have a Sketchpad, pencil and an eraser ready to go with a stick figure picture of yourself and your friend, with happy faces. Tell the kids that when we do the wrong thing, we can always say sorry. God always forgives us. Look at my picture of my friend and I – we look happy, don't we? But if my friend says something mean to me like 'I don't like you.' How will I feel? (rub out the happy face and draw a sad face). If my friend says sorry, how will I feel then? Forgiveness is just like this picture! We can rub out the sad face (rub it out) and replace it with a happy face (redraw the happy face). When we forgive others, we forget about how they hurt us and we choose to be happy. When we say sorry to God, does he forgive us too?

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- Have them colour in the whale with markers/texters. Then have them colour in Jonah and the sun too.
- Next, have the kids draw some fish in the sea, or give them fish stickers to stick onto their craft.
- Finally, give the kids small squares of blue cellophane. Have them glue them down to be the sea. Label their crafts.