Info and Slides for Jonah 1-2
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Title: *THE FIN-TASTIC TALE OF JONAH*
Passage: Jonah 1-2
Outline:
Main Point: It's always a good idea to do what our sovereign God commands us to do. There are two reasons it is a good idea.

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    b. He governed the crew (vv. 6-13)
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Application:
· Never mistake a change of behavior for a change of heart.
· Never equate gratitude for deliverance with repentance from sin.
· Always believe a storm is the prelude for a second chance.

Summary / Blurb: Jonah is most famous for being swallowed whole by a huge fish. As intriguing as this story (TRUE story!) is, especially for children, there are important lessons for us in these chapters. What might happen when we resist God's revealed will to us? Does God sometimes chastise (punish?) His people when they disobey Him? When we have been disobedient, what does true repentance look like?

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4 But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. **5** Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.

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b. He governed the crew (vv. 6-13)

6 So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish." **7** And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

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8 Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" **9** And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

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10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. **11** Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.

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12 He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." **13** Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.

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c. He calmed the sea (vv. 14-16)

14 Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." **15** So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. **16** Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

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d. He placed the fish (v. 17)

17 And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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a. What Jonah said (vv. 1-2)

1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, **2** saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

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b. What Jonah suffered (vv. 3-6)

3 For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. **4** Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'

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5 The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head **6** at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.

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c. What Jonah thought (vv. 7-9)

7 When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. **8** Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. **9** But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

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d What God did (v. 10)

10 And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

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