Lesson Plan

Jonah

THE SERIES: Standing Strong
THE POINT: God loves to forgive
BIBLE STORY: Jonah || Jonah 1–4
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that Jonah tried to run away from God.
- They will understand that God gave Jonah another chance.
- They will learn that God loves to forgive people when they turn to Him.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of Jonah is found in the book of Jonah. God told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and tell the people to turn away from their wrongdoing. Jonah did not want to go, so he tried to run away from God and travelled in the opposite direction. While Jonah was on a ship, a great storm came. The sailors became very afraid. Jonah told them that the storm was happening because he had disobeyed God. Jonah was thrown into the sea, and a big fish swallowed him. Jonah prayed to God from inside the fish, and God gave Jonah another chance. Jonah then went to Nineveh and told the people God's message. The people listened and turned back to God. God showed mercy to the people and forgave them.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

"But the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action." — Daniel 11:32b

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"You are good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you." — Psalm 86:5

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

The leader says the first part of the verse and the children repeat it with an action.

"You are good and forgiving,"
Children place their hands over their hearts.

"full of faithful love,"
Children stretch their arms wide.

"for all those who cry out to you."
Children cup their hands around their mouth like they are calling out.

Repeat the verse together several times with the actions.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

JONAH

START THE CONVERSATION

- Have you ever made a mistake and needed someone to forgive you?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- God asked Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah ran away. Have you ever done the wrong thing even though you knew what you were meant to do?
- When Jonah prayed to God from inside the fish, God gave him another chance. What does this show us about God?
- The people of Nineveh turned back to God and asked for forgiveness. What can we learn about God's love and forgiveness from this story?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

Jonah made a mistake and tried to run away from what God asked him to do. But when Jonah prayed and turned back to God, God gave him another chance. God also forgave the people of Nineveh when they turned away from their wrongdoing. Sometimes we make mistakes too. But when we talk to God and ask for forgiveness, God is loving and ready to forgive us.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

This weeks prayer example:

Dear God,

Thank You that You are loving and forgiving. Help us turn to You when we make mistakes and trust in Your love.

Amen

LESSON WRAP-UP

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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CRAFT

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Supplies Needed

- Jesus forgives craft
- Coloured band-aids
- Colouring resources

STEPS

- Colour or water paint the craft
- Repair the heart with coloured band-aids

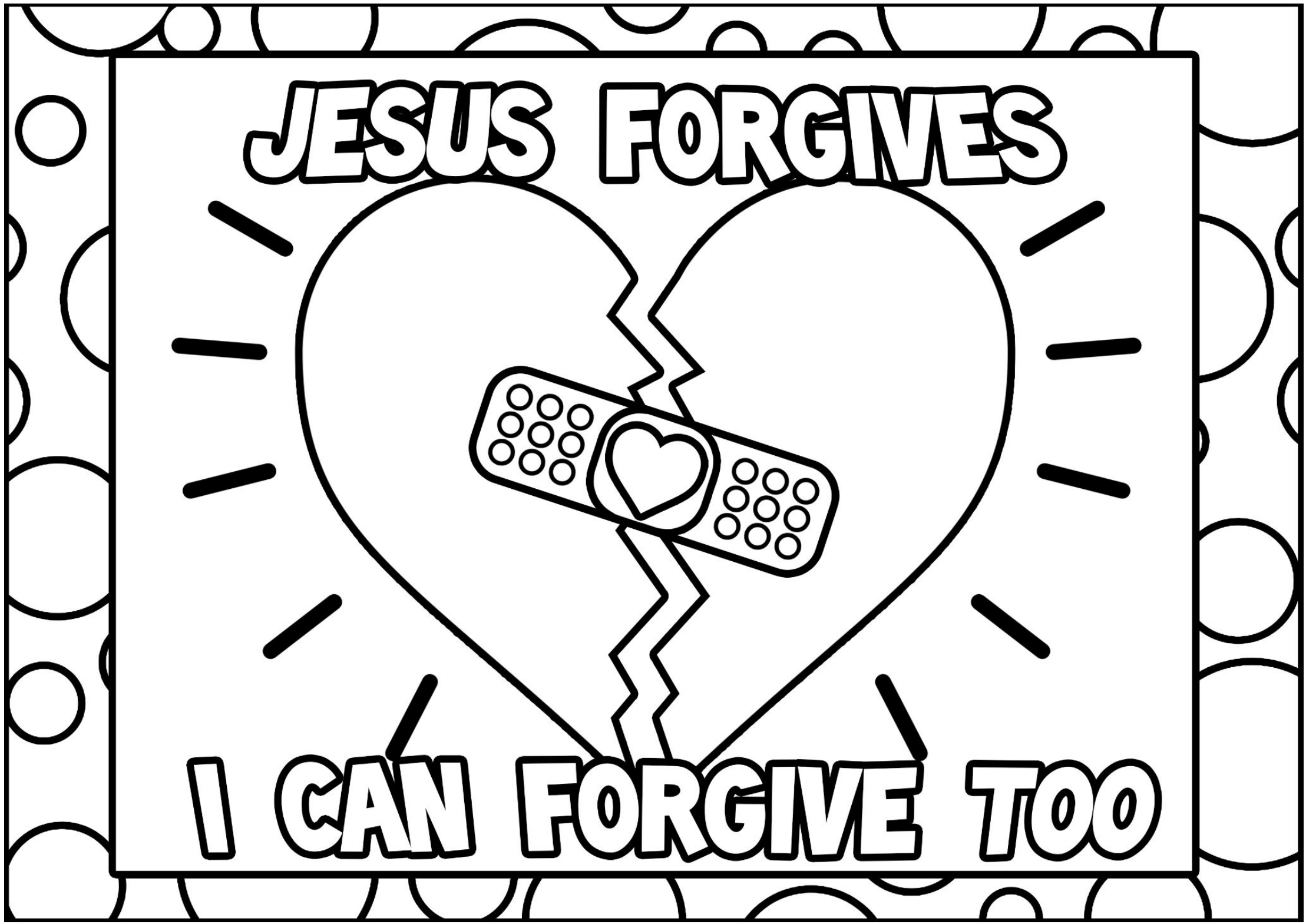
SEND IT TO THE LINK CREW

- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

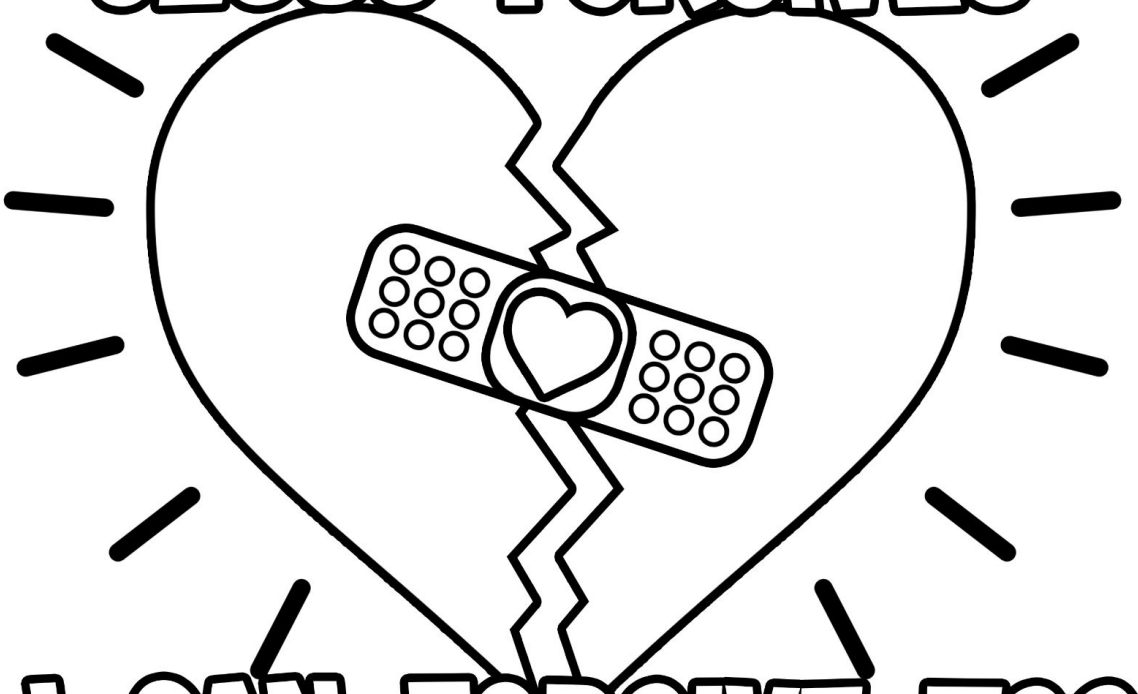




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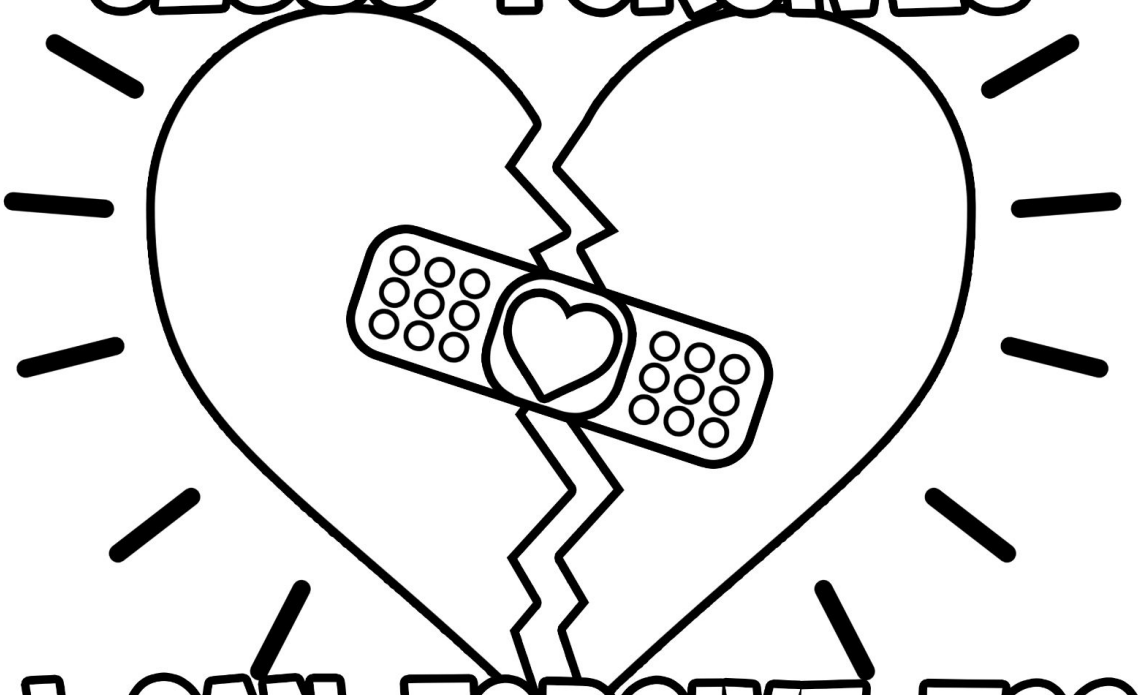

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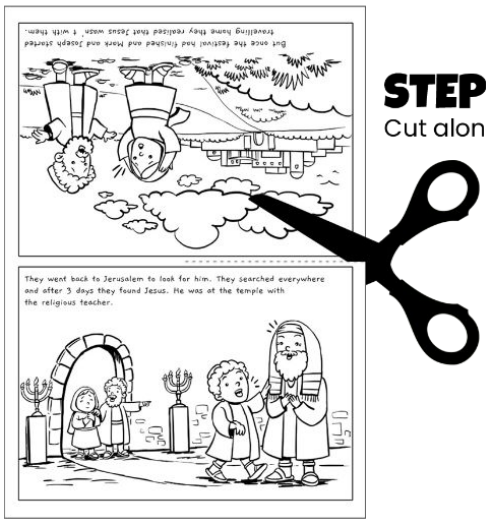
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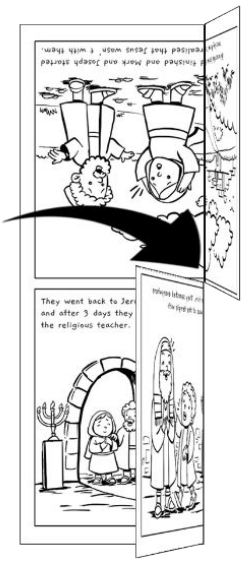
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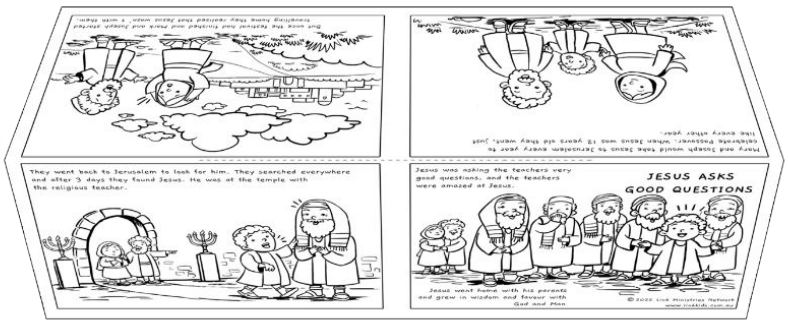
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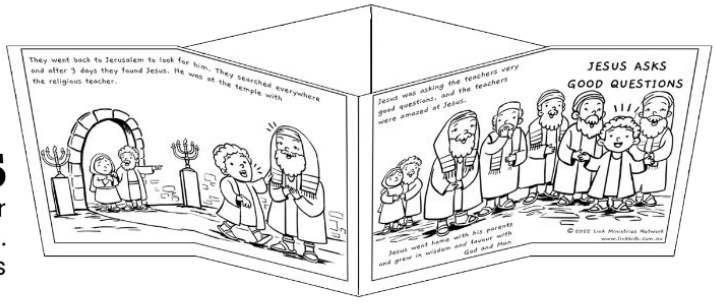
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STEP 4

Open page, then fold along the long edge



STEP 5

Push the short edges towards each other allowing the centre cut to open like a diamong. Continue unil the diamond becomes pages

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JONAH AND THE BIG FISH

Jonah went to Nineveh and told the people God's message. The people listened and turned back to God.

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God told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh. God wanted Jonah to tell the people there to turn back to Him. But Jonah did not want to go. Instead, Jonah got on a boat and sailed the other way!

While Jonah was on the boat, a big storm came. The wind blew and the waves crashed. The sailors were very afraid. Jonah knew the storm had come because he had disobeyed God. Jonah told the sailers to throw him into the water.

God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah, and he stayed inside it for three days. Jonah knew he had run away from God, so he prayed. He told God he was sorry and asked for help. Then the fish spit Jonah out onto dry land.