Jonah Complains About God's Compassion

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Don't Be a Jonah

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BIBLE FOCUS (THE BASICS)

After the big fish spit him out, Jonah decided to obey God and go preach to the people at Nineveh. (About time!) The people of Nineveh repented, so God didn't destroy them. *That* made Jonah mad. So Jonah went and sat outside the city. It was really hot, so God made a vine grow up over Jonah to give him shade. *That* made Jonah happy. But the next morning, God sent a worm to eat the vine. So there Jonah sat, baking in the hot sun and wind. *That* made Jonah mad again. But God was trying to teach Jonah a lesson. God wanted Jonah to understand that God loves all people, not just the ones Jonah liked. God wants *everyone* to learn about him and follow him!

Bible Point: God wants us to love everyone.

Key Verse: "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

Daily Challenge

On the other side of this page, your child wrote the names of three people he or she would show God's love to, as well as things he or she might say about God. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on this commitment!

Thank-You Notes

Gather everyone in the family. Set out construction paper, pens, and colorful markers. Ask each family member to think about a person or people who have shown God's love. Then have family members write thank-you notes to those people. Talk about how important it is to love people and discuss how your lives would be different if no one had shown you God's love. Then be sure to mail or deliver those thank yous!

THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY **Psalm 51:1**
What does this verse show you about God's love?

TUESDAY **Exodus 33:19**
What's a way we can show God's love?

WEDNESDAY **Ephesians 4:32**
What are ways to show God's compassion to others?

THURSDAY **Colossians 3:12**
How can you follow this verse during the coming week?

FRIDAY **Philemon 1:6**
How does showing love encourage others?

SATURDAY **1 Corinthians 13:8-10**
Why does love outlive other things?

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