

We Are One With God

Pre-K & K

Sunday, January 7, 2018



This Week's Theme: We celebrate our oneness with God and the Divine Presence within us.

Teacher Insights:

- We know God is always with us - and within us.
- There are many ways we can connect to God within us and around us.
- We are never alone because we are one with God and with one another.

Inspirational Writing:

God is wisdom and intelligence. All the wisdom and intelligence we see in the universe is God - is wisdom projected through a visible form. To educate (from *educere* - to lead forth) never means to force into from the outside, but always means to draw out from within something already existing there. God as infinite wisdom lies within every human being, only waiting to be led forth into manifestation.

- Emilie Cady, *Lessons in Truth*

Bible Verse: I cried out to God when I was in trouble and God answered me! - Jonah 2:2

Unity Principle #1: God is all Good and active in everything, everywhere.

Unity Principle #2: I am naturally good because God's Divinity is in me and in everyone.

Affirmations: I am one with God.

Pre-Activity: 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Younger Students: * "Jonah and the Whale" color sheets

Heart Agreements describe ways we show respect for one another. We agree to have:

* Gentle Hands * Open Hearts * Walking Feet * Listening ears * Kind Words

Sacred Circle 11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Invite children to share something that makes you feel happy today. After each child shares, encourage everyone to say, "(Child's Name), we see God in you!"

Centering Breath for prayer: Breathe deeply and place your hand on your heart. Feel God's joy in your heart. Breathe in all of the happiness around you, breathe out happiness to the world.

Affirmation (Say together): I am one with God.

Lesson Introduction: 11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Let's Sing: "If You're Happy and You Know It"

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands (clap clap)
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands (clap clap)
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. (clap clap)

If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet (stomp stomp)
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet (stomp stomp)
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. (stomp stomp)

If you're happy and you know it, shout "Hurray!" (hoo-ray!)
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If you're happy and you know it, do all three (clap-clap, stomp-stomp, hoo-ray!)
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Discussion:

- What makes you feel happy?
- What makes you feel unhappy?
- What can you do to feel happy again if you feel unhappy?

Today's Scripture Reading: Jonah & the Whale (Jonah 1-4)

God spoke to Jonah's heart and wanted him to tell people that they needed to be good and kind to one another. Jonah was unhappy. He did not want to listen to God, so he got on a ship to run away. There was a big storm in the sea. The people on the ship threw Jonah into the sea. The sea calmed, but a big whale swallowed Jonah. Three days later, the whale spit Jonah out. Jonah felt happy and thankful. He told everyone how much God love them. Like Jonah, we can choose to be happy and share happiness with others.



Read aloud *Jonah and a Big Fish*

(from *The Toddler's Bible*, pp. 216 - 219)

Discussion:

- Where is God?
- How can you see God in the world? (i.e.: nature, oceans, puppies, flowers, etc.)
- Where do you see God in others? (i.e.: happy smiles, friends, kindness, etc.)
- Where is God in you?
- How can you let your God-light shine?

Creative Expression: 11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Younger Children: "Star of God" Necklaces

Materials: * Paper stars * Paper snowflakes * Crayons
* Hole punch * Plastic straw "beads" * Yarn

1. Draw pictures of things that remind you of God on the paper stars and snowflakes.
2. Create a necklace by stringing the beads, stars, and snowflakes on yarn.
3. Invite children to wear the "Star of God" necklaces as a reminder of all of the places and people where they see God.



Closing Prayer/Circle: 11:50 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Thank you, God, for being everywhere and in everyone. Thank you for reminding me that I am very, very good!

Invite children to join you in the Prayer for Protection:

The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is and all is well!

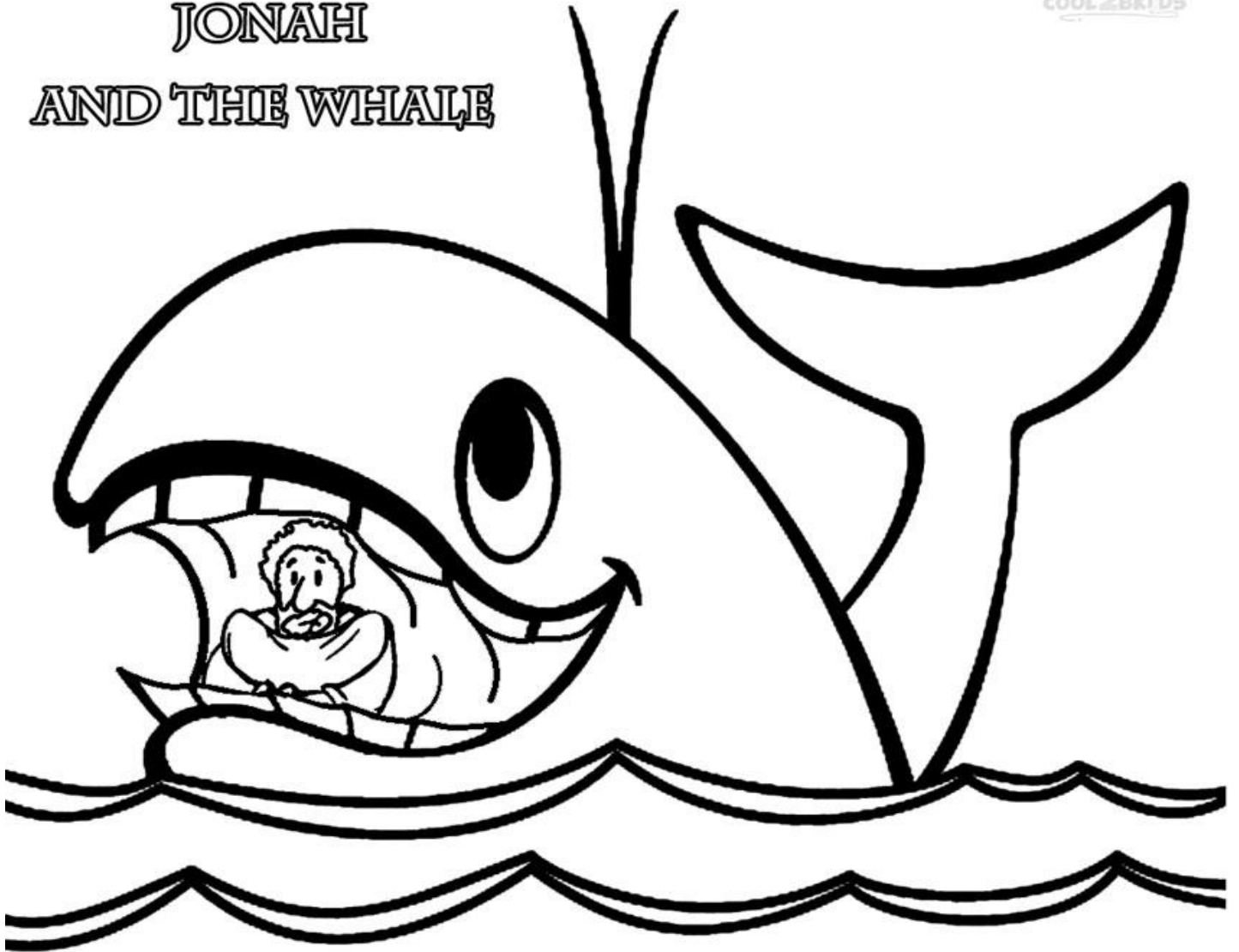
**Join everyone in the church for closing songs.
We will return to classrooms after the blessing.**

Teacher Reminders: Please HELP

- Encourage children to help tidy up the classroom.
- Remind parents and adults responsible for children to sign out before they take a child out the classroom.
- Return the teacher tub and all supplies to the Resource Room.

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answered me! - Jonah 2:2**