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love for us.

The Bible tells the story
of Jesus.

- He came to show us
God's love.

- God's people listen to
his story.



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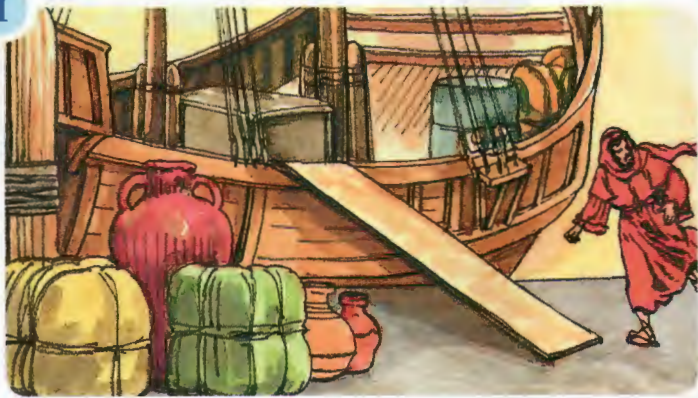
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things the Lord has done.

Based on Psalm 78:4



A Bible Story

1



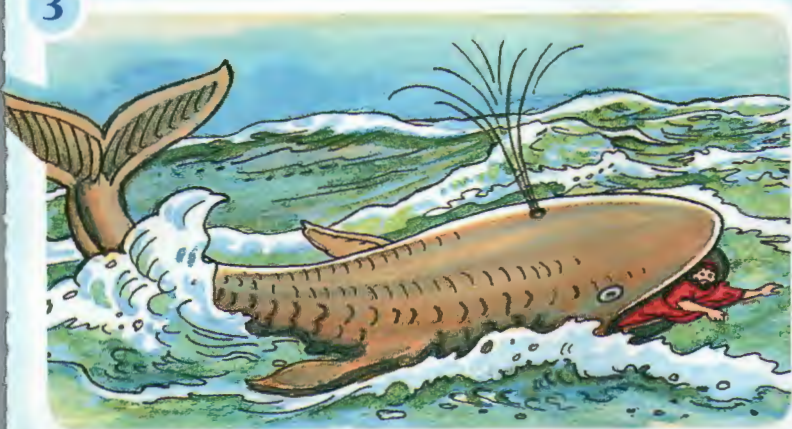
Jonah runs away from God.

2



A storm comes.

3



A whale swallows Jonah.

4



Jonah lands where God wants him.

5



He preaches and people listen.

6



God loves all people.

We will tell the wonderful things the Lord has done.

Based on Psalm 78:4

The Bible in Families

The Lesson Your Child Learned

God reveals himself to us whenever the Bible is read. When we listen or read with faith, we are led to understand God's action working in our lives—calling us to commit ourselves to him. The children learned that the Bible, which contains Jesus' story, is a holy book that tells about God's love for us. They also learned that God's people listen to readings from the Bible at Mass.



Living the Lesson

People love stories. We read them. We watch them in theaters and on television. We listen to them on the radio and on our iPods. We tell stories when we're gathered around water coolers, kitchen tables, and campfires. And we recall them when extended-family members get together. Our family stories often carry within them deep beliefs about who we are and what we value. The same is true with the Bible, which is a collection of stories and accounts of how God created us and acted throughout history to save us from bondage to sin. The Bible tells us who we are (God's own beloved children) and what we value (faithfulness, forgiveness, and generosity, to name a few). It tells us where we came from (the heart of God), where we are going (to live with God for all eternity), and how we will get there (by loving God and our fellow human beings and by following God's ways).

—Tom McGrath, author of *Raising Faith-Filled Kids* (Loyola Press)

Bringing the Lesson Home

- Encourage your child to tell you about what he or she has learned. Talk about the class activities, which included having the children tell about themselves. Read with your child the pages that were sent home.
- Together with your child, choose a place of honor in your home where you will keep your family Bible. Have your child place it reverently in the spot you choose. Invite your child to tell about God's message of love to us in the Bible.
- Begin reading short, appropriate sections of the Bible (or *A Child's Bible*) to your child. You might choose Mark 10:13–16, Jeremiah 31:3, and parts of Genesis 1.
- Use Psalm 78:4 as a prayer before reading from the Bible. Invite your child to teach you the gestures for this psalm, which the children prayed during this week.

