

**BIBLE STORY:**

Jonah  
Jonah 1-3

**WHAT'S NEXT!**

Today – Mystery Manor continues! A series to discover the answers to questions about God!

Let parents know the take-home page each week is a family resource that goes along with the message they heard this morning in their worship service.

**WELCOME** kids to class! Ask them how they're doing and listen to what they share!

**SCHEDULE:**K – 2nd

10:00  
9:45-10:30 Small Group  
10:30 Travel to Room 111  
10:35-10:55 Worship  
10:58-11:05 Prayer & Wrap-Up

11:30 (note change in worship time)  
11:15-11:38 Welcome  
11:38 Travel to Room 111  
11:40-12:00 Worship  
12:05-12:35 Small Group,  
Prayer & Wrap-Up

3rd - Surge

10:00  
9:45-10:08 Welcome  
10:08 Travel to Room 111  
10:10-10:30 Worship  
10:35-11:05 Small Group,  
Prayer & Wrap-Up

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11:15-11:38 Welcome  
11:38 Travel to Room 111  
11:40-12:00 Worship  
12:05-12:35 Small Group,  
Prayer & Wrap-Up

**NOTE:** Today kids will write out their own Prayer Pals Card during the Secret Place activity instead of using the regular Prayer Pals papers.

**GET STARTED****SUPPLIES:**

- Paper to draw on, drawing and coloring utensils

**WHAT TO DO:**

- As kids arrive, give them a piece of paper and set out the drawing and coloring utensils.
- Ask kids to think about a bad day they have had and invite them to draw a picture about it. Then on the back of their paper, have them draw about how they would talk to God about it.
- After everyone has had a chance to draw, invite volunteers to share their pictures with the group.

**DISCUSS:**

- Does everyone have a really bad day sometimes?
- When bad things happen, it can be very upsetting and even confusing. Does God know when we have had a bad day? Do you think it would help you to talk to God about it? Today we are going to learn the answer to this question:

**Is God really in control when bad things happen?**

**BIBLE STORY****SUPPLIES:**

- **Bible Story Pages**, Bible turned to the book of Jonah



### MEMORY VERSE:

But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him. Hebrews 11:6

### WHAT TO DO:

- Give out Goldfish snacks and read the Bible Story Pages.

### ASK:

- What did God tell Jonah to do? (Go to Ninevah and tell them about God because they weren't following God.)
- What did Jonah do? (He disobeyed God and tried to run away from God.)
- What happened to Jonah and to those on the boat they were all on? (a huge storm came that almost made the ship break)
- What happened to Jonah in the middle of the storm? (the sailors threw him into the sea to save them and their ship; a fish swallowed Jonah)
- Was God in control of sending the storm and the fish that swallowed Jonah? (yes)
- What did Jonah do while he was in the belly of the fish? (he prayed to God!)
- What good came out of the bad things that happened to Jonah? (Jonah realized he needed to obey God & do what he promised he would do; when Jonah obeyed God, all of the people in the city of Ninevah repented and started following God)
- Jonah was in the belly of the fish for how long? (3 days)
- Listen to these words from the Bible that Jonah prayed to God:
 

*From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said, "When I was in trouble, I called out to the Lord. And he answered me. When I was deep in the place of the dead, I called out for help. And you listened to my cry..... My prayer rose up to you. It reached you in your holy temple in heaven. Jonah 2:1-2, 7b*
- God heard Jonah's prayer even from the belly of a fish! Jonah knew he could talk to God anytime and in any place. He also knew what we need to know today:

**No matter what happens, God is in control!**

### PRAY:

Heavenly Father, sometimes it's hard to understand why bad things happen. Help us to always trust that you are in control and that you hear us when we pray. Help us to know that because you love us so much, you want us to spend time with you. Amen!

## SECRET PLACE PRAYER PALS

### SUPPLIES:

- Sheet, [Secret Place Prayer Pals cards](#), markers

### WHAT TO DO:

- Using the sheet, create a "secret place" in the room by taping it to the wall in a corner or draping it over some chairs to create a "fort."
- Place the Secret Place Prayer Pals cards and the markers in your "secret place" in your room. Invite kids one at a time to go into the "secret place" and put their name on one of the cards then bring it to you. Continue until everyone has written their name on a card. Give cards to kids as they are dismissed.

### DISCUSS:

- This week when you pray for your prayer pal, remember that God hears us when we pray and He loves for us to spend time with Him. Ask, "How can you spend special time with God?"



## GOD IS IN CONTROL BINGO

### SUPPLIES:

- **Character Cards, Bingo Cards**, Bingo markers

### WHAT TO DO:

- Give each child a Bingo Card and set out the bingo markers on each table
- Play Bingo by reading a Character Card, front & back, and have kids mark ONE of that person on their Bingo Card. (there are more than one of each character on the Bingo Cards.
- Continue until someone has five in a row on their card.

## MEMORY VERSE (with motions)

Introduce the memory verse for this series. Try it with the motions!

**But without faith** (cover eyes)

**no one** (shake head)

**can please God.** (point up)

**We must believe** (hand over heart)

**that God is real** (no head)

**and that He rewards everyone** (hands out in front)

**who searches for Him.** (point up)

Hebrews 11:6

## PRAY

### WHAT TO DO:

- Share prayer requests and pray. You can write prayer requests on the chalkboard or bulletin board (K) along with praises.
- Write kids' first names on a Prayer Pals paper to take home the name of someone in their class to pray for during the week.

### PRAYER PALS

As kids arrive, write each child's name on a Prayer Pals slip to give to children as they are dismissed.

### HARBOR BUCKS

The Harbor Bank is open every Sunday for kids to redeem their Harbor Bucks.

Leaders - you may give out Harbor Bucks to kids who

1. Bring their Bible
2. Bring a friend or for first-time friends
3. Say the memory verse
4. Show helpfulness