

Growth Group Questions

Jonah Part 1: Runaway Prophet

1. Read Jonah chapter 1. In what ways is Jonah's story similar to Jesus' story? In what ways is it different?

2. In what ways is Jonah's story similar to your story?

3. What are some of God's qualities, characteristics, or attributes that are highlighted in this first chapter that make you want to fall down and worship him?

4. The LORD sent a storm to bring Jonah to repentance. Compare this to Hebrews 12:4-13. Discuss with your group what this means for you and your relationship with God.

5. Read vs. 9. Based on the rest of the book of Jonah we know that Jonah took more pride in being a Hebrew than he did in being a follower of the LORD. How did that prevent him from loving his neighbors and his enemies?
 - Self-reflect: do you ever find yourself elevating your patriotism, political affiliation, or church denomination above your status as a Child of God? If so, how do you think it affects how you treat others who are different than you?



Car Conversations

Keep the conversation with your kids going using these questions based on the Faith Kids' lesson.

(The following questions are based on Jonah 1)

1. Do you like running? Why or why not? What's the farthest distance you have ever run?
2. Why did Jonah run away from God?
3. How did others suffer because of Jonah's disobedience?
4. Have you ever done the opposite of what you knew God wanted you to do? How do you think God felt about you while you disobeyed?
5. Read Romans 5:8. What does this verse tell you about how God felt about you?
6. What actions or attitudes do you need the Spirit's help to change so that others can see Jesus more clearly in your life? Pray together asking for the Spirit to change you.