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Kingdom Life Lesson 25:

Jonah and the Big Fish

Today's Story:

Today we are learning about spreading God's Kingdom.

This story is about Jonah, who was a prophet in Old Testament times. God called Jonah to warn the people of Nineveh (in a far-away country) that he was going to destroy the city because of their sin and evil. Jonah said "no" to God and tried to run away, but God used a storm and a big fish to bring Jonah to Nineveh after all.

Jonah finally gave God's message to the people of Nineveh. The people repented, and God had mercy on them and did not destroy the city. But Jonah was angry with God for saving Nineveh. Jonah didn't care about the people there. He only cared about himself and his own people.

God always cared about **all** the nations of the world, and he wants us to care about them too. Jesus wants us to be like him and say "yes" to God. God is calling us to spread his Kingdom by sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

Jesus has promised to always be with us through his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us power to tell others the good news about Jesus and what it means to follow him.

Our memory verse today is the last commandment Jesus gave his disciples before he went up to Heaven to be with the Father. This commandment is called "The Great Commission":

Bible Memory Verse: *Jesus said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you." Matthew 28: 18-20 NIRV*

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