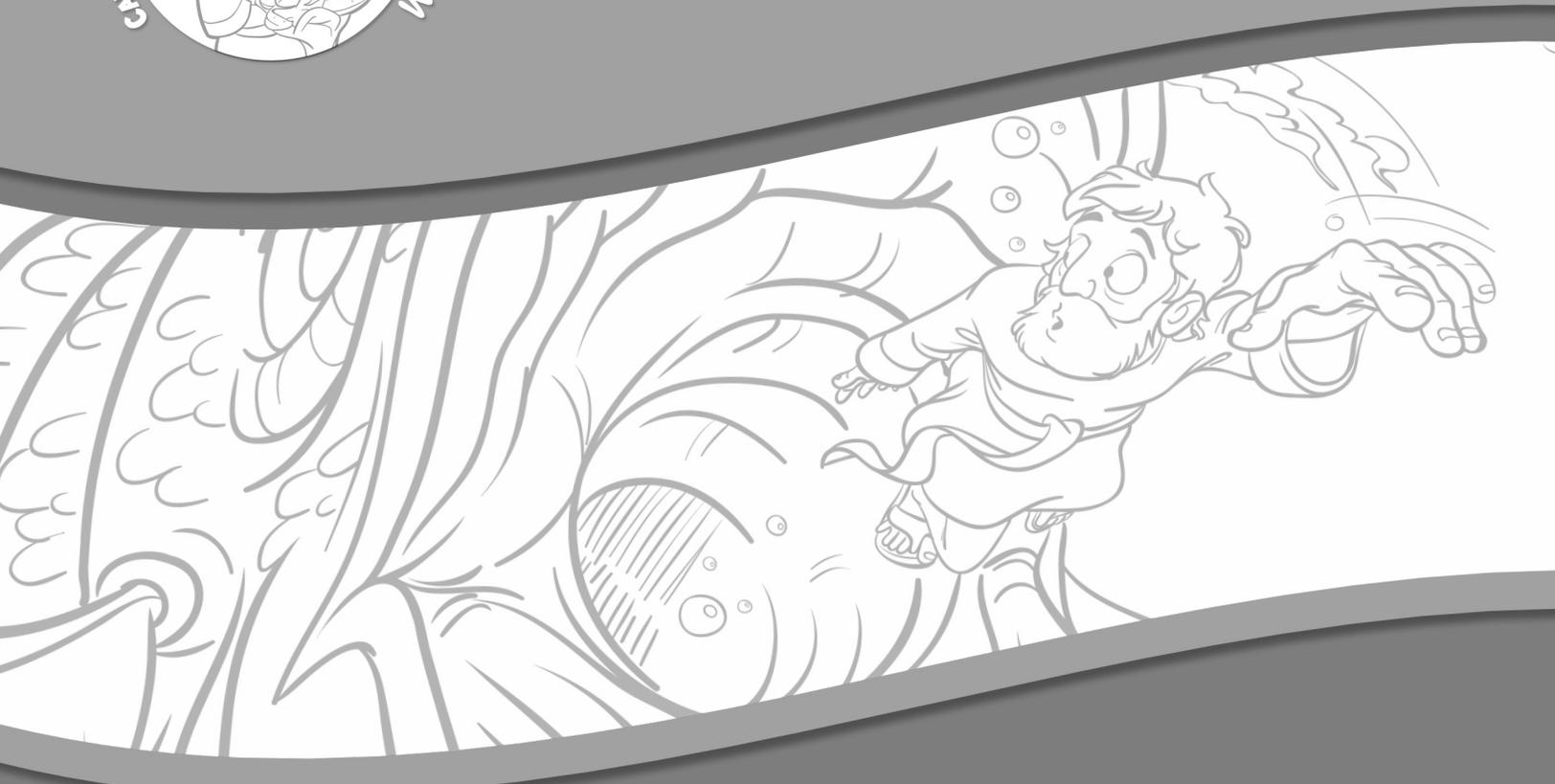




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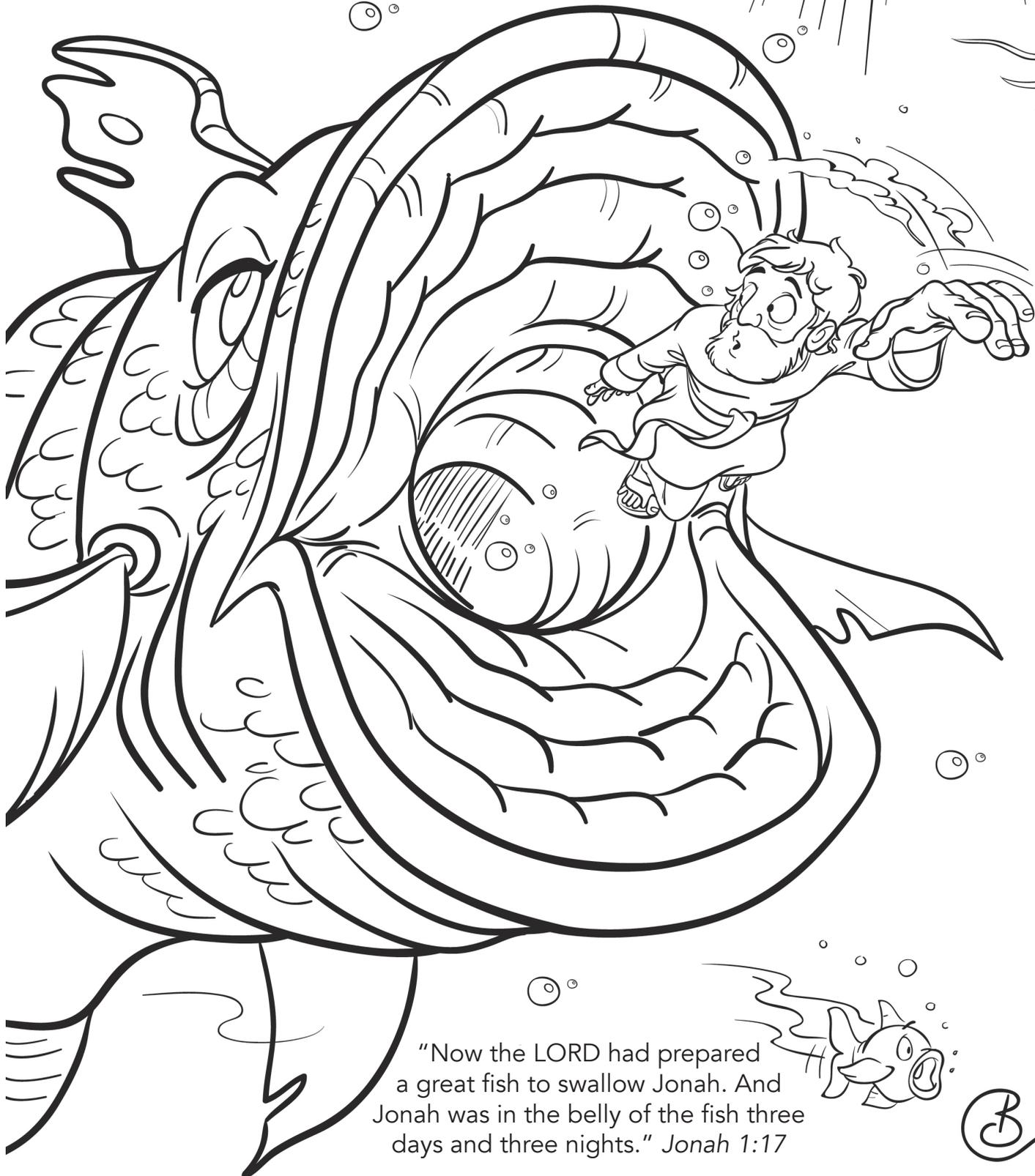
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UNDERSTANDING THE STORY:

God spoke to Jonah and told him to go to a city called Nineveh and preach to the people.

- Was Nineveh a small or large city? Did the people living there do what was right or what was wrong?
- What did God want Jonah to tell the people in Nineveh?

God had something that He wanted Jonah to do.

- Did Jonah get up right away and do what God told him to do? What did Jonah do instead?
- God loved the people in Nineveh, but whom did Jonah care the most about?
- Do you think that Jonah would be able to escape/run away from God? Where is God?

Jonah tried to run away from what God told him to do.

- When Jonah got into the boat, where was he trying to go?
- God sent something to blow on the water and make big waves. What did God send?
- What did Jonah tell the sailors to do, so that the storm would stop?
- The sailors didn't want to throw Jonah into the water, so they tried rowing harder. Can you pretend you're in a storm, trying to row the boat back to land?
- Rowing harder didn't help them. What did the sailors do to Jonah?

God still had something that He wanted Jonah to do.

- When Jonah was thrown into the water, what did God send to keep Jonah alive?
- How long was Jonah inside the fish? Did Jonah pray to God?
- What did God tell the great fish to do? Did the fish obey God?
- God spoke to Jonah again. Do you think Jonah obeyed God this time?

SIMPLE TRUTHS:

God spoke to Jonah and told him that He had a job for him to do.

- Does God ever speak to people today? How does God talk to us? (In the Bible, in our hearts, etc.)
- Does God love and care about the people alive today? Does God want people to know Him and have their sins forgiven? Do you think that God might want you to tell people about God's love for them?

Sometimes God gives us special jobs to do. We should be excited to obey God because He knows best!

- Should we obey God when He tells us to do something? Is it ever a good idea to not obey God?
- Jonah could not really run away from God, but when Jonah disobeyed God, it was like his heart was getting far, far away from God. That's what happens when we do not obey Jesus.
- Let's pray and ask God to help us obey Him. That way, our hearts won't be far away from Him.
- Remember, Jesus died for us so that we could know God and have our sins forgiven and be friends with Him! He is so wonderful!

AND REMEMBER...

We should always obey God!

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KEY WORDS FROM BIBLE STORY

Jonah

Ship

Sea

Fish

God

Prayed

FIND THE **KEY WORDS** IN THE **WORDSEARCH**. THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH KEY WORD IS **BOLDED** IN WORDSEARCH.

P M I A M J B F
R Y Y L F Z C I
A G O D J V M S
Y W B M Z I Q H
E G L J O N A H
D G Y B S J T B
S E A J S H I P
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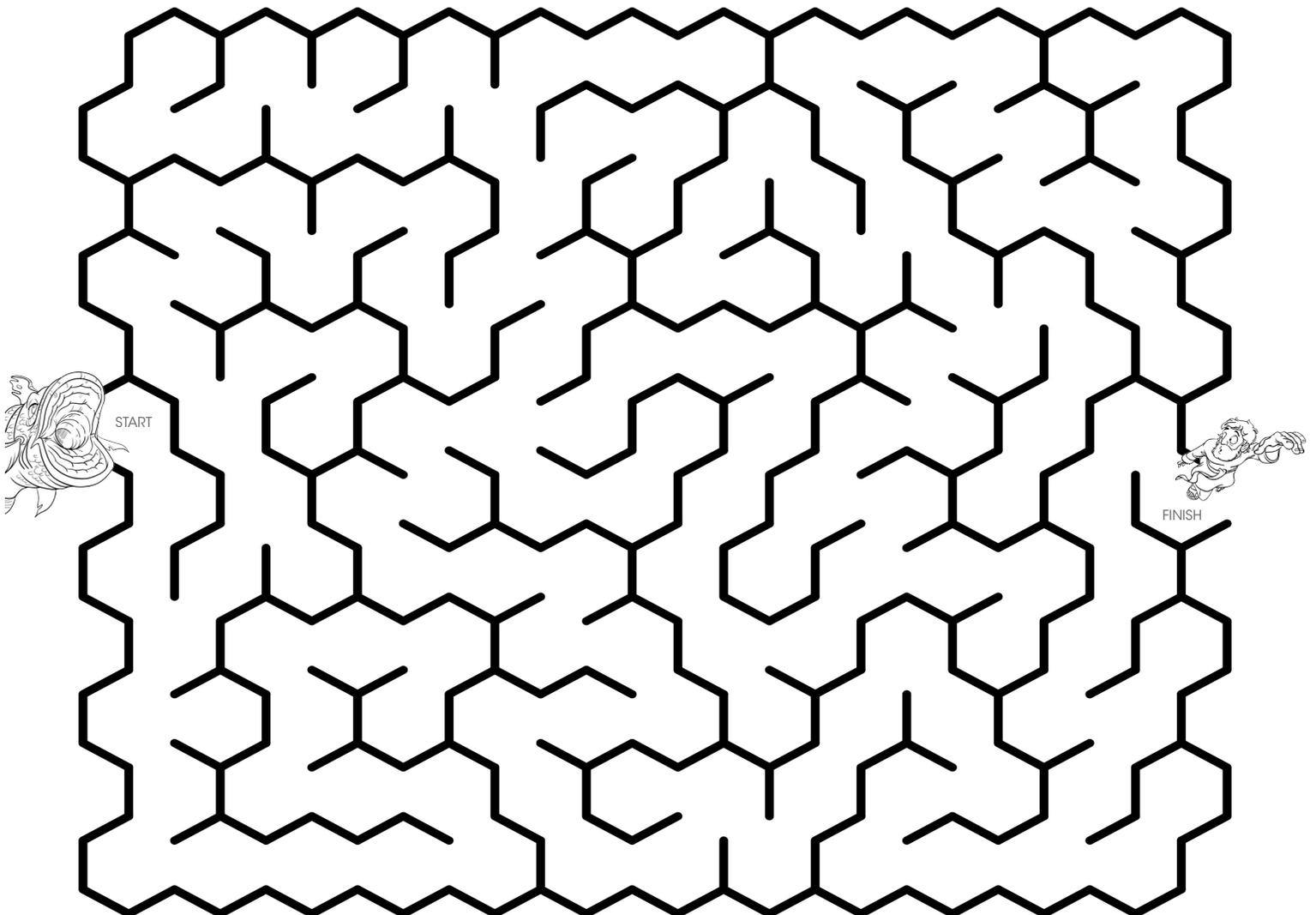
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FILL IN THE BLANKS

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ORIGINAL



10 CHANGES



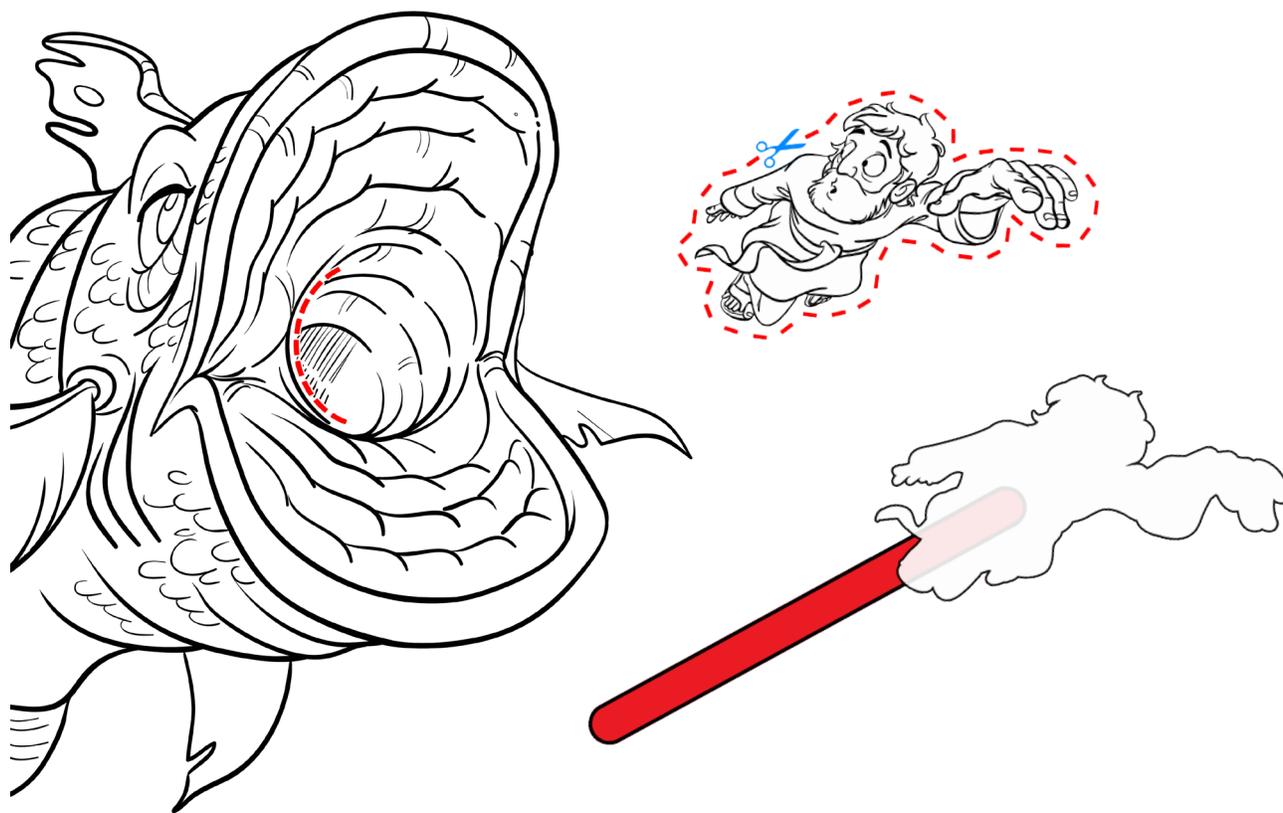
JONAH AND THE GREAT FISH THE CRAFT

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Scissors
- Utility Knife Box Cutter
- Tape **OR** Glue
- Wooden Craft Sticks (Popsicle Sticks) **OR** Pipe Cleaners
- 32lb (or heavier) Paper **OR** Cardstock Paper

BEFORE CLASS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. After making your copies onto a heavyweight paper OR cardstock paper, use a box cutter to cut along the red dotted lines that are inside the fish's mouth. *(These dotted lines will not be on the main craft sheet, they are only on this instruction page, but it will be easy to see where to cut.)*
2. After making this cut, fold back slightly for a better opening.
3. After making your copies, use scissors to cut out Jonah figure.

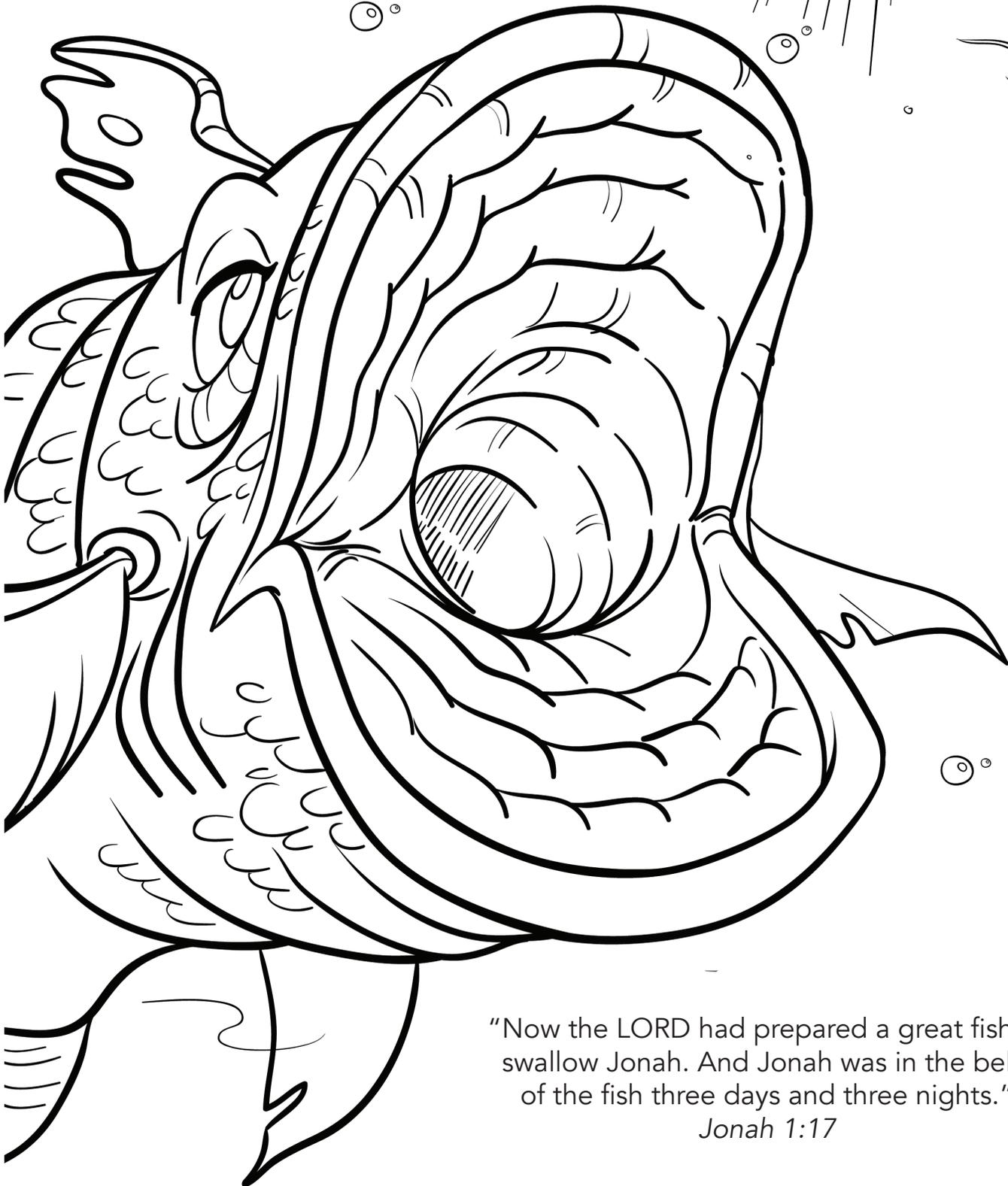


DURING CLASS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. During class, help children tape or glue Jonah to a wooden craft sticks (popsicle sticks) OR a pipe cleaner.
2. Children will be able to put "popsicle stick Jonah" through opening, pretending that Jonah is being swallowed by a fish.

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