



### **Say the point and Bible Verse together**

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

### **Choose a few review questions to ask after watching the video**

#### **Preschool**

- What did God tell Jonah to do? (Go to Nineveh. Tell the people there to stop doing wrong things.)
- Who sent the big fish to swallow Jonah? (God)
- What did Jonah shout when he finally went to Nineveh? (In 40 days, God will destroy Nineveh!)
- What happened to the plant God sent to shade Jonah from the sun? (God sent a worm. The worm ate the plant, and the plant died.)

#### **Elementary**

- What did Jonah do instead of obeying God? (Jonah boarded a boat to Tarshish, Jonah 1:3)
- What did God do to stop Jonah? (sent a great storm and a fish to swallow Jonah when he'd been thrown overboard; Jonah 1:4,15-17)
- At the end of the story, why was Jonah angry? (God showed mercy to Nineveh, Jonah 4:2)
- Why does God want us to show mercy to other people? Help kids understand that God's mercy to sinners is great. He sent Jesus to take the punishment we deserve, providing the way for us to be shown mercy. Showing mercy to others provides opportunities to help others see what God is like.
- Is it wrong to hope God will punish evil? Guide kids to understand that it is good to hate evil, but we must still love people who do evil things. One day, God will punish evil and fix everything broken. We look forward to that day, while rejoicing that God has given us more time to share the gospel and see sinners repent and be saved.
- Whom can you show mercy and love to this week? Help kids think about people they know who need to experience God's mercy and love. Help the kids consider what it looks like to exemplify Jesus' mercy. Encourage kids to share the gospel with their friends and loved ones.

### **Complete Activity page attached if desired**

### **Pray together**

Lord, thank You for loving us even while we are dead in sin. Help us see Your love and be transformed by it each day. Give us courage and compassion for the lost. Fill us with Your Spirit so we can obey You out of love. Amen.

### **Christ Connection**

God loves all people and showed mercy to the Ninevites. There is no greater example of mercy than Jesus' choice to take the punishment we deserve so that we could experience forgiveness of sin. When we show mercy, it points to Jesus' perfect mercy.