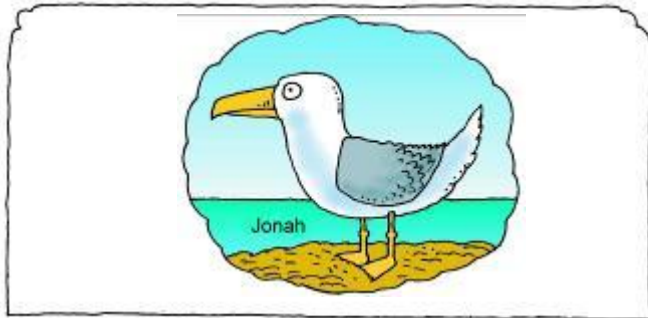


JONAH tries to run away

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God had a job for Jonah to do.
But Jonah didn't want to go.
He tried to run away from God,
but God is everywhere.



God told Jonah to go to Nineveh
and tell everyone to stop doing bad things.
Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh.
He tried to run away from God.



A big storm began to rock the boat.
The sailors were scared.
Jonah knew that God had sent the storm.
He told the sailors to throw him into the sea.



Jonah got into a boat
to go far across the sea,
where God couldn't find him.
But God is everywhere!



But God sent a big fish.
It opened its mouth wide
and swallowed up Jonah!
It wasn't nice inside the fish.



Jonah prayed.
He was sorry for running away from God
He promised to do what God
had said and go to Nineveh.



Thank you God
for saving me!
I will never try to
hide from you again.



Jonah told the people of Nineveh
how much God loved them.
The people were so glad
to hear about God!