

# BIBLE STORY SHEET

Wk 5 - Bible Story Sheet

READ the Bible story below, allowing kids to fill in their **Detective Notes Sheets** as directed.

*We're solving a mystery and using the Bible to answer some of the questions we have about God. As we read the story, we'll collect clues, so listen carefully!*

*There is a story in the book of the Bible called Jonah that shows us no matter what happens, God is in control!*

*One day, God told Jonah to go to a town called Nineveh where the people were doing a lot of bad things. The people in Nineveh needed to hear about God, but Jonah didn't do what God was telling him to do. Instead, Jonah got on a ship headed for another place that was 2,000 miles away from Nineveh! While he was on the boat trying to get as far away from Nineveh as he could, God sent a huge storm! (POINT to first magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes) In the first magnifying glass on your page, you can draw a ship in a storm. This is our first clue!*

*The men on the ship were so afraid! They didn't realize God was in control of the storm. But Jonah knew that the storm was happening because he had not obeyed God. Jonah told the men to throw him overboard so they would be safe from the storm. So, into the sea he went! All of a sudden, a big fish swallowed Jonah! (POINT to the second magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes) You can draw a big, huge fish in the second magnifying glass on your Detective Notes Sheet, because that is our second clue.*

*For three whole days, Jonah was in the inside the belly of that fish. But he wasn't alone! God was with Jonah, and God was in control! Jonah realized this and prayed for help. Then God made the fish spit him onto dry land! God told Jonah a second time that he needed to go to Nineveh. Do you think Jonah obeyed God this time? (Allow responses)*

*(POINT to the third magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes) Look at your last magnifying glass—it's a crowd of people! And this is our last clue. Draw faces on the people in the crowd while I tell you what happened. This time, Jonah obeyed and did what God said. Because of that, Jonah was able to help the people of Nineveh obey God, too!*

*(POINT to first magnifying glass) God sent the storm (POINT to second magnifying glass) and the big fish to get Jonah's attention, but the whole time, God was in control! (POINT to third magnifying glass) God was also in control when Jonah obeyed and when he didn't. These three clues from Jonah's story show us that no matter what happens in our lives, God is in control! Let's say what we've learned all together:*

*No Matter What Happens, God Is in Control*