Jonah Obeys God

Jonah 3:1-4

For three days and three nights, Jonah had been in the stomach of the big fish. Then – just like that! – he was on dry ground again! God had heard Jonah's prayer. God knew Jonah was ready to obey Him.

"Go to Nineveh," God said to Jonah a second time. "Preach the message that I will tell you."

The first time God ask Jonah to go to Nineveh, Jonah did not obey. Instead, he got on a ship going the opposite direction from Nineveh. God sent a great storm, and Jonah ended up in the water – and then in the stomach of the fish. This time Jonah was ready to obey!

Jonah knew that the people of Nineveh were sinful. He knew that God would punish the sinful people unless they turned to God. This time Jonah started walking in the right direction. He started to walk to Nineveh.

Jonah walked and walked. Jonah was doing what was right and good. He was obeying the Lord.

At last Jonah could see Nineveh off in the distance. He kept walking until he was right up in the city.

Everywhere Jonah went in the big city of Nineveh, he preached the message from God: "Turn to God from your sinful ways, or God will destroy you!"

God was pleased that Jonah was obeying Him. Jonah was doing "that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD."

Bible Verse to Learn

"And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD:" (Deuteronomy 6:18).