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	Theme and Aim	Passage	Key Verse	Main Points	New Testament link
<b>Day 1</b>	Theme: The creator God rules everything. Sin is trying not to live under his rule. Aim: Recognise God's complete rule over all and enjoy it, don't fight it.	Jonah 1:1-16	1:9	1. See God's rule over... a. Nineveh (v2) b. Storm (v4,15) c. <u>Everything</u> (v9) 2. Jonah sinned against God (v3) but the sailors obeyed God, when they saw his rule (16).	Jesus rules over everything because he is God. He did miracles to prove this.
<b>Day 2</b>	Theme: Only God rescues us from what we deserve Aim: Believe that only Jesus can rescue us from coming judgement	Jonah 1:17-2:10	2:9d	1. The Lord gave Jonah what he deserved (v3-6a) 2. Jonah prayed. 3. The Lord rescued Jonah (when no-one else could have) (v6b-10)	By dying on the cross and rising again, Jesus rescued us. Only Jesus' death can rescue us.
<b>Day 3</b>	Theme: God kindly offers us the chance to be forgiven and escape judgement Aim: Repent and trust God as our ruler	Jonah 3	3:10	1. Jonah explained coming judgement (v4) 2. The people said sorry and changed their ways (v5-9) 3. God forgave them (v10)	Jesus told people to repent. That was his message.
<b>Day 4</b>	Theme: God cares for sinners. Jonah didn't. Aim: Be astounded by God's limitless love.	Jonah 4	4:2b	1. The Lord cared for wicked sinners in Nineveh. 2. Jonah only cared for himself. →God welcomes <u>all</u> who repent	Jesus cared about sinners.
<b>Sunday</b>	Theme: God is the ruler and judge who cares. Aim: Be thankful for God's care in warning us of judgement. Listen to Jesus' message and repent.	Jonah 1-4 and Luke 11:29-32		We leave thankful for God's care and accepting his rule, aware of coming judgement.	

**Note on "New Testament link":** The talk, discussion and thrust of the day will be teaching the content of Jonah. There only needs to be a couple of sentences in the talk that refer us to Jesus and his relationship to the chapter. We want to make the most immediate link between the story of Jonah and Jesus, so sometimes we link God to Jesus and sometimes Jonah to Jesus. The aim of mentioning Jesus is to help the children understand the Gospel. Younger groups will not touch on Jesus in their discussion. Older groups may choose to make the links.



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