

LESSON 15

JONAH WHO TRIED TO RUN AWAY

Jonah 1,2,3

God told Jonah to go the wicked city of Nineveh and tell the people there to turn back to God. But instead, Jonah ran away and went onto a ship going to another city. While the ship was on the sea, God sent a storm which tossed the ship up and down on great big waves. The sailors were very scared, and threw some of the luggage into the sea to make the ship lighter.

They found Jonah asleep in the ship. The captain of the ship woke him up and told him to pray to his God. They found out that Jonah had caused the storm. Jonah told them to throw him into the sea. When they did this, straight away the sea became calm again.

God sent a great big fish which swallowed Jonah whole, and for three days and three nights, he was inside the fish praying to God. God made the fish sick, and Jonah was thrown out of the fish onto dry land. This time Jonah did go to Nineveh and turned the wicked people there back to God.

ACTIVITY

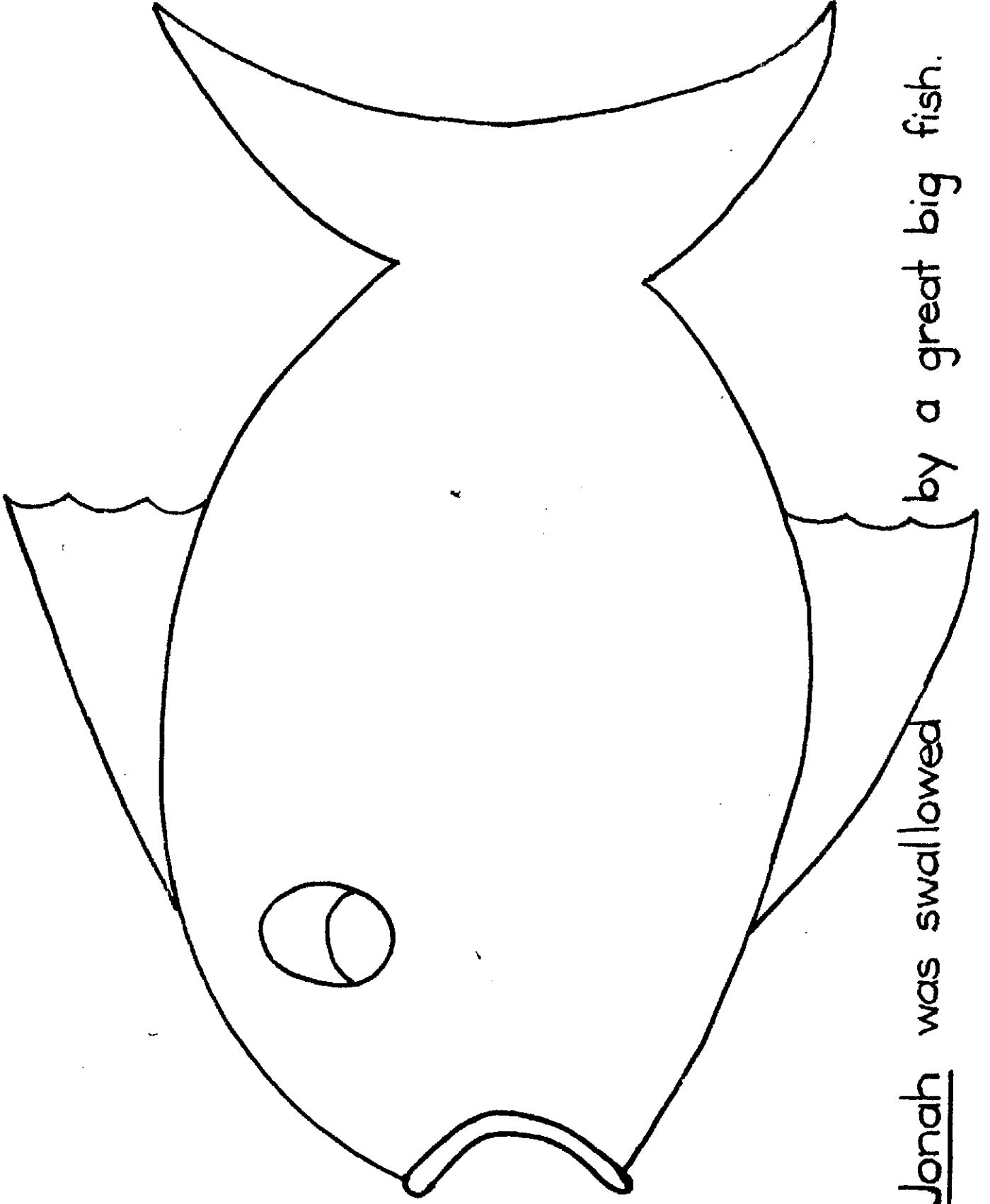
Decorate the fish with scale-like shapes made from foil, milk bottle tops, sequins, or glitter. Use toothpicks or straws to decorate the fish's fins and tail. Glue cellophane paper to fit over the fish outline, attaching only to the edges, leaving the mouth clear. Cut Jonah (praying) out of cardboard and insert in the mouth of the fish, to be seen through the cellophane.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a folded paper boat.

Make a fish mobile out of cardboard and decorate the fish as suggested above.

Cut out a large cardboard fish. Remove most of its centre and paste coloured cellophane to fill it in. Cut a small man (Jonah) out of cardboard and attach with cotton, to dangle behind the cellophane to give a shadow effect of Jonah inside the fish.



Jonah was swallowed by a great big fish.