

# Jonah & the Whale Brought to Life

## GOD GIVES SECOND CHANCES



*“Does God give second chances?”*

Yes, of course he does! In fact, there are many Bible stories that show this is true. This fun resource will help demonstrate how God did this in a very creative way with his prophet, Jonah!

**You can show your kids how God gave Jonah a second chance by bringing this Bible story to life** by creating your own belly of the whale and making a blubber glove. Your child will immerse their hand into a bucket of ice cold water, and discover that the blubber protects their hand from the cold, just like God protected Jonah from the sea by sending a great fish to swallow him!

**Get ready to use your imagination as you teach this lesson to your children in a fun and tangible way.** Have fun!

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## MATERIALS NEEDED:

### For the Belly of the Whale:

- Blankets, sheets, etc.
- Flash light
- Bible



### For 1 Blubber Glove:

- Crisco (6-7 heaping tbsp)
- 2 sandwich bags
- 1 ft. duct tape
- A tablespoon
- 1 rubber glove
- A bucket of ice water



*“For you cast me into the deep into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me, all your waves and your billows passed over me.”*

Jonah 2:3

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## **PREPARATION:**

- Spoon 6-7 heaping tablespoons of Crisco into one sandwich bag.
- Put your hand inside a second sandwich bag and then stick it into the first bag.
- Use duct tape to seal the “seams” between the two bags so that no Crisco comes out.
- Use your hands to soften and spread the Crisco around so it evenly coats the inside of the first bag. Make sure that the inner (second) bag is flat inside the outer (first bag).
- Prepare a bucket or large bowl with water and lots of ice cubes (it should be VERY cold).

## **INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDED CONVERSATION:**

Start by having your kids work together to make a large cave or tent out of sheets, blankets, pillows, etc. Make it large enough that you all can sit inside.

Then, say *“We’re going to read a Bible story inside this tent and pretend that it’s the belly of a whale! How cool is that? This story is about a man named Jonah who ran away from God and did the opposite of what God said. BUT, God put Jonah inside the belly of a whale to keep him safe from the cold water and give him a second chance.”*

Read the story of Jonah from your Bible or your child’s Bible.

## **INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDED CONVERSATION (continued):**

Ask, *“Where was Jonah thrown? How was he feeling?”*

Allow your child to respond, then say *“Jonah was thrown into cold water and he felt like he was drowning. But the whale scooped him up to keep him warm inside his belly.”*

Then, climb out of the whale and head into the kitchen where the blubber glove and ice water is waiting.

Say, *“This bucket of ice water represents the icy water Jonah was thrown into, and this thin rubber glove is the clothing he wore. Let’s see how well his clothes would have protected him in the cold water.”*

Give your child the thin rubber glove and have them dip their hand into the ice water for about a minute (or until they no longer want to have it in).

Say, *“God gave Jonah a second chance, and provided a whale to swallow him. How do you think that made him feel?”*

Allow your child to respond, then say *“Yes, the whale’s belly probably felt warm to Jonah!”*

Place the blubber glove in the water and have your child place a hand inside it.

## **INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDED CONVERSATION (continued):**

Ask, *“How is the blubber glove different from the rubber glove?”*

Say, *“The stuff in this glove is similar to the blubber a whale has. Because of this, the whale would have been able to survive in freezing water. Jonah would not have lasted more than a few hours in the freezing water.”*

Ask, *“How did God give Jonah a second chance? How does God give you second chances?”*

Allow time for lots of great answers, and, have fun!