

# Lesson 5

## Unwilling Prophet Jonah 1–3

### ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

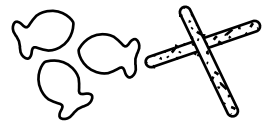
#### Jonah and Jesus

Jonah wanted to exclude the Ninevites from God’s gift of forgiveness. Jesus did the exact opposite. Challenge older children to find times in the Bible when Jesus shared His love with people whom others tried to exclude. Have children use their Bibles to look up passages like **Matthew 9:9–13**; **Matthew 19:13–15**; and **Luke 19:1–10**.



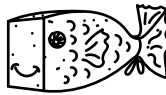
#### Jonah Snack

Serve stick pretzels and fish crackers. Talk about what they think Jonah might have done in the fish (Jonah 2 shows Jonah prayed, “I’m sorry, God.”) and how God used the fish to save Jonah. Make pretzel crosses. Say, **God saves us through Jesus**.



#### Paper Bag Fish Craft

On the bottom of a paper lunch bag, draw a smile. Draw eyes or glue on wiggle eyes. Color all sides of the bag. Decorate with sequins or stickers. Stuff the fish with newspaper. Use yarn to tie the bag shut between the body and tail (bag opening). Say, **God saved and forgave Jonah and the people of Nineveh. God saves and forgives us too, for Jesus’ sake**.



#### Help a Missionary

God wanted Jonah to go to Nineveh. Today, missionaries share the good news of God’s love with people around the world. Ask a church leader about missionaries your church supports, or explore the “Missions and Outreach” page at [LCMS.org](http://LCMS.org). Brainstorm ways to support missionaries.

