

Children's House Church - Bible Study (Week 11/12 ~ 18)

Title: Are you ok with God loving your enemies?

Bible Story: Jonah warned of God's judgment

Bible Passage: Jonah

Today's Bible Study Time

1. Read the Bible passage together.
 2. Share the summary story and discussion questions.
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[Bible Passage – Jonah 2:8 - 10]

8. “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.
 9. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’ ”
 10. And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.
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[Summary Point – God loves everyone]

- Are you ok with God loving your enemies? We might have some people whom we do not like. However, we should never forget that God loves everyone and God’s love is for everyone. Salvation is for everyone.
 - Salvation: The saving of human beings from sin and separation from God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
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[Summary Story]

God told the prophet Jonah, “Go to Nineveh. Tell them to stop doing evil things.” But Jonah did not want to go. So Jonah got on a boat heading the other way.

God sent a terrible storm. The sailors cast lots to figure out who caused this trouble. Jonah told them to throw him into the sea. God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

Jonah prayed and thanked God for sending the fish to save him. God told Jonah, “Go to Nineveh and preach My message.” So Jonah went. He walked into the city shouting God’s message: “In 40 days, Nineveh will be destroyed!” The people turned from their evil ways. Even the king repented.

God decided not to destroy Nineveh. Jonah was so mad.

“You are a gracious God. You show mercy to people. You are slow to anger, and You are loving. I knew You would decide to not destroy Nineveh.”

“Is it right for you to be angry?” God asked.

God said, “Nineveh is a big city with thousands of people. I created them and care about them.”

[Discussion Questions]

Q1. What does this story teach me about God?

Q3. Did Jonah deserve God’s grace and mercy? Why not?

Q4. Should we get angry when God is kind and forgiving to people we don’t like?

Q5. What should be our heart after studying the story of Jonah? What message does God have for us?

[Christ Connection]

God called Jonah to go to his enemies and call them to turn away from their sin, but Jonah refused. Instead, he ran away. Later, God sent Jesus to His enemies to call us to repentance. Jesus willingly obeyed. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin.