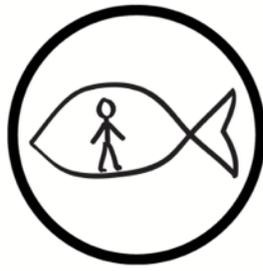


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When our Father asks us to do something, he is serious about the request. The Lord has created and crafted each of us for a purpose, and he has a destiny for each of us to fulfill. We can rebel and fight him all the way to the grave, but he is Lord of heaven and earth, and his will cannot be thwarted. When we encounter the prophet Jonah's story, we wonder what he was thinking when he ran away from God. Surely he knew only judgment and curses could come from avoiding God and disobeying his commands. The master icon captures this unforgettable moment when Jonah writes a song about repentance and deliverance from inside the belly of a great fish. The sun shining over the sailboat and sailors represents God's favor and blessing over their repentance and worship. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jonah writes a song of worship underwater inside a whale's stomach, a fragrant offering to the Lord that rises to his throne. This song foreshadows Jonah's ultimate obedience to go to the pagan city of Nineveh and preach God's message. The pre-incarnate Christ stands on the seashore gesturing towards Nineveh to symbolize the Lord's invitation for Jonah to share in his mercy and desire to forgive a city full of idol-worshipping pagans. The dragon roaring at the sun and curling around the city buildings represents the devil's control over the people and his plan to drag them all down to hell with him. The huge lock and chain represents a city full of people in bondage to the enemy's kingdom with no hope of freedom without God's prophet fulfilling his destiny to visit them and warn them of their impending doom. Let us run to the nations with this story of hope where the God of freedom for and deliverance of all mankind is on breathtaking display!

### Jonah's Whale Song story sketches:

Sketch #1: Fish & prophet - This picture is the story logo. This sketch illustrates what is distinct about this story from all others; a song-writing prophet inside a great fish.

Sketch #2: Boat & Jonah - This sketch illustrates the first part of the story where Jonah disobeys God's commands and runs away on a ship.

Sketch #3: Storm & waves - This sketch illustrates the second part of the story where the sailors throw Jonah into the sea, and God sends a great fish to rescue his prophet.

Sketch #4: Jonah & water song - This sketch illustrates the third part of the story where Jonah writes a worship song about God's salvation and deliverance.