

The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***The Book of Jonah*** by Peter Spier

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. Why did Jonah run away?
2. Why was Jonah so angry that God did not destroy Ninevah?
3. The people put on sack cloth and ashes to show they are sorry. What do you do?

Note: Historical notes in back of book provide interesting background material.

Words to Watch

babble, disobedience, unmistakable, hesitation, merciful

Jewish Concepts

1. Value of human life
2. Teshuva: repentance (admitting you are wrong and trying to change)

Beyond the Book

1. Find the story of Jonah in your High Holy Day prayer book. Why do you think we read this story on Yom Kippur?
2. If someone tells you to do something and you don't want to do it, what do you do? (Parents should share how they handle things they don't want to do.)
3. God gets Jonah to change his mind by the force of miracles. How do people convince each other to change their minds?
4. Do you ever change your mind about something that you promised to do?
5. Has your parent ever changed his/her mind about something he/she has promised to do?
6. God forgives. God wants Jonah to forgive. Talk about times that you have said, "I'm sorry."

Complementary Activities: Make your own drawing or painting of the Jonah story.

✓ ***Please check those activities completed.***