



### God's love and grace finds me everywhere!

We want our River Kids to understand that God is always close to them. We want our kids to know that God's love and grace is always with them even in times that feel dark or uncertain

## BIBLE STORY TEACHING

**Ask:** What stood out to you in today's retelling of the book of Jonah.

Read just Chapter 2 together if your kids will manage.

#### **Object lesson - MEGAPHONE**

Make some megaphones together (below). We use megaphones so that we can talk to people who are far away or in a place they won't be able to hear. **Ask**: When Jonah was stuck inside the fish do you think we could have talked to him from outside?

No! he would have been very squashed and not to mention underwater!

**Ask:** But how do you think God heard Jonah praying inside the fish?

God was always close to Jonah, even when he ran away. God is always so close to us and he hears us when we cry out to him

Even when we're experiencing sad or scary things and it feels like you're all alone, God is always with us and he can hear us when we talk to him. He is always SO CLOSE.



## YOUR FAMILY FUN GUIDE

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1. Watch the <u>River Kids video</u>

- 2. Retell the story in fun ways!
- 3. Land it with some sharing and prayer

#### SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday 14 Aug – I'm New Here (Peakhurst) Sunday 18 Sept – Encounter Morning (Peakhurst) Sunday 24 Sept – Encounter Morning (Chipping)

# PRAYER AND SHARING

#### **EMOJI BIBLE VERSE HUNT**

Place around the <u>room these emojis with the</u> <u>corresponding bible verse</u>. (for an extra challenge, hide them)

Spend some time praying and have the kids sit quietly for a minute to think about what emotions they might be feeling.

Have them look up the bible verse on the 2 emojis and copy them down on to paper they can put my their bed or stuck to the mirror.

God's love and grace will always find us no matter where we are or what we're feeling. God is always close to us.

