



NEW MERCIES

JONAH 4



*God's love for me is the same
love for everyone*

We want our River Kids to understand that God's love is the same for everyone. We want our river kids to understand that even when we don't feel we deserve it or when it seems someone else doesn't deserve it, God's love will ALWAYS cover us.

YOUR FAMILY FUN GUIDE



1. Watch the [River Kids video](#)
2. Retell the story in fun ways!
3. Land it with some sharing and prayer

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday 18 Sept - Encounter Morning (Peakhurst)
Sunday 24 Sept - Encounter Morning (Chipping)

BIBLE STORY TEACHING



RETELL STORY - MOVIE RECAP

Recap the story together by making a film!

Write out the characters and plan the story. Choose actors, prop people and a cameraman.

Film one of your pod's favourite scenes or the whole story! For an added challenge choose a special theme to film in from the list below, or put them in a hat to draw out as a surprise:

- Cowboy/Western
- Silent film/ mime
- School theme
- Spy movie
- Space theme

VEGEMITE AND HONEY

Eat some vegemite - Jonah was like this, bitter and angry. This is different to how God felt about the Ninevites. Eat some honey - God's love was sweet. How is your love to others?

PRAYER AND SHARING



LOVING LIKE JESUS - ACTIVATION

Have the kids sit comfortably or lay down with their eyes closed. You may want to play some quiet worship music to set the mood.

Run through the following activation and use the experience to share about helping extend Jesus' love to those in our lives:

Imagine yourself with Jesus.

Take note of Jesus with you. Where is he? Now Jesus is showing you how much He loves you. What does he do?

Can you now think of someone who you find hard to love. They appear where you are, and Jesus is so excited to see them. He loves them. What do you notice? Jesus gives them a gift.

What does it look like? What is its shape? How is it wrapped? What has Jesus given them?