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**CRAFT CLASS**

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## CRAFT "Jonah and the Special Fish"

AGE: 4-9

ESTIMATED LENGTH: 3 HOURS

### NEEDED MATERIALS:

- [whale template](#)
- 1 sheet blue felt
- small hole punch
- plastic needle
- yarn 5ft
- hot glue
- button
- polyester fiber fill (stuffing)

### INTRO AND CLASS SUMMARY:

1. Gather Students And Begin In Prayer.
2. Read And Discuss Quotes: Moral parable – Learning about the story of Jonah and the Special Fish.

### -SCRIPTURES:

JONAH 1:17

Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights

### -QUOTE: 60-0401E The Queen Of Sheba

Jesus had been referring back. The 41st verse of this same chapter, He'd spo--spoke about the days of Jonah and Nineveh. Many people... I like to speak just a moment before I get to my text, on Jonah.

So many people condemn that prophet. He should not be condemned. He--the--the steps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord. And He makes everything work just exactly right.

Now, I believe God had a purpose in sending Jonah to Tarshish instead of Nineveh. I believe that was God's purpose to confirm His Word to the Ninevites. Then when Jonah, on his road to Tarshish, a great storm came up, as we know, and he told the captain of the ship that he was in fault. And they tied his hands and feet, threw him over the--the ship sides into the water. The Scripture says that this great fish swallowed him.

I never forget, sometime ago, a man said to me (who knowed a lot about science, he said), said, "That story cannot be true, Brother Branham."

I said, "Why?"

He said, "The swallow of a whale isn't big enough to swallow a man."

I said, "But sir, you just don't read the Scriptures right. This is a special prepared fish. God fixed this one just right. God had a fish prepared for it. He enlarged his swallow so Jonah could get in. God can do whatever He wants to." The Bible said that God had a fish prepared for him and-- that could swallow him. He was a special one.

And then when the fish, prowling through the water, hunting something to eat... And when a fish has fed... If you'll feed your little goldfish, watch them, they'll go right down to the bottom of the bowl and rest their little swimmers on the bottom, after they have fed.

Then after, perhaps, this big fish had swallowed Jonah, and had went down then, to the bottom of the sea... I wouldn't know how many fathoms deep it would be out there from Nineveh, but could you imagine the condition this poor prophet being in?

You know, I think, if anybody had a right to claim symptoms, it would've been Jonah. You know. Look at him. We want to think he was backslid, though he wasn't. And he was on a stormy sea in the belly of a whale, hands and feet tied, seaweeds all around his head, in the vomit of the whale, laying in the bottom of the sea. Now, there's nobody here, that bad off. I'm just sure of that. But just to show that you can't hide a real believer from God...

Now, I can just imagine seeing Jonah turn over on his back... And talk about a good case of symptoms: he looked this a way, it was whale's belly. Back this-a-way was whale's belly.

Everywhere he looked was whale's belly. He was in an awful condition, lot of symptoms. But you know what he said? "They are lying vanities." He said, "Once more will I look towards Your holy temple, Lord." For Jonah remembered that when Solomon dedicated that temple, he prayed and said something like this in his prayer, 'Lord, if Thy people be in trouble anywhere, and then look towards this holy temple, and pray, then hear from heaven.'" And Jonah had faith in God, and faith in the prayer of Solomon, and God delivered him from the whale's belly.

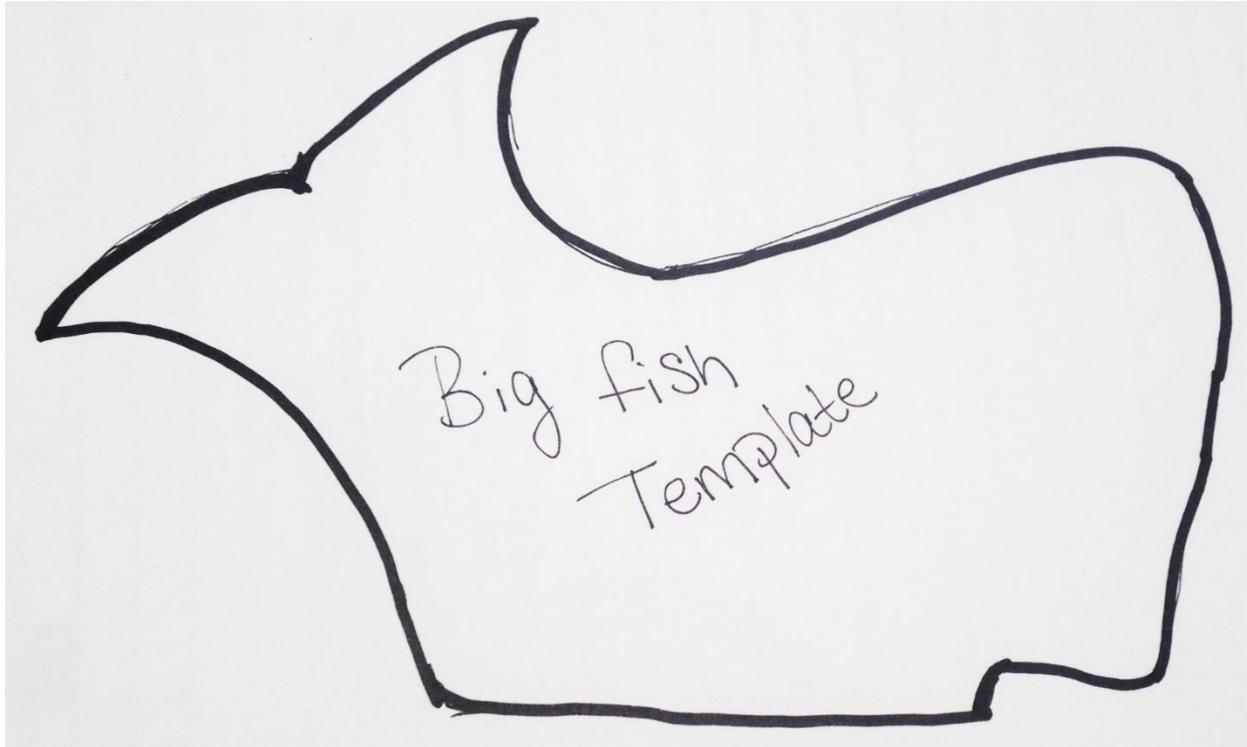
### **Class Summary:**

The holes may need to be pre-punched so that a younger child can use a plastic needle to thread the whale together.

Go over the story of Jonah and the Special Fish.

Let students begin stitching and stuffing their own whale.

### **Creating Your Own Whale:**



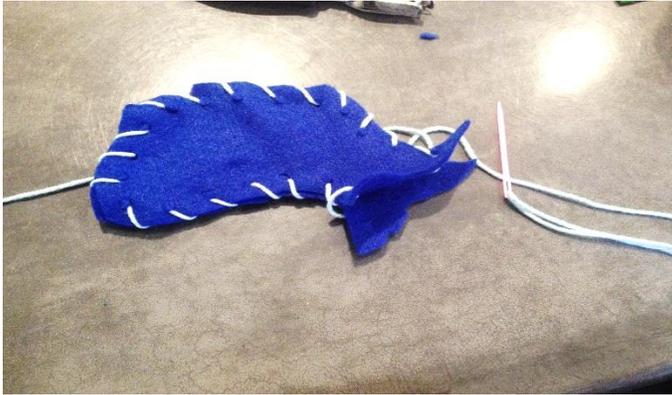
1. Cut out two whales on blue felt using the big fish template.



- Hole punch all around the edges of the whale about a ½” to an 1” apart.



- Thread the plastic needle with the 5’ of blue yarn and tie a knot at the end of the yarn to secure it.
- Start a whip stitch through the hole punches leaving about a 3” opening before closing.



- Stuff the whale with the polyester fill through the opening and then whip stitch the opening closed. Tie a knot at the end of your yarn around the last hole punch to hold shut.



- Hot glue the button, as an eye, for your fish.

