# A Devotional About Building Confidence

Read: Jonah 4:2 NIrV

DAY 1

# Wrong Way, Jonah!

God asked Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah ran away instead! Have you ever made a choice that wasn't the best? Maybe you got mad and said something that was mean. Or you disobeyed and did something that your grown-up told you not to do. God knew what Jonah needed to do, and even when Jonah messed up, God didn't give up on him. God knows what's best, even when we go the wrong way.

Draw an arrow to show which way Jonah should have gone:

Jonah

Nineveh V

Nineve

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LOOK to God always!

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## More Water?

Jonah ran away, and when he did, he ended up in a crazy place... the belly of a fish! But then he chose to pray to God. Even there, God was listening. Sometimes we make mistakes, but God still hears us! Jonah learned to trust that God's way really is the best way.

COLOR-BY-NUMBER FISH: Color the fish: 1 = blue, 2 = green, 3 = purple.







KNOW that God has the best plan.

Go, Jonah, Go!

This time Jonah listened! He went to Nineveh and told the people about God. Even though Jonah didn't feel like it, he obeyed, and the whole city turned back to God. You can do what's right, even when it's hard or even when it's something you don't want to do, because God knows what's best.

#### Play "Yes or No":

Ask a grown-up to give you 5 silly choices (like eating ice cream for dinner or brushing teeth before bed). And then choose the best choice.

ASK God to show you the best choice!

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## God's Best Plan

Jonah was mad when God forgave the people of Nineveh. He thought they shouldn't get kindness from God. But God knew what was best for everyone, even Jonah! Sometimes we don't understand why God is kind to people who aren't nice, but we can trust His perfect plan.

"Dear God, thank You for loving every person. Remind me that You always know what's best. Help me show Your love to everyone, even those I find hard to like."

THANK God that He has the best plan!

# Connect the dots of the big fish swimming away!

