WHAT DO I DO NOW THAT I'M SAVED?

SAY THIS VERSE:

ROMANS 6:4... "THEREFORE WE ARE BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH: THAT LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE."

When you asked Jesus to forgive your SIN, He saved you from going to the awful place called Hell. You never have to be afraid of going there, because your SINS are forgiven and Jesus has promised to give you a home with Him in Heaven. So, now that you're saved, what's next? Well, the first thing you need to learn is obedience. That's a really big word that means doing what you are told.

Remember what we learned about Adam and Eve? They had trouble doing what God told them, didn't they? Well, there was another man in the Bible who had trouble with obedience, too. This man's name was Jonah. Jonah lived a long, long time ago in a town by the sea. God told Jonah that He wanted him to go to the land of Nineveh and tell the people there about God.

But Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. He did not like the people there, because they did not believe in God and they did very bad things. So, instead of doing what God said, Jonah got on a boat that was sailing far away from Nineveh.

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FORGIVE PHILIP NINEVEH REPENTED SAVED STORM FAITH CHILD OF GOD HOME BIBLE FISH JESUS POOL **OBEDIENCE** HEAVENLY FATHER BAPTISM JONAH OBEYED SPECIAL

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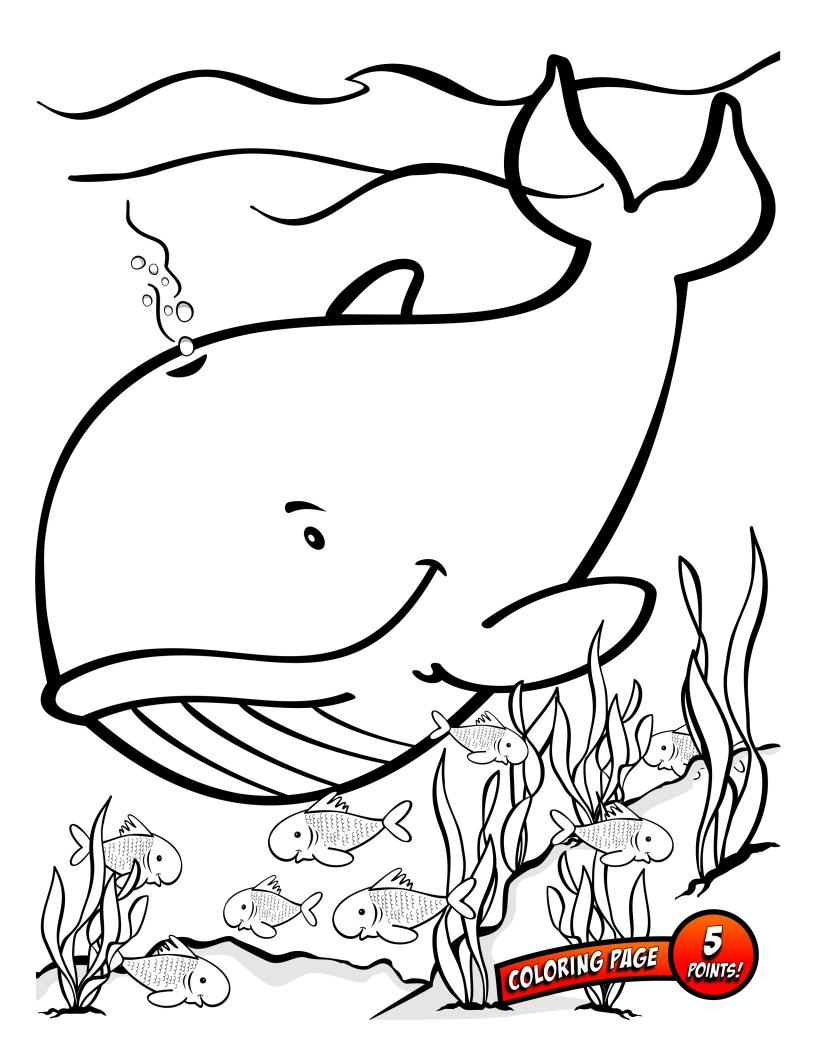


Jonah thought he could run away from God, but no matter how far he went, God knew right where he was. Not very long after the ship had sailed out to sea, God sent a great big storm right where Jonah was. The wind was so strong, and the waves were so big, that the ship was sure to sink! The men on board the ship were very afraid.

They thought they were going to die out at sea. Jonah told the men that he had run away from God, and that if they wanted to save themselves, they would have to throw him into the sea. This did not make the other men very happy because they were afraid of what might happen to Jonah, but after Jonah told them that it was the only way to make sure that the boat would not be destroyed, they decided to throw Jonah overboard.

As soon as Jonah landed in the water, the wind stopped blowing and the waves calmed down. The men onboard the ship were safe... but what about Jonah? Well, the Bible tells us that God had other plans for Jonah. God sent a great big fish to come and swallow him. For three days and three nights, Jonah was in the belly of that great BIG fish... yuck! Finally, Jonah prayed and asked God to forgive him, and God heard Jonah's prayer. Then God talked to the fish, and it obeyed God and spit Jonah up on the shore.

Jonah had learned his lesson. God told him a second time to go preach to the people of Nineveh, and this time he obeyed. Jonah told all the people of Nineveh that they were making God very sad by doing wrong things, and to his surprise, they all repented and asked God to forgive their SINS. So, you see, if Jonah had only obeyed God when He told him to go to Nineveh the first time, he wouldn't have had to live in the belly of a great big fish for three days and three nights!

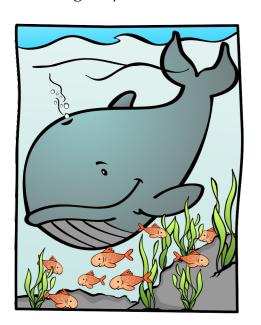


Obedience is one of the BIGGEST parts of being a child of God... that's right, YOU are a child of God. When you asked Jesus to save you from your SIN, you became a child of God, and He became your Heavenly Father. And the very first thing your Heavenly Father asks you to do after you are saved is to be baptized. Now, that is a great big word that probably sounds weird to you, but it is the first thing God asks us to do after we are saved. So, what is baptism? Well, the Bible teaches that a person is

baptized by being put under

water and being raised back up again. That probably sounds like a pretty strange thing for God to tell you to do, but He told you to for a very important reason...

Baptism is like a picture – it shows others what happened when you asked Jesus to forgive your SIN. Remember how Jesus died on the cross and then arose from the



dead three days later? Well, when you get baptized, that's what you're making a picture of! When you stand in the water with your Pastor, you make a picture of Jesus dying on the cross. Then when you go under water, you make a picture of when Jesus was buried. And when you come back up out of the water, you are showing everyone a picture of how Jesus arose from the dead! So, you see, baptism is a very special way for you to show what Jesus did when He saved you from your SIN!

A very important thing to know about baptism is that only people who have been saved can be baptized. Remember, God's first command to us is to be saved from our SIN, and until we obey that, we cannot be baptized. The Bible tells us a story about a man from Ethiopia that was baptized – but before he could, he had to ask Jesus to forgive his SIN, just like you did! But something was wrong... he didn't understand how he could be saved from his SIN. So God sent a man named Philip to go teach him how to be saved, and he asked Jesus to forgive his SINS right away! He was so excited about his new faith in Jesus that he was in a hurry to obey everything God wanted him to do! So Philip took the Ethiopian to a pool of water and baptized him. After he was baptized,

he was so happy, he went away praising God! DO YOU WANT TO BE LIKE THE ETHIOPIAN AND HAVE A PASTOR IF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZE YOU? SAVED AND HAVE NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED. YOU SHOULD CHOOSE TO BE BAPTIZED AS SOON AS YOU CAN. DON'T BE LIKE JONAH AND DISOBEY GOD ... REMEMBER, OBEDIENCE IS THE BEST WAY TO SHOW JESUS JUST HOW THANKFUL YOU ARE THAT HE SAVED YOU!

