



## Introduction

### Jonah

Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on Jonah.

### **Studying the Word of God transforms lives!**

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. Jonah shows us the heart of God: verse 4:2: "You are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people."

This study includes 5 lessons, a cover sheet and a dictionary. Each lesson has a memory verse, 15-20 questions, a Take Away and a Blessing. They are written with the New Living Translation (NLT), but any translation will add to your experience.

These lessons are beneficial to anyone but are geared toward 10-15 year olds. This age group is experiencing major changes developmentally - physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. It is a time of having questions about God, about self and about where they fit in the world. These lessons were created to help students think critically and wrestle through who they are and what they believe.

Teenagers are inundated with technology but starving for relationships. If possible, complete the lesson on your own and then discuss it together to learn from each other.

Jonah is probably the best-known yet least understood book in the Bible. God called Jonah to go to Nineveh. This assignment would have taken him to a hostile land. Jonah went in the opposite direction. Jonah must have thought his way was best. But God knew better. God intervened. It can be difficult to obey God unconditionally. To trust that He knows best. We all have our own plans. There are things we don't want to do. But God knows us better than we know ourselves. And He knows that we never will find true peace and fulfillment apart from serving Him.

May the Lord use these lessons to help you develop a personal, life-long love for God's Word and encourage you to connect in a community that prays, supports and shares life together!

Enjoy!