



Animals in the Bible

THE SERIES AT A GLANCE

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| 1 | Part 1 | Jonah and the big fish |
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3 meetings of 3 minutes



Discovering through animal stories that God helps and knows good ways



Preparation: 5 min



How to use the series: Use one part in each of three meetings in a row. At the start, briefly recall the previous part.

1 Part 1: Jonah and the big fish

Bible: Jonah 1:15–2:10

Jonah ran away from God and sailed off on a ship. A storm came, and Jonah fell into the sea. Then God sent a big fish that swallowed Jonah. Inside the fish Jonah prayed – and the fish spat him out onto the beach again. Everyone swim with your arms like big fish!



Question: What do you do when you have done something wrong?



Prayer: Dear God, thank you for never giving up on me. Amen.



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2 Part 2: Daniel with the lions

Bible: Daniel 6:16-22

Daniel prayed to God every day, even when it was forbidden. So he was shut in with the lions. But God sent an angel who shut the lions' mouths. In the morning Daniel was safe and well! Roar loudly like lions once – and then be really quiet with your mouths shut.

 **Question:** When do you need courage?

 **Prayer:** *Dear God, you are stronger than anything that frightens me. Amen.*

3 Part 3: The little donkey carries Jesus

Bible: Matthew 21:1-9

Jesus wanted to go to Jerusalem. He did not ride a big horse but a little donkey. The people were happy, spread cloaks and branches on the road and shouted: "Hosanna!" Even a little donkey can help Jesus. Wave cloths and shout together: "Hosanna!"

 **Question:** How can you make Jesus happy?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, I am glad that you are here. I can help you too. Amen.*

For leaders

- Keep it short: little children listen well for three to four minutes.
- Pass the object around – touching it helps understanding.