



No running away

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Jonah 1–2



Topic

God gives second chances



Takeaway

Owning up to mistakes and starting again



5 minutes



Object: a paper boat



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "God gives second chances". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Fold a paper boat in front of the children or show one. Ask: Have you ever run away from something?

2 min

Story

God sends Jonah to Nineveh. Jonah takes a ship in the opposite direction. A storm, the sailors throw him overboard, a big fish swallows him. Three days later Jonah is back on land – and God sends him off a second time.

1 min

Thought

Jonah messed up. But God does not give up. He gives Jonah a second chance. That is true for you too: if you have done something wrong, you can turn around and start again.

1 min

Question for all

When did someone give you a second chance?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, thank you for second chances. When I want to run away, bring me back. Amen.



For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.
- Leave the object in view until the end of the meeting.



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