

Imagine

Year 1, Unit 6, Session 1

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## Elijah Prays

Connect the dots. Color in a stone each time you pray this week.

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# The Lord



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# God is God!

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## Dear Family:

**Today your child learned** how God answered Elijah's prayer in an amazing way (1 Kings 18:16-39). Below you'll find a version of the story to read with your child. Invite your child to say "The Lord is God!" each time you come to the flame picture. When finished, high-five each other because our God is real! We also began learning a new Memory Challenge: Psalm 121:1-2—try learning it together this week.

### The Lord Is God!

Elijah was a man of God, always ready to tell others . . . Elijah met Ahab and said, "Ahab! You have forgotten that . . ." Then Elijah told Ahab, "Bring everyone to Mount Carmel and we shall see if . . ." When the people came, Elijah said, "Today you must decide if Baal is God, or . . ."

So Ahab's men of Baal built their altar of wood and called to Baal, "Please, send fire!" But nothing happened.

Then Elijah took a turn. He built his altar to our great God because Elijah knew . . . Then he piled on the wood and poured water all over it. Elijah didn't worry, because he knew that . . .

Then Elijah stepped out into the middle of the crowd and prayed to God. "Please God, send down fire so these people will know that . . ." Suddenly fire fell on the altar, burning everything!

When the people saw this, they knew that God is real. They fell on their faces and said, . . .

**Memory**



**Challenge:**

**Psalm 121:1-2**

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## God Heals Naaman

Naaman's skin was full of sores that caused him so much pain. And not a doctor in the land could make him well again.

But Naaman's little servant said, "I know what God can do—now hurry to Elisha. And God will heal you too!"

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Elisha gave instructions to this sick and hurting man,  
“Dip in the river seven times, this is God’s healing plan.”

Namaan said, “No way! I won’t!” and gave an angry cry.  
But Naaman’s servants begged him, “At least give it a try.”

He walked down to the river’s edge and waded in a bit,  
then slowly and obediently down in the water dipped . . .

Just then the healing happened, and Naaman felt God’s power;  
God’s healing hand had touched him exactly at that hour.

He hurried to Elisha; said, “How wonderful I feel!  
My skin is fresh and smooth again, I know your God is real!”



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ONE

TWO

THREE

FOUR



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## Dear Family:

**Today your child heard** the story of Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-16) and learned more about our great God who has the power to heal. Have your child use his or her puppet to tell Naaman's story as you read the poem. Find the story symbol in your God's Big Story cards set for more fun activities.

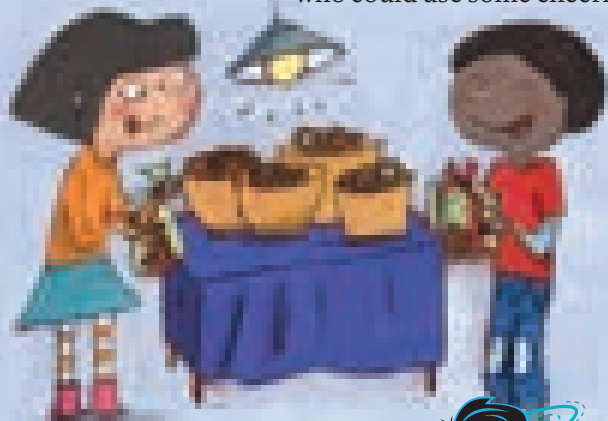
### Trail Mix

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250 mL) Cheerios or mini pretzels
- 1 cup (250 mL) chocolate chips or M&M's
- 1 cup (250 mL) dried fruit
- 1 cup (250 mL) peanuts, optional

Pour the ingredients into a plastic baggie or container and toss them together. Add a ribbon and a card to show your care—and God cares too!

Make this treat and deliver it to someone who could use some cheering up!



**Memory**



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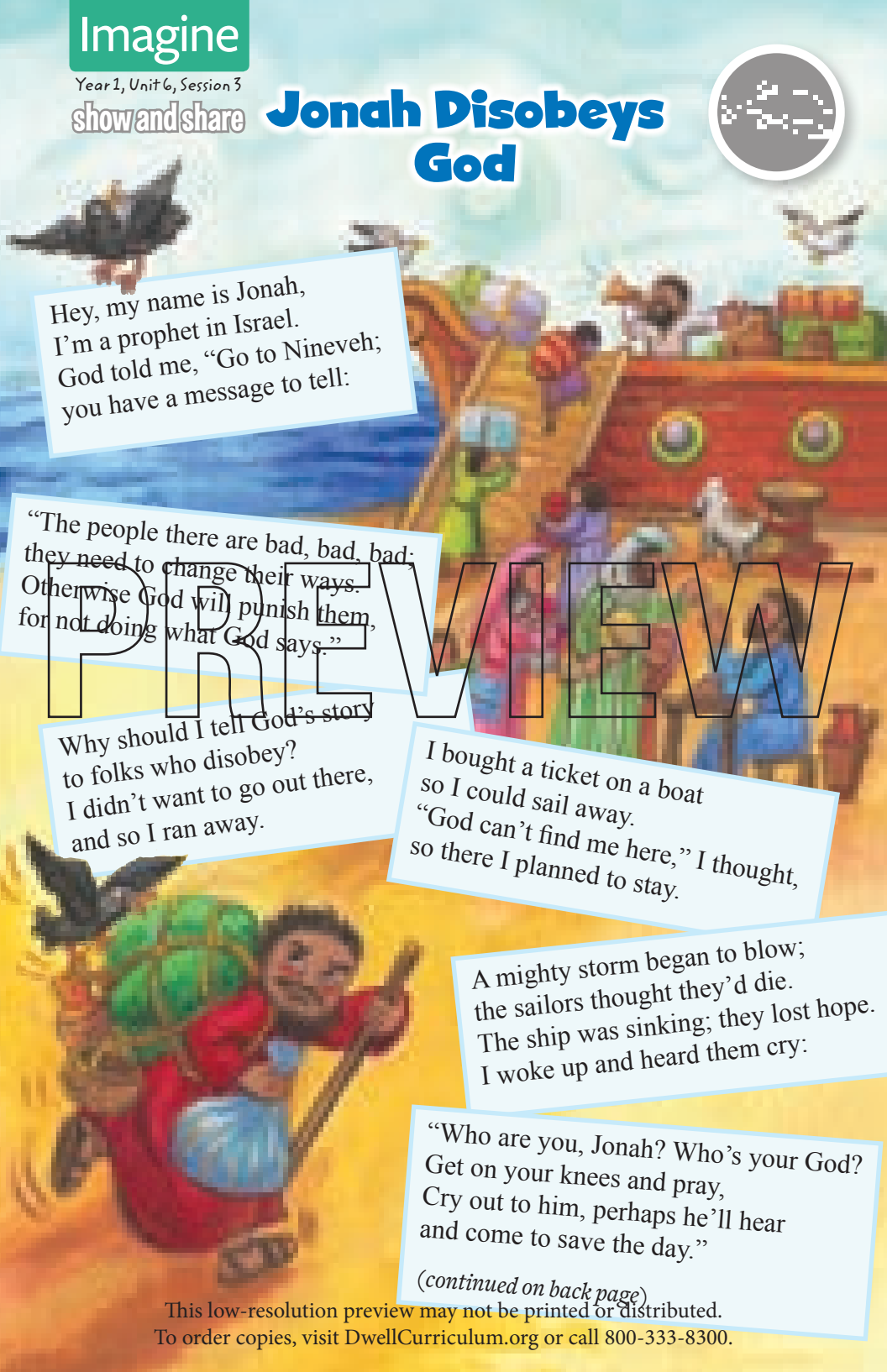
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## Jonah Disobeys God



Hey, my name is Jonah,  
I'm a prophet in Israel.  
God told me, "Go to Nineveh;  
you have a message to tell:

"The people there are bad, bad, bad;  
they need to change their ways.  
Otherwise God will punish them,  
for not doing what God says."

Why should I tell God's story  
to folks who disobey?  
I didn't want to go out there,  
and so I ran away.

I bought a ticket on a boat  
so I could sail away.  
"God can't find me here," I thought,  
so there I planned to stay.

A mighty storm began to blow;  
the sailors thought they'd die.  
The ship was sinking; they lost hope.  
I woke up and heard them cry:

"Who are you, Jonah? Who's your God?  
Get on your knees and pray,  
Cry out to him, perhaps he'll hear  
and come to save the day."

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# Jonah's Journey

Start

## Gather

- small buttons and a coin

## Go

- Flip the coin. Tails moves one space; heads moves two.
- If you land on a  move ahead **1** space.
- If you land on a  you must answer it.
- First person to the shore wins!

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How did  
God take care  
of Jonah?

What do  
think Jo  
will do n

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How did Jonah  
disobey God?




How do  
you think  
God felt  
when  
Jonah  
disobeyed?



Did God still  
love Jonah?

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How  
do you  
think  
Jonah  
felt  
next?

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I knew the storm was all my fault,  
I couldn't run away.  
"Just throw me over in the sea,  
and you will be OK."

The waves and seaweed covered me,  
I knew I soon would drown.  
But God sent out a mighty fish  
and wow! It gulped me down!

Three days I sat inside that fish;  
the days were dark and long.  
While I was there I cried to God,  
"I know that I've done wrong!"

The folks in Nineveh are bad,  
but I am sinful too.  
If you will show your love to me,  
I'll preach to them for you."

The big fish gave a mighty heave,  
and spit me out on shore.  
"My God! I know I'll obey you  
Today and evermore."

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## Dear Family:

**Today your child heard** the story of how God still loved and cared for a disobedient Jonah (Jonah 1-2). We learned that God does the same for us! Read the story poem and play the game together. Then practice saying the Memory Challenge verse. We've been singing the verse together—you can purchase the song as a download at [www.dwellcurriculum.org](http://www.dwellcurriculum.org).

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## God Forgives Nineveh



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The Ninevites were bad, bad, bad.  
They needed to change their ways.  
So God sent Jonah with a message:  
“Stop sinning and obey!”

The people put on sackcloth  
and begged God to forgive.  
God saw that they were sorry  
and said, “I’ll let them live!”

God showed love and mercy  
and saved the Ninevites.  
But Jonah, he was angry:  
“Hold on, this isn’t right!”

Jonah wanted God to punish them  
instead of being kind.  
He stomped his feet and shook his fist,  
“I knew you’d change your mind!”

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## Dear Family:

**The story we heard today** from Jonah 3-4 helped us think about God's love and forgiveness. Continue the conversation with your child as you look together at the illustrations on these pages and wonder aloud who needs to feel sorry for disobeying; what they can do differently to show they are sorry; who will be there to forgive; and how it feels to be forgiven by God. For more fun story-related activities, find today's story symbol in your God's Big Story cards.

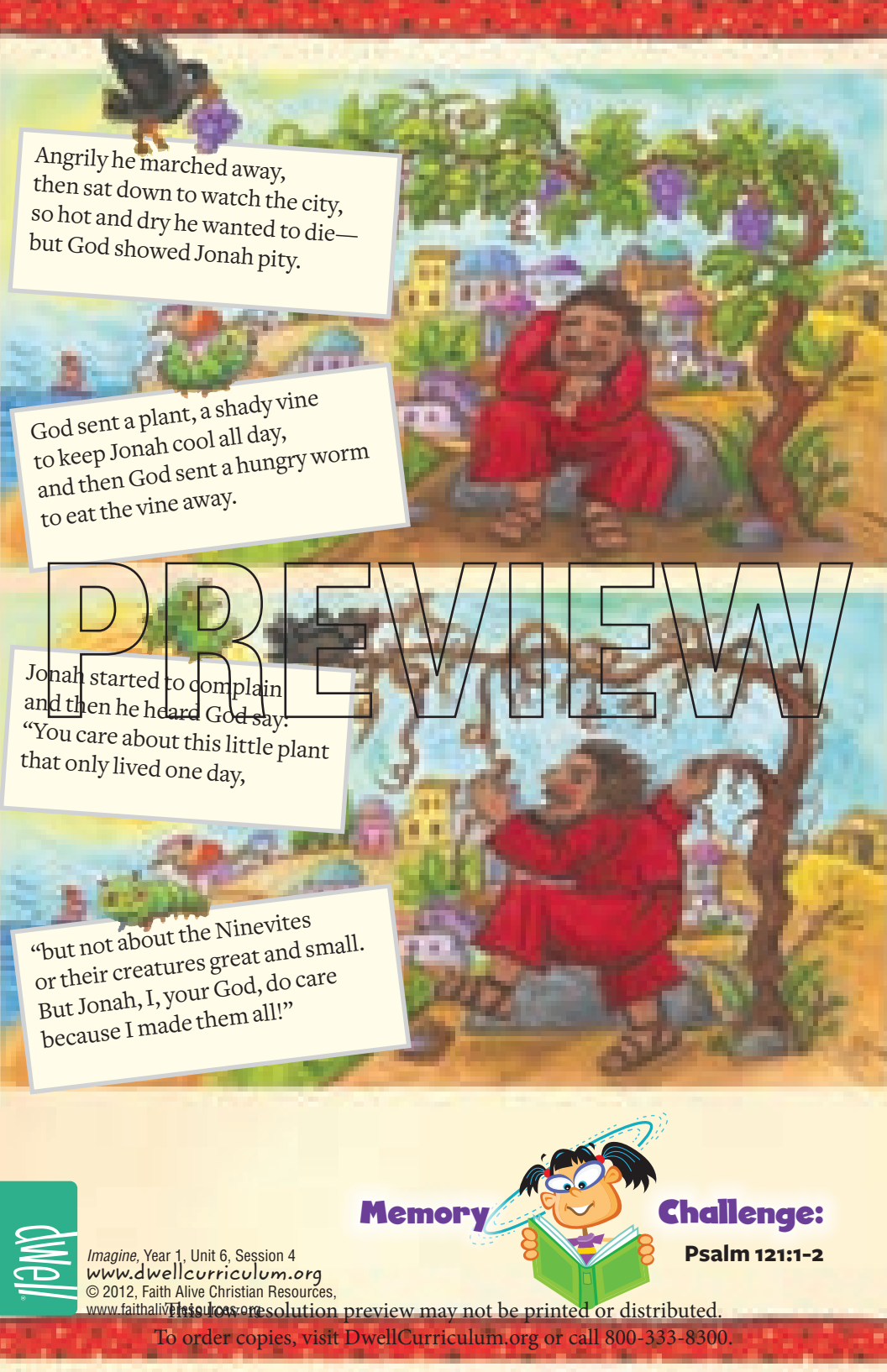
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Angrily he marched away,  
then sat down to watch the city,  
so hot and dry he wanted to die—  
but God showed Jonah pity.

God sent a plant, a shady vine  
to keep Jonah cool all day,  
and then God sent a hungry worm  
to eat the vine away.

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Jonah started to complain  
and then he heard God say:  
“You care about this little plant  
that only lived one day,

“but not about the Ninevites  
or their creatures great and small.  
But Jonah, I, your God, do care  
because I made them all!”

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**Memory**



**Challenge:**

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# Three Friends and a Furnace

One, two, three! Who do you see?  
Look once more—perhaps there are four!

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# God Saves Three Friends



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The King of Babylon was proud.  
“I’m very great!” said he.  
“I want the people in my land  
to only obey *me!*”

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He ordered people everywhere  
to worship and bow low,  
to praise his golden idol—  
but God’s three friends said NO!



3

This made the proud king angry.  
“You men did not obey!  
So in my furnace you must go—  
I’ll punish you today!”

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But God was there to save them;  
the king was quite amazed.  
“Come out, come here!” he shouted.  
“Let your great God be praised!”

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## Dear Family:

**Enjoy the amazing story** from Daniel 3 with your child. As you talk about the story together, tell your child about a time when you obeyed or trusted God even though it was difficult. Share your assurance that God is always with you, no matter what! Before saying the prayer below, learn the sign language together. Then pray it as an eyes-open prayer and sign the letters of each “obey.”



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Help us to O-B-E-Y you, Lord,  
each and every day.

At home, at school, and with our friends  
please help us to O-B-E-Y.

And on those days when we don't listen  
in what we do or say,

Thank you, God, so very much  
for loving us anyway! Amen.

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## Daniel and the Lions



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King Darius liked Daniel. But some other men didn't like him at all. "Let's figure out how to get rid of Daniel," they said. And they came up with a wicked plan.

"O King Darius," they said, "you are so great, people should worship only you! Make a rule that if people don't worship you they will be thrown into a **lions'** den!" King Darius liked that idea—he liked it very much. So he made it a rule.

A colorful illustration of a man in a blue robe kneeling in prayer in a room with a red curtain and a blue arched window. The word "PREVIEW" is written in large, outlined letters across the center of the image.

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Daniel's enemies watched to see if Daniel would obey the king's rule. But of course he couldn't. "I will only worship God!" thought Daniel. And he prayed to God, just like he did every day.

"O King Darius," said Daniel's enemies, "your friend Daniel won't obey your rule! Let's throw him in the **lions'** den."

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So they did. But the **lions** didn't roar for long! God closed their mouths so they would not hurt him. Daniel had a good night. God saved him!

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King Darius had a terrible night!  
He was worried about Daniel. But  
when morning came, Daniel was  
just fine. “My great God kept me  
safe, O king,” he said.

Then the king made a new rule:  
ALL PEOPLE MUST HONOR  
DANIEL’S GOD!

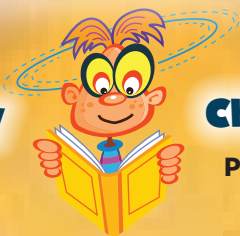


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## Dear Family:

**Invite your child to roar loudly** each time you say “lions” when reading the story together. Talk together about Daniel’s obedience and God’s protection. Share a story with your child about a time you felt God’s protection too.

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