



The Runaway Prophet

A fascinating story is found in the Bible about God instructing His prophet Jonah to deliver a message to the powerful city of Nineveh to warn them that God was very displeased with their wickedness. But Jonah didn't want to do this, and instead of going to Nineveh, he boarded a ship that was sailing in the opposite direction.

God wasn't pleased with Jonah's disobedience. Soon a terrible storm arose at sea. The terrified sailors prayed to their gods and threw the cargo overboard to lighten the ship, but to no avail.

Meanwhile, Jonah was sleeping, and the sailors suspected that their problem had something to do with him. After admitting his disobedience, Jonah told them that they should throw him overboard and that God would then stop the storm. Once Jonah had been thrown into the sea, the storm ceased, but God hadn't forgotten about poor Jonah and sent a big fish to swallow him. ...

You can read the rest of this exciting story in your Bible in the book of Jonah.