

Splash into Summer

A Study in Obedience and Attitude Through
the Book of Jonah



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Getting Started

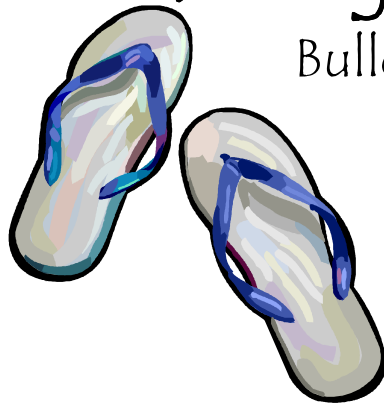
- **Decorate your space.** Be creative!
 - Go with a beach theme (boats, palm trees, fishnet, flip flops, sea shells, etc.)
 - If you have access to rooms, decorate each room as a separate station of the story.
 - 1) Joppa - with boats and a ticket booth
 - 2) a ship - with ropes and nets
 - 3) the fish - with the door decorated as the fish's open mouth and the room draped with pink fabric or paper and "lost at sea" items (an old boot, an old tire, etc)
 - 4) Nineveh - decorate the walls to look like city buildings. Decorate the door to resemble a city gate.
 - 5) a secluded place - to resemble Jonah's place outside the city. Decorate one wall to resemble a city in the distance. Include a plant, possibly an inflatable tree so that as the story is told, the plug can be opened allowing the air to escape and voila! - a withered, dried up tree.
 - Decorate your main space as the belly of a fish. See item three above. Hang seaweed, poster-board fish, and "lost at sea" items from the ceiling!
 - Cover the lights in your space with blue cellophane.
 - Make an aluminum foil pathway to look like reflective water.
 - Display sea shells and natural sponges in a kiddie pool filled with sand.
 - Decorate your space with oars, life jackets, fish nets, rafts, etc.
 - Set up an aquarium if possible.

- **Bulletin Board Ideas:** Be creative here as well!
 - "Walking with Jesus" - can be decorated with a background of beige sand and blue water. Include a palm tree and a path of flip flop footprints.
 - Go with the summer theme, "Splash Into Summer." Decorate with a large fish tale on a sea of blue. Be sure to include the subtitle, "A Lesson in Obedience and Attitude."

- **Plan to have an Open House** near the end of summer. Plan ahead to . . .
 - Show off students artwork
 - Treat parents to a play
 - Serve Jonah snacks (blue Jell-O, Jonah (tuna) sandwiches, Goldfish crackers, etc.) or just serve salty items. Try a mix of pretzels, popcorn, and peanuts.
 - Fill a homemade Fish Piñata full of candy. Break it at your Open House. (Fish Piñatas are also available online.)
- **Plan a visit your local aquarium**
- **Plan trips to the pool**
- **Plan a game day each week** and run water relays. Items to have available include water guns, buckets, plastic cups, water balloons, garden hose, etc.

Walking With Jesus

Bulletin Board



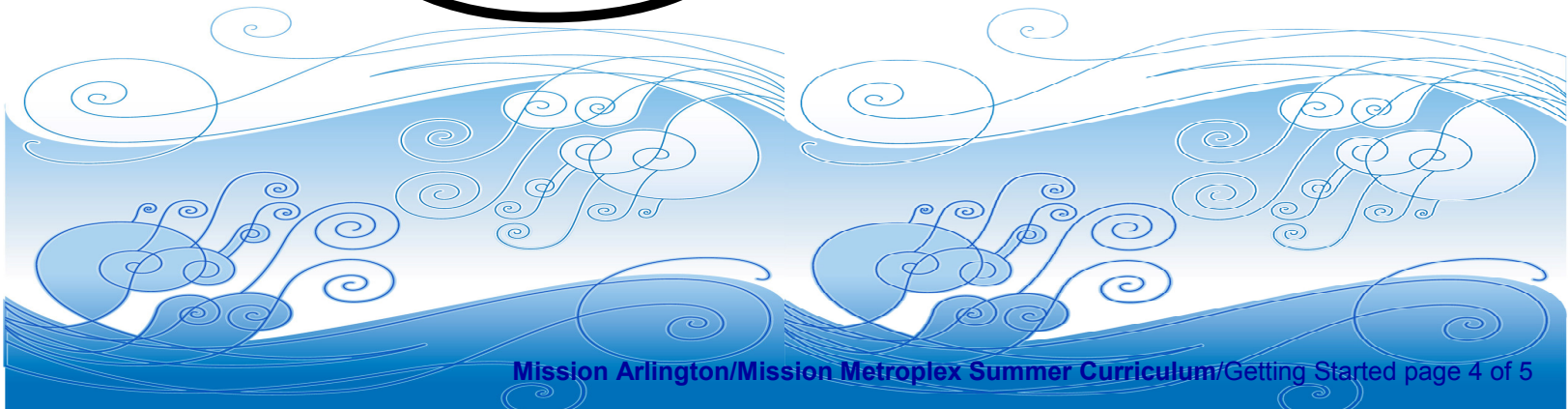
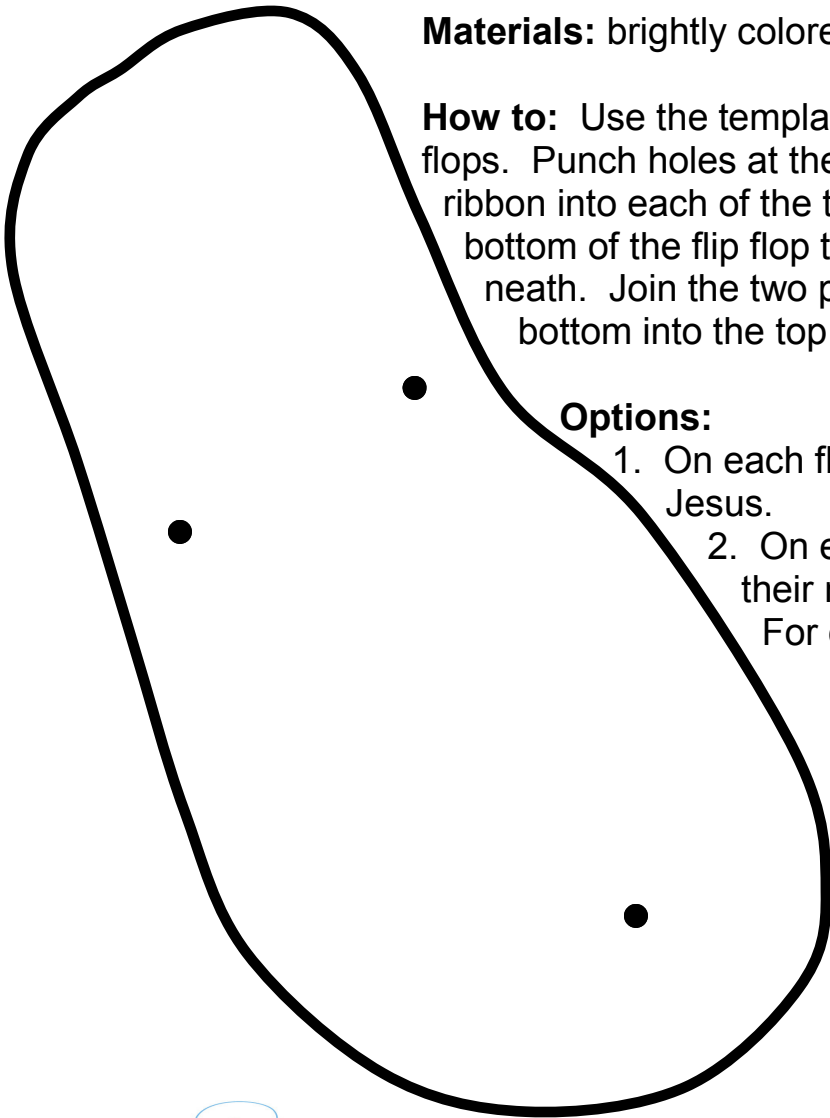
Decorate your bulletin board with a background of beige sand and blue water. Include a palm tree and a path of flip flop footprints.

Materials: brightly colored paper, scissors, hole punch, ribbon

How to: Use the template below to cut out an even number of flip flops. Punch holes at the black dots. Insert a 4½ inch piece of ribbon into each of the two parallel holes, inserting through the bottom of the flip flop through to the top. Tape the ribbon underneath. Join the two pieces of ribbon and insert from top to bottom into the top hole (where the toes would go).

Options:

1. On each flip flop write ways to walk with, or obey, Jesus.
2. On each flip flop, have each student write their name and then write "walks with Jesus." For example: Adam walks with Jesus.



Fish Piñata



Materials: large balloon, glue (or flour and water), newspaper, tissue paper

How to: Use a balloon for the piñata base. Look for a large, thick plastic balloon, the kind that usually has a rubber band attached for punching. Inflate the balloon.

Cut the newspaper into strips, approximately 2 inches by 12 inches. Dip the newspaper strips in glue. (Glue can be made using 1 part flour to 5 parts water. Boil about 3 minutes and let cool.) Completely cover the balloon with newspaper strips.

Repeat the above process, covering the balloon at least two layers thick. Let it dry overnight.

Once the newspaper has dried, decorate the piñata to look like a fish. Be creative using construction paper, tissue paper, glitter, etc.

Pop the balloon once everything is completely dry.

Fill with candy and have fun!