

# An Outline of Life's Questions - Jonah

*Let's find answers for some of life's most common questions by looking through a structural outline of the book of Jonah.*

- I. Running From God (Jonah 1)
  - A. God calls Jonah the first time
  - B. Jonah disobeys God
- II. Running to God (Jonah 2)
  - A. Jonah finally prays
  - B. Jonah wants to obey now
- III. Running With God (Jonah 3)
  - A. God calls Jonah the 2nd Time
  - B. Jonah obeys God this time
- IV. Running Against God (Jonah 4)
  - A. Jonah Hates God's Plan
  - B. Jonah has lessons to Learn

**1. How did Jonah disobey God? (Jonah 1:1-3)**

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**2. Remember a time when you deliberately disobeyed or ignored God? Explain it.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Here is a hard thing to admit. When we turn away from God, it not only affects you and me, but it messes up the lives of others too. Explain what happened in Jonah 1:4-8.**

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**4. Jonah actually admitted that he was running away from God. He told the men on the ship. He decided that he could run his life better than God could. Think back. Have you done this? Explain.**

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5. **We seem to pray only when we are in a big mess, when we're really desperate. Explain what Jonah did? (Jonah 1:17- 2:1)**

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6. **Do we not sometimes accuse God of not answering our prayers? What happened after Jonah prayed? (Jonah 2:10)**

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7. **Do you believe in second chances? Have you ever been given another chance after you screwed up? What did God do for Jonah? (Jon 3:1-4)**

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8. **Why would God give us another chance when He knows the evil & bitter things we think & feel? He uses us many times even when we are unfaithful, ungrateful, and dishonest. What happened after God gave Jonah this second chance? (Jonah 3:5-10)**

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9. **Can you imagine? A good thing happens: God is glad & Jonah is mad. A wonderful thing happened - The Assyrians repented & changed. God forgave them & did not judge (destroy) them. What did Jonah do? (Jonah 4:5)**

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10. **Have you acted like a fool like this?  Yes  No  
Does God still love you?  Yes  No Will He still use you?  Y  N**