

# SPLASH!

## ACT 1

**God** *(Enter to stage centre looking at audience.)*  
So there you are! I knew I'd be seeing you all today, although I'm sure it's a bit of a shock for you...you see I'm God! Not what you were expecting, eh?! Well do I have a tale to tell you. It's all about a guy called Jonah, and a place called Nineveh, and if I'm honest (and I always am 'cos I'm God) they kind of deserved each other. Here's what Nineveh was really like. They were doing all of the things that hurt ME!

*(Walk past each of the scenes of Nineveh)*

Look... idol worship... fighting... drunk and disorderly... gambling, to name just a few!

**Nineveh Scenes** *(Have each of the scenes frozen until God gets to them and then freeze again when God moves to the next one. Exit stage and join choir when intro starts.)*

*(Intro starts)* Nineveh needed my help, or it was going to be in big, big trouble...

### SONG - IN NINEVEH

1  
There's a place you wanna go  
If you're looking for a show;  
It's Nineveh, woah woah.  
There's a place that you should run  
If you're looking for some fun;  
It's Nineveh, yeah, yeah.

A life of excess, a life of scandal,  
Far too much for you to handle  
In Nineveh, in Nineveh.  
Pagan rituals and every kind of  
Prayer and worship of false idols  
In Nineveh, in Nineveh.

2  
If you only care 'bout yourself,  
You don't care 'bout no-one else,  
Go to Nineveh, woah.  
Land of violence and of pain,  
Where your enemies get slain,  
It's Nineveh, yeah, yeah.

A life of excess, a life of scandal,  
Far too much for you to handle  
In Nineveh, in Nineveh.  
Pagan rituals and every kind of  
Prayer and worship of false idols  
In Nineveh, in Nineveh.

x2

Nineveh!

**God** *(Jonah enters stage worried, pacing around and wringing his hands.)*  
So you can see that Nineveh wasn't a very nice place, and I needed a messenger to go and tell them they were in trouble. But I couldn't use just anyone, it had to be someone unique who Nineveh would listen to, and like in many of my stories the person I chose didn't think they were right or ready. Like they would know better than me!



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- Jonah -** God, you've got the wrong person! I'm far too busy, Nineveh is an AWFUL place full of AWFUL people who in all honesty deserve your anger! You're far better off just sending a big flood (although I know you promised you wouldn't do that again), or a raging fire... that would do the trick! Just don't ask me, they won't listen to me. I'm not in a good place to take a big 'prophet' trip right now and, yes, if you must know... I'm scared!
- God -** *(Intro Starts)* So you can see I had my work cut out with Jonah. He was grumpy, judgmental, stubborn and scared; and yet I knew he was the one to send to Nineveh... but what did Jonah think?

## SONG - HEY THERE JONAH

1

Let me tell you 'bout Jonah;  
He's a man of God  
And he worships him daily  
Yes he loves the Lord.  
Tries to live his life right,  
Tries to keep the law,  
Follows rules to the letter;  
What else are they for?

Hey there, Jonah, what you gonna do?  
What you gonna do when your God calls you?  
Hey there, Jonah, will you go that far,  
When your God tells you "Go to Nineveh"

2

Let me tell you 'bout Jonah  
He's a grumpy bloke.  
Thinks that everyone should behave  
Or go up in smoke.  
Ain't got time for unbelievers  
If they don't wanna hear.  
He won't waste his time on heathens,  
He'd rather stay here.

Hey there, Jonah, what you gonna do?  
What you gonna do when your God calls you?  
Hey there, Jonah, will you go that far,  
When your God tells you "Go to Nineveh"  
x2

## ACT 2

- God** *(Sailors set up beside the boat, working and talking amongst themselves silently as Jonah enters the stage. God is watching the scene take place from the side of the stage.)*  
Jonah knew what I had asked him to do, but like I said earlier he was stubborn and thought he knew better! *(Laughing!)* And even better than that, he thought he could hide from me! So off he ran to Tarshish.
- Jonah** If I can just get as far away from here as possible, I can escape this terrible plan. I know God never makes mistakes... but he made a big one when he thought I could change a whole city's evil ways. I'm sure there's a boat I can catch; Joppa is full of boats going everywhere. This one will do! Excuse me Captain, where is your vessel headed?



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- Captain** Vessel?! Vessel?! Oh aren't we a posh one! This 'vessel' is a class 3 cargo ship if you must know! We're headed to Tarshish, maybe I could interest you in a sneaky investment eh?! We'll be picking up a bunch of stuff we'll be looking to make an absolute killing on. Me and the crew might cut you in for the right price! We've got a batch of the latest Manna Munchies that are going to sell like hot cakes... or is it unleavened lovelies?
- Jonah** I'm not interested in any of that, I just want to get as far away from here as I can, and I will pay.
- Captain** Well, Tarshish is as good a starting point as any for getting away. What do you think crew, do we have space for a littl'un?
- Sailor 1** *(Rubbing his fingers greedily)* If the price is right!
- Sailor 2** *(Intelligently)* I wonder what circumstances would necessitate such a rapid deployment?
- Sailor 3** *(Skeptically)* Yeah... are you dangerous?!
- Sailor 4** *(Like a pirate!)* The seas are dangerous enough without any scallywags on board!
- Jonah** Scallywag? What's a scallywag?
- Sailor 4** You be a scallywag, me hearty!
- Jonah** I have not been wagging scallies! *(Grumpily, and bit embarrassed)* Look, if you must know I'm trying to run away from... God!
- Sailor 2** I have always found it an impossible eventuality to escape ones divine pre-destination.
- Sailor 1** *(In amazement at Sailor 2's words )* Yeah! But can you pay?
- Sailor 3** He doesn't look that dangerous. Just a bit... grumpy!
- Sailor 4** Shiver me timbers! A grumpy scallywag! We be cursed!!!
- Captain** Calm down folks! We've got a berth he can have, but let's get a move on so we can make the tide.
- God** So Jonah did his best to run away, but you have to remember that I'm God and it was never going to be that easy to escape, and Jonah needed to be taught a lesson. So I threw one of my famous storms at them as they were out on the high seas!



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## SONG - STORM

1

(rap)

Woah! There's a storm coming!  
Batten down the hatches, there's a storm coming!  
Hold on tight, and get strapped in  
And pray to your gods for your life;  
There's a storm coming

Woah! There's a storm coming!  
Waves are roaring, there's a storm coming!  
A howling wind, and a terrible din  
So pray to your gods for your life.

(sing)

Look at Jonah sleeping down below,  
Not a worry from his head to toe.  
While the ship he's in gets tossed around,  
Here's old Jonah lying safe and sound.

2

(rap)

Woah! It's a tsunami!  
Do the gods hate you or is it me?  
One of us is cursed, better find out who,  
He can pray to his god for his life;  
There's a storm coming!

Hey! What 'bout the Israelite?  
While we're panicking here, he's sleeping tight!  
Go wake him up and bring him here,  
He can pray to his god for our lives.

(sing)

Wake up Jonah, captain's calling your name,  
Pray to your god to come and calm the waves  
Come on Jonah, please get out of bed,  
We need to do something or (shout) we'll be  
dead!

3

(rap)

Hey! We think this storm's cos of you!  
You told us your god's angry, now we think its true.  
Better say your prayers, I hope you can swim.  
Put you're best foot forward.  
You're going...in!

**God**

*(Centre stage, everyone is in the boat and pretending there's a big storm, sailors are rowing)*

Those sailors were good people. They did everything they could to spare Jonah,  
and yet Jonah knew that it was all his fault.

*(Choir squirting water pistols at the cast)*

**Sailor 4**

We be CURSED!

**Sailor 1**

I knew I should have gone to the bank!

**Captain**

Row crew! Pull us to safety!

**Jonah**

It's no good Captain, God knows I'm here!



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- God            Of course I did.
- Jonah        Throw me overboard and you will all be saved.
- Sailor 2     It is my conclusion, Captain, that the ejection of our new shipmate would both expedite the end of the storm as well as Jonah's existence!
- Sailor 4     We be CURSED! We be CURSED!
- Sailor 3     This is dangerous, I can't even swim! Someone help me blow up my armbands!
- (As God is speaking the sailors are taking Jonah and are preparing to throw him overboard)*
- God           All the sailors in the boat that day came to know and serve me, and they would never forget Jonah, and the sacrifice he made to save them. My power was on full display, and yet the peace and calm that followed Jonah's departure showed off my love for all.
- But I wasn't done with Jonah yet, that guy still had a job to do! He wasn't going to drown and I needed to get him to Nineveh, *(cheesy jokes!)* so I called on the *Catfish Express*! Jonah would have a WHALE OF A TIME! Nope, a 'baby shark' wouldn't do the job...I sent a great big fish!

## ACT 3

### SONG - GREAT BIG FISH

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|--|-----------------------|
| 1<br>Baby shark. Doo-doo do-doo do-doo.<br>Baby shark. Doo-doo do-doo do-doo.<br>Baby shark. Doo-doo do-doo do-doo.<br>Baby shark. | 3<br>Daddy shark...   |
| 2<br>Mummy shark...  | 4<br>Grandma shark... |
|  | 5<br>Grandpa shark... |

Great big, great big, great big fish.  
Great big, great big, great big fish.  
Great big, great big, great big fish.  
A great big fish!  
x4

*(1<sup>st</sup> time whispering – a few voices, 2<sup>nd</sup> time still whispering – adding more voices, 3<sup>rd</sup> time speaking – adding even more voices, 4<sup>th</sup> time shouting – all voices)*





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## SONG - GREAT BIG FISH *(continued)*

6  
Great big fish. Doo-doo do-doo do-doo.  
Great big fish. Doo-doo do-doo do-doo.  
Great big fish. Doo-doo do-doo do-doo.  
Great big fish.  
X2

7  
Swallowed up... x2

8  
Spit him out... x2

Great big fish!

**God** You have to understand that I always have a plan. Jonah had done all he could to escape the job I had for him to do. He now needed time alone to work it all out; 3 days and 3 nights would do! What better place than in the belly of that fish that had saved him, all alone, in the weirdest place to pray ever!

**Jonah** Lord, you saved me when I was about to drown. Nineveh deserves the same chance as I have had, a second chance.  
*(Intro Starts)* I will go and do what you have asked of me, I will proclaim in grateful praise Salvation comes from the Lord!

## SONG - THEN YOU SPOKE

1  
When I thought about my path,  
The way that I would choose,  
There were certain things that I  
Never thought that I would do.  
How could I change the minds  
Of people that are sure  
That the God in whom I trust  
Doesn't matter anymore?

But then you spoke into my life  
And I knew your love was real.  
I thought the job you gave to me  
Was far too big a deal.  
And so I turned and ran away,  
Well what else could I do?  
Because for just a moment there  
I thought I knew better than you.

2  
When the grey clouds filled the sky  
I thought you might just go away.  
When the rains began to pour  
I thought your mind might change.  
When they threw me overboard  
I thought that I could swim.  
But I've found you're everywhere  
So there's no use hiding.

But then you spoke into my life  
And I knew your love was real.  
I thought the job you gave to me  
Was far too big a deal.  
But when I turned to face the facts  
That when I choose your way  
Even a hopeless place like Nineveh  
With your love can be saved.



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## SONG - THEN YOU SPOKE *(continued)*

Send me Lord and I will go  
Through the waves and winds that blow,  
Through the storm, and through the sea,  
Through the fish that swallowed me,  
Through the times of fear and doubt,  
When my energy runs out.  
Send me Lord and I will go,  
That through my life your love will flow.

And then you spoke into my life  
And I knew your love was real.  
I thought the job you gave to me  
Was far too big a deal.  
But when I turned to face the facts  
That when I choose your way  
Even a hopeless place like Nineveh  
With your love can be saved.

## ACT 4

*(Nineveh scenes come back; as Jonah walks past each of them they stop and listen looking confused but interested.)*

**God** Now the hard part was still ahead of Jonah. Nineveh was a huge city and it would take great courage to share the message that if they didn't turn from their wicked ways they would be destroyed. It was going to take a tidal wave rather than a little splash! This is where Jonah's stubbornness became an asset! Jonah walked through the entire city of Nineveh sharing his warning.

*(Jonah walks through the city past each scene shouting...)*

**Jonah** In forty more days, Nineveh will be overthrown!

*(Nineveh scenes exit and King and servants enter)*

**God** He stood before their king and spoke with my power!

**Jonah** In forty more days, Nineveh will be overthrown!  
Oh King of Nineveh, hear God's message to you and your people. God is giving you a second chance!

**King** *(As the King speaks, he removes his crown and royal robes, handing them to his servants)*

Let everyone call urgently upon God! Give up your evil ways and your violence. Who knows? God may show compassion and forgive us of our sins.

*(Servants help king remove crown, jewellery, robe and put on a sackcloth. Exit stage when intro starts.)*

**Jonah** *(Intro starts)* Believe in the one true God, only he can save you!



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## SONG - I BELIEVE

1

There's an army approaching,  
Gonna bring you down,  
They're coming for your wives and  
children,  
Coming for your crown.  
Now you stand here alone  
Behind your flimsy walls,  
But I know who can save you  
And he's called the Lord.

I believe in the one true God,  
He can save you.  
I believe in the one true God,  
Who stands above all things.  
He will protect you  
From all your enemies.  
I believe in the one true God.

(1<sup>st</sup> Jonah's Group)  
Bow down, give a call,  
Humble yourself before the Lord.  
Trust him, forever more  
Know that he is Lord of all

2

You can put your trust in rituals,  
Or false magic tricks,  
You can make sacrifices,  
But it just won't stick  
If the gods you believe in  
Are just stories passed down,  
But if you trust in my God  
He won't let you down.

I believe in the one true God,  
He can save you.  
I believe in the one true God,  
Who stands above all things.  
He will protect you  
From all your enemies.  
I believe in the one true God.

(2<sup>nd</sup> King's Group)  
My God is mighty,  
My God is mighty,  
My God is mighty,  
Mighty to save.

(Together)

(Jonah's Group)  
Bow down, give a call,  
Humble yourself before the Lord.  
Trust him, forever more  
Know that he is Lord of all

(King's Group)  
My God is mighty,  
My God is mighty,  
My God is mighty,  
Mighty to save.

I believe in the one true God,  
He can save you.  
I believe in the one true God,  
Who stands above all things.  
He will protect you  
From all your enemies.  
I believe in the one true God.

(shout) I believe!





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- God** So Jonah did as he was asked. He was still grumpy, stubborn and a bit scared. He was angry that I made him go all of that way to be my messenger. But he had been faithful and the city of Nineveh had been saved. The *splash* that he made ended up making all the difference.
- Jonah** God, had you planned on saving Nineveh all along? And why did you need me?!
- God** I still cared for Nineveh, even though they were wicked, and I still loved you, even when you ran away. You aren't that different Jonah, you and Nineveh. You have both been saved from yourselves. Just trust in me and make the most of your second chance.
- Jonah** *(Intro starts)* Thank you God for speaking into my life when I needed you most. I was angry when you asked me to do your will, I was scared when I was thrown over board with a *splash*! I was sorry in the belly of the fish. Thank you for teaching me to believe in the one true God! Oh, and I suppose for sending that great big fish!

## SONG - MEGAMIX

- 1**  
Well, looking back, Jonah,  
Things here really did change.  
I bet the goings on around you  
Must have seemed real strange!  
You ran from God  
All the way to Tarshish,  
But ended up in the belly  
Of a great big fish!
- Hey there, Jonah, what did you do?  
When God speaks what he says is true.  
Hey there, Jonah, you put him to the test  
But following God really was for the best!
- 2**  
In the belly of a fish, at last you saw the way  
For the first time in our story, you didn't run away
- And then God spoke into your life  
And you knew his love was real!  
Although the job he gave to you  
Seemed like far too big a deal.  
But when you chose to walk his path  
You found his pow'r was true.  
You see that our God can save Nineveh  
And he can save us too!
- 3**  
I believe in the one true God  
He can save you.  
I believe in the one true God  
Who stands above all things.  
He will protect you  
From all your enemies.  
I believe in the one true God!  
x2

*(Shout)* I Believe!

