OPENING Dear God, we are grateful for this time together as a family and for the gift of the Bible. As we study the life of Jonah, please guide us and **PRAYER** help us to learn from his mistakes. May we find ways to serve You and Your people. We ask for Your blessings and guidance. In Jesus' name. Amen. **TEACHING Watch Lesson: Jonah.** Themes: Obedience, Mercy, and Surrender, **SCRIPTURE Jonah 1-4. [LSB pp. 1480-1484]** READING **OUESTION** Have you ever tried to run away from something, perhaps a responsibility? Why do we avoid responsibility? TIME When people disobey God, why doesn't He give up on them? In the account of Jonah, what are some of the problems that are caused by him running from God? Think about the men on the boat, what happened to them? How did the people of Nineveh respond when Jonah finally obeyed God and preached His word? Who are some people in your life that you can share God's love and forgiveness with? **How and when will you accomplish this? CLOSING** Dear God, Thank You for the account of Jonah. Help me in my own life when I feel like I'd rather run from You than obey Your commands. **PRAYER** Forgive me when I do run and be with me as I look for ways that I can share Your message of love and forgiveness with the people in my

life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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