





Jonah was a Hebrew man who lived in the land of Israel. He loved the Lord God.

One day God spoke to him, giving him a very important message. 'Go to the great city of Nineveh. Tell the people there that I see their wickedness.'





I don't want to do that,' Jonah said to himself. Although Jonah loved the Lord, he did not obey him then. Instead of going where God had told him, he headed off in the opposite direction to the port of Joppa on the Mediterranean Sea.





God gives us commands in his word, the Bible. Often we are like Jonah and do what we want instead of what God wants. This is displeasing to God.

At Joppa, Jonah found a boat ready to sail across the sea to Tarshish.

