

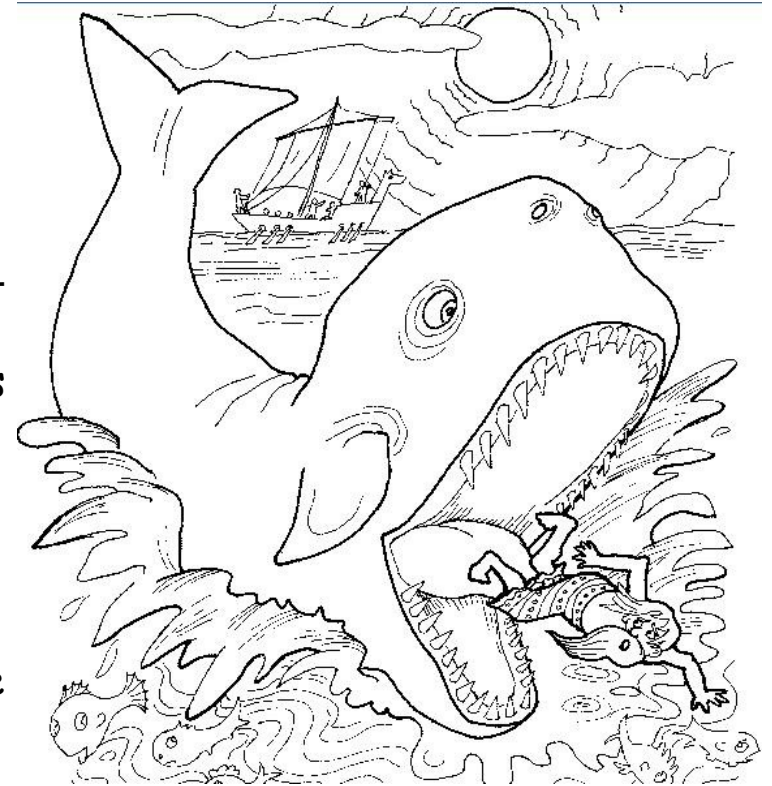
1. In the Bible, whales are mentioned about 4 times.
2. In Gen 1 v 21, it says 'God created g_____ w_____':
3. There are 4 verses that speak of the 'Leviathan'. This was an ancient s_____ monster, and no-one today is exactly sure what it was- some think it might have been a cr_____.
4. In some parts of the Bible, evil princes or p_____ are described as sea-monsters, or whales. (See Isa 27 v 1; Ezek 29 v 3)



Animals of the Bible

5. The story of 'J_____ and the whale' is well-known. Over the years, several men have been swallowed by whales, and lived. (*See the story of James Bartley, and the whale-ship 'Star of the East'*)
6. The story of Jonah reminds us of Christ's r_____. 'For as Jonas was three d_____ and three n_____ in the whale's b_____, so shall the Son of Man be 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth'. (Matt 12 v 40)
7. The strength of these mighty creatures reminds us of the A_____ p_____ of God.
8. Jonah reminds us that it is very foolish to try to r_____ a_____ from God.
9. The story of Jonah also reminds us that God hears our p_____ and came save us from great tr_____.

...the Whale



“In February 1891, the whale-ship *Star of the East* was in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands, and the look-out sighted a large sperm whale three miles away. Two boats were lowered, and in a short time one of the harpooners was enabled to spear the fish. The second boat attacked the whale, but was upset by a lash of its tail, and the men thrown into the sea, one being drowned, and another, James Bartley, having disappeared, could not be found. The whale was killed, and in a few hours the great body was lying by the ship's side, and the crew busy with the axes and spades removing the blubber. They worked all day and part of the night. Next day they attached some tackle to the stomach, which was hoisted on deck. The sailors were startled by spasmodic signs of life, and inside was found the missing sailor, doubled up and unconscious. He was laid on the deck and treated to a bath of sea-water which soon revived him; but his mind was not clear, and he was placed in the captain's quarters, where he remained two weeks a raving lunatic. He was kindly and carefully treated by the captain, and by the officers of the ship, and gradually gained possession of his senses. At the end of the third week he had entirely recovered from the shock, and resumed his duties.

“During his sojourn in the whale's stomach Bartley's skin, where exposed to the action of the gastric juice, underwent a striking change. His face, neck, and hands were bleached to a deadly whiteness, and took on the appearance of parchment. Bartley affirms that he would probably have lived inside his house of flesh until he starved, for he lost his senses through fright and not from lack of air.”

