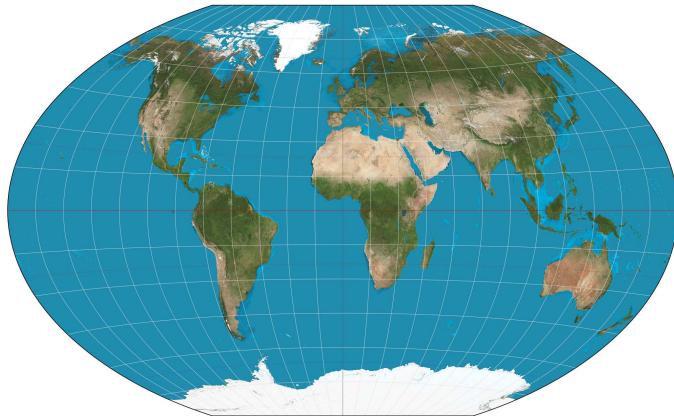
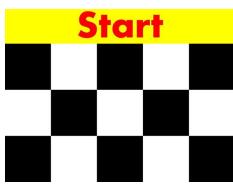
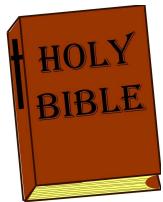


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Jonah



I think the place that is the farthest away from me is



Jonah 1:1-3

One day the Lord told Jonah, the son of Amittai, to go to the great city of Nineveh and say to the people, “The Lord has seen your terrible sins. You are doomed!” Instead, Jonah ran from the Lord. He went to the seaport of Joppa and bought a ticket on a ship that was going to Spain. Then he got on the ship and sailed away to escape.



Jonah sailed for a port in Spain called Tarshish. It is believed to be the place that is now called the Strait of Gibraltar. From there, you can see across the water to Africa.





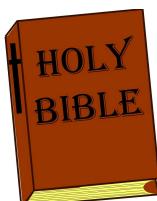
Jonah 1:4-6

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But the Lord made a strong wind blow, and such a bad storm came up that the ship was about to be broken to pieces. The sailors were frightened, and they all started praying to their gods. They even threw the ship's cargo overboard to make the ship lighter. All this time, Jonah was down below deck, sound asleep. The ship's captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep at a time like this? Get up and pray to your God! Maybe he will have pity on us and keep us from drowning."

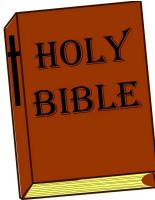


The Mediterranean Sea sometimes gets storms that are as strong as hurricanes, but do not last long enough to count as hurricanes. They are nicknamed, Medicanes.



Jonah 1:9-10

Jonah answered, "I'm a Hebrew, and I worship the Lord God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." When the sailors heard this, they were frightened, because Jonah had already told them he was running from the Lord. Then they said, "Do you know what you have done?"



Jonah 1:11-16

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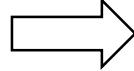
The storm kept getting worse, until finally the sailors asked him, "What should we do with you to make the sea calm down?" Jonah told them, "Throw me into the sea, and it will calm down. I'm the cause of this terrible storm." The sailors tried their best to row to the shore. But they could not do it, and the storm kept getting worse every minute. So they prayed to the Lord, "Please don't let us drown for taking this man's life. Don't hold us guilty for killing an innocent man. All of this happened because you wanted it to." Then they threw Jonah overboard, and the sea calmed down. The sailors were so terrified that they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made all kinds of promises.

Jonah runs from God



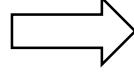
God sent a storm

Sailors prayed to their 'gods'

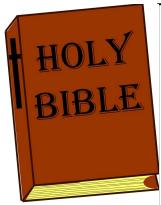


The storm continued

Jonah was thrown overboard



The storm stopped

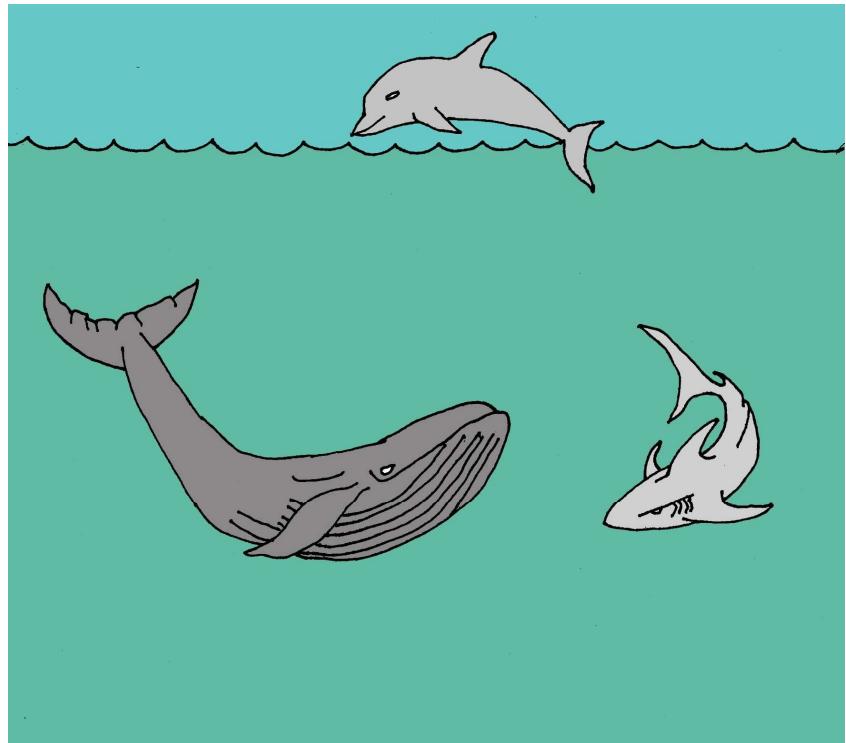


Jonah 1:17-2:4

The Lord sent a big fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. From inside the fish, Jonah prayed to the Lord his God: When I was in trouble, Lord, I prayed to you, and you listened to me. From deep in the world of the dead, I begged for your help, and you answered my prayer. You threw me down to the bottom of the sea. The water was churning all around; I was completely covered by your mighty waves. I thought I was swept away from your sight, never again to see your holy temple.



Animal categories in Bible times were different from the ones we have today. Animals were grouped by where they lived, not how they breathed. Most animals that swam in the sea were called fish, including whales, dolphins and sharks. Because of this, we do not know if Jonah was swallowed by a giant fish, or by a large whale, such as a blue whale.

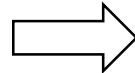


Jonah was thrown into the sea



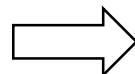
God sent a giant 'fish'

Jonah was in the belly of the 'fish'

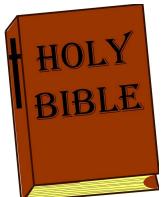


Jonah prayed to God

God heard Jonah's prayer



Jonah would keep his promise



Jonah 2:10-3:3

The Lord commanded the fish to vomit up Jonah on the shore. And it did. Once again the Lord told Jonah to go to that great city of Nineveh and preach his message of doom. Jonah obeyed the Lord and went to Nineveh. The city was so big that it took three days just to walk through it.





Jonah & the Whale

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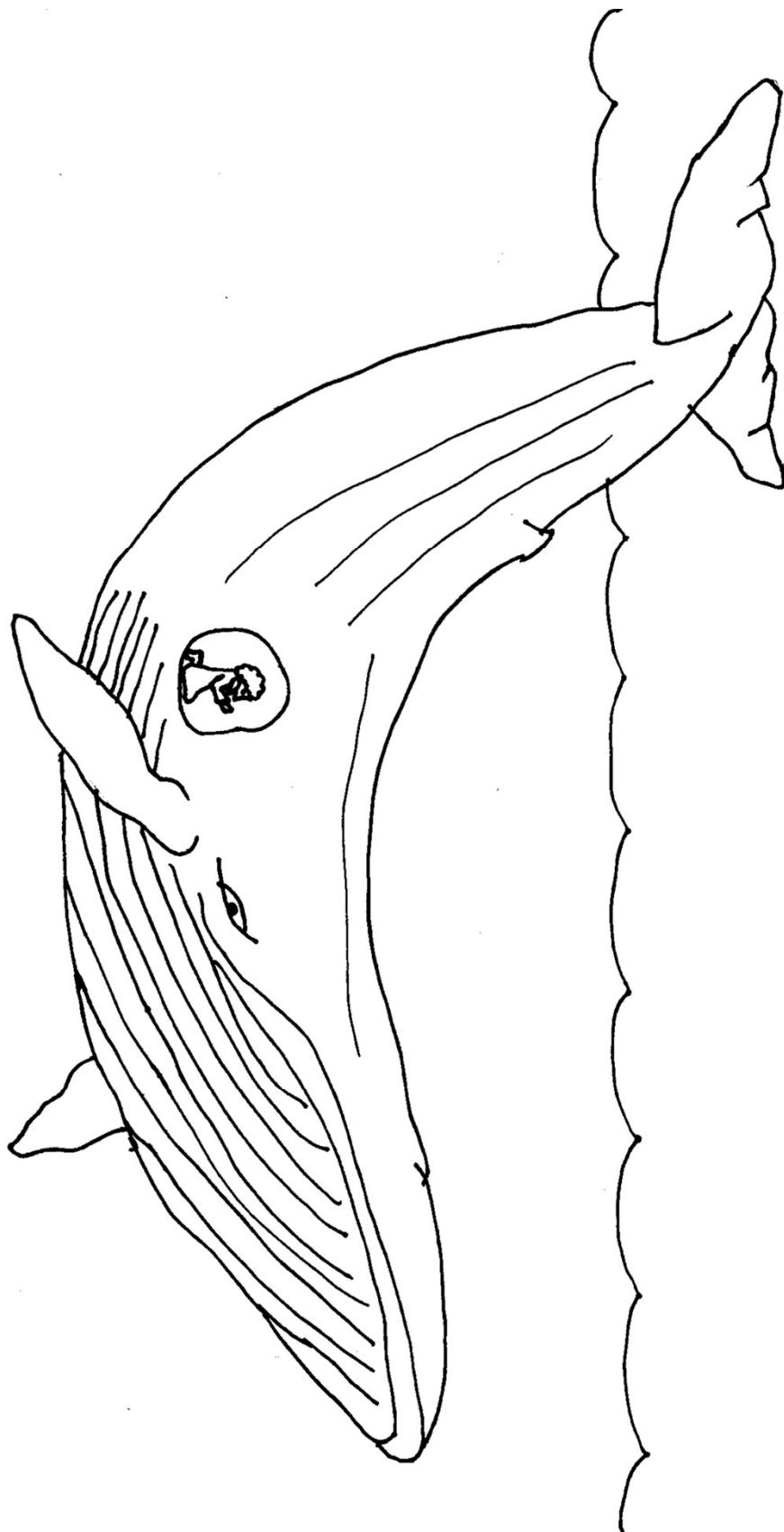
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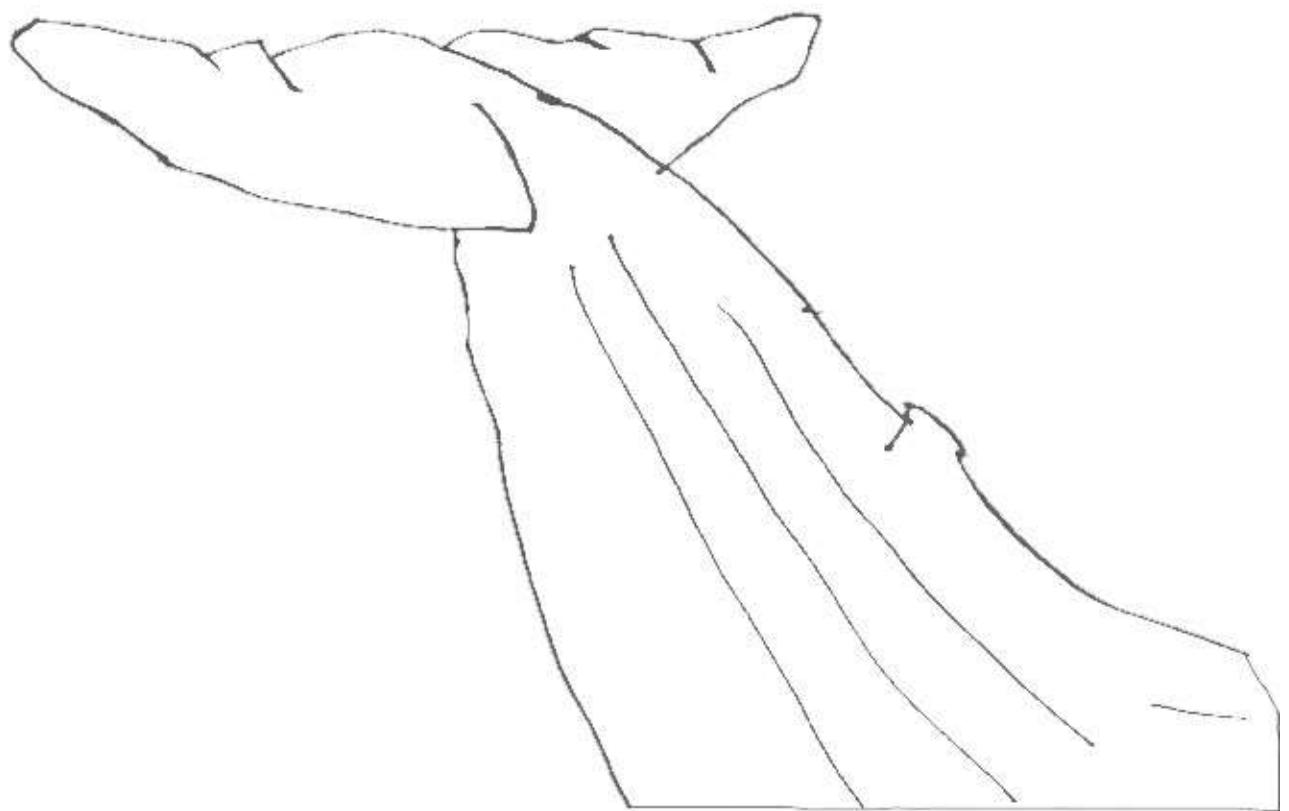
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Jonah and the Whale

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The LORD sent a big fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. ~ Jonah 1:17



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Jonah

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God is with me, even in the dark.

