Key question: Can you remember the hidden meaning in the story?

What can you remember about the story of the lost son?

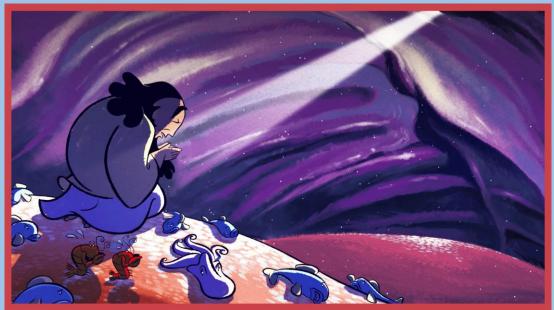
## The story of Jonah

# While you are listening to the story, try and think of any hidden meanings within.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3N40HrCvgDcFwXDJPhtm2M0/saying-sorry-jonah-and-the-whale#:~:text=Image%20%2D%20Jonah%20praying&text=God%20sends%20a%20great%20storm,Nineveh%20 and%20delivers%20God's%20message.

Hidden meanings:

- God is fair and forgiving
- God is everywhere and knows everything
  - God listens to prayers
- God loves everyone and Christians
  should too



#### Discuss...

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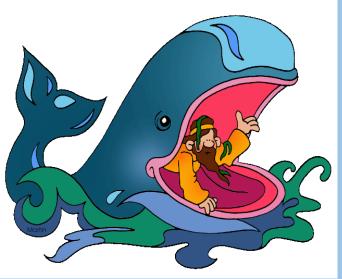
- Why did God ask Jonah to go to Nineveh?
- Why did Jonah say sorry to God?
- In the story, Jonah found it hard to say "sorry" to God at the start. Sometimes saying sorry can be really hard to do. Why do you think that is?
- Why is it important that we say sorry when we've done something wrong? (Saying sorry is a step towards forgiveness)
- What might happen if we do something wrong and we don't say sorry?

<u>Activity</u>: Draw pictures explaining what happened in the story of Jonah









The Story of Jonah	
God telling Jonah to go to Nineveh	The storm
Jonah praying inside the whale	Jonah leaving the whale
Jonah going to Nineveh	The people of Nineveh changing their ways

Key question: what does the story of Jonah teach us about God?

# Plenary: Hot seating!

One person at a time comes up to the front of the class and sits on a chair. As soon as this person sits down they magically turn into Jonah from the story. The rest of the class can ask Jonah about different parts of the story, especially focusing on how Jonah was feeling.

> Use these feelings to help you with your questions and answers!

