

What Your
Child Is Learning
This Week
**January 8,
2012**



This week we learned the Old Testament story of Jonah and the Whale.

NO CLASS NEXT WEEK.

Helping Them Remember....

Review the story with your child.



The story of Jonah is very intriguing to children. God asks Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and tell people there to stop being bad. Jonah thinks it would be better if he didn't intervene and God would punish them instead. So Jonah sails away. A storm ensues and Jonah ends up in the belly of a whale for 3 days and nights. (God had actually sent the whale to swallow Jonah so he didn't drown.) Jonah prays to God and asks for forgiveness while he is inside the whale. God tells the whale to spit up Jonah. God then instructs Jonah to go to Nineveh and convince the people there to mend their ways. This time Jonah obeys God. God informs Jonah that he doesn't like to punish people but wants us to correct our ways and live in his love.



January 15th No class
January 22nd class
January 29th No class

A Time Out for Jonah

Many of our Old and New Testament stories teach us about obedience and obedience plays a prominent role in the raising of our children. Daniel and Esther were obedient to God. Adam and Eve were not. Mary and Joseph showed obedience many times before during and Jesus' lifetime.

Obedience is something we must learn, just like Jonah did. When we are obedient to God, we will learn from and grow closer to God, even though we might not understand his plan for us. The penalty for our disobedience might not be as graphic as a timeout in the belly of a whale but sometimes God does need to get our attention.

No classes on Jan 29th due to the Pancake Breakfast. Please join us and meet your child's friends and other parish members.



**Sunday, January 29th
7:30 AM-12:30 PM**

Parish Center

All you can eat

**Pancakes, Sausage and Applesauce
Homemade Blueberry Syrup**

Make a New Year's Resolution to become more active in our Parish Community.



Check us out on the Web

<http://stmariagoretti.org/SMG/>

Questions or concerns?

Please call the Religious Ed office.

Our door is always open to help you in any way we can.

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