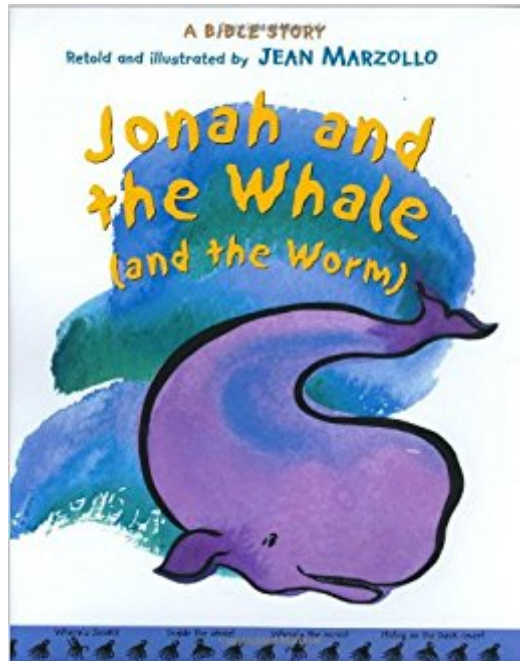




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Jonah And The Whale (and The Worm)



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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3 *Marzollo continues her series of accessible retellings of Bible stories. After God releases Jonah from the whale, the prophet remains reluctant to fulfill God's mandate that he preach to the Ninevites. He finally does so, and although they change their ways, Jonah still feels that they should be punished for their past sins. As he waits outside the city, hoping that God will destroy at least part of it, he observes the actions of a humble cutworm and learns a lesson about God's love that convinces him to forgive his enemies. The expressive watercolor illustrations and gentle text provide a solid starting point for collaborative reading and discussion. The text alternates between omniscient narration and dialogue between Jonah and God. Tiny octopuses in the margins also comment on the tale, foreshadowing events and prompting page turns. This book is a fun, unpretentious take on a favorite old story.* *Anne M. Holcomb, Los Angeles Public Library*
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Jean Marzollo is the author of over one hundred books, including the best-selling, award-winning I SPY books (with photographs by Walter Wick). Daniel in the Lion's Den is the first book she has written and illustrated.

Great for kids to learn the story of Jonah

My daughter loves this!

My 2 year old loves this. The illustrations are better than average for bible story books. It includes several details often left out, including the vine and the worm. I'm ambivalent about the dialogue style where a character's speech is just next to the picture of the character without "Jonah said," etc. For reading aloud I have to indicate the speaker. The story emphasizes God's love for the Ninevites as opposed to Jonah's hatred. Some may balk at a few details. The book states that God hears the prayers of pagans directed to their various gods. There's nothing in the text to indicate this, and some may find it theologically problematic. This detail is in the running commentary from an octopus in the bottom margin, and so could be easily left out when reading aloud. There are also talking fish, which might be seen as a problem if you want to maintain the historicity of the biblical story. The book also implies that God loves the animals in Nineveh as well as the people, which is somewhat of a stretch but plausible given the text and harmless in my opinion.

This book (and the whole series) is a must buy for parents, relatives and friends of young Christian children. I think these books are adorable and I'm almost 40! My kids are 11 and 13 and the books have elicited laughs from them, even though they groaned when I said we were reading these to review. My 13 yr old son even admitted they were 'pretty cool'. Adorable watercolor pictures go well with the storyline and the words are simple but not childish. I love the idea of Ms. Marzollo's where she uses small creatures to comment at the bottom of each page. The stories are Biblically sound and will be ones your child will beg to have read over and over. This book, and the other 4 in the series, are some of the best I've ever had the privilege to read and review. Great job, Ms. Marzollo! More, more. :)

This is a lovely book for children and well illustrated. I bought it to read to my grandchildren and I have given it to other children. It's a great way to tell the story of Jonah.

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