



## Jonah Chapter Four: Resources for Families

After Jonah tells the people of Nineveh to repent, they listen to him. If you were a prophet, wouldn't it make you happy that people listened to your message? But Jonah is not happy. In fact, he tells God that he's so angry he wishes he could die. Take some time to explore this passage this week to see what it is telling us about God's love and compassion for us—even when we aren't very lovable.

### Discussion Questions

1. Are you surprised by how Jonah reacted when the people of Nineveh repented? Why do you think Jonah acted this way?
2. God uses a plant to teach Jonah a lesson about God's love. How does God show his love to Jonah in this passage?
3. Has Jonah behaved like a good person in this book? If God can love and forgive people like Jonah, and people like the Ninevites, what does that tell us about God's love for us?

### Further Reading

Corrie ten Boom was a member of the Dutch Resistance during World War II. Together with her sister Betsie, Corrie saved many Jews from the Holocaust. But one day, Corrie and Betsie were caught by the Nazi police and sent to a concentration camp. While they were there, Betsie died.

Corrie survived the camp and went on to become a famous Christian writer and speaker. She told her audience of how important it was to forgive others. But one day, Corrie faced a difficult decision. At one of her speaking engagements, she was approached by a German man she instantly recognized: he was a former prison guard from the concentration camp. He asked Corrie to forgive him. Could she forgive the man who had tortured her, her sister, and so many others?

You can read more about Corrie's story here: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/questionofgod/voices/boom.html>

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