Grandma's favorite read aloud Bible stories©: Jonah part II

Jonah 1:18- 2:9
What happened to Jonah…..?

God had a plan! Remember, Jonah was one of God's special messengers and He wanted Jonah to go to Ninevah.

So….God called a giant fish (maybe even a whale!) who swam and looked and saw poor Jonah slowly sinking, sinking to the bottom of the ocean all tangled in weeds!! The fish swam closer and closer ---AND HE SWALLOWED HIM WHOLE!!

Whoa! Jonah suddenly went from drowning to sliding down a slippery tube to a very very dark place --- the belly of the whale!

It turned to night and then day and then night and day again, but it just stayed dark where Jonah was. 3 days and 3 nights passed and Jonah was really scared! But God was watching.

Jonah finally began to pray to God. After a long talk with his Lord, Jonah said, "I cried when I was in this fish belly and You heard me Lord! Thank you for listening to me. I know You decided to put me in that water and let me fall so deep and get so tangled in those weeds that I thought I would die! And I know You rescued me with this fish. When I was scared to death, only then did I remember to pray to You, the True God --- not one of those statues that people in Ninevah pray to – but a Living God! I want to thank you soooo much and I now want to do what You asked me to do – because I know that You are the only way someone can be saved".

Then Jonah waited.

Did God hear him? Did He forgive him?

Jonah sat in the dark….and waited.