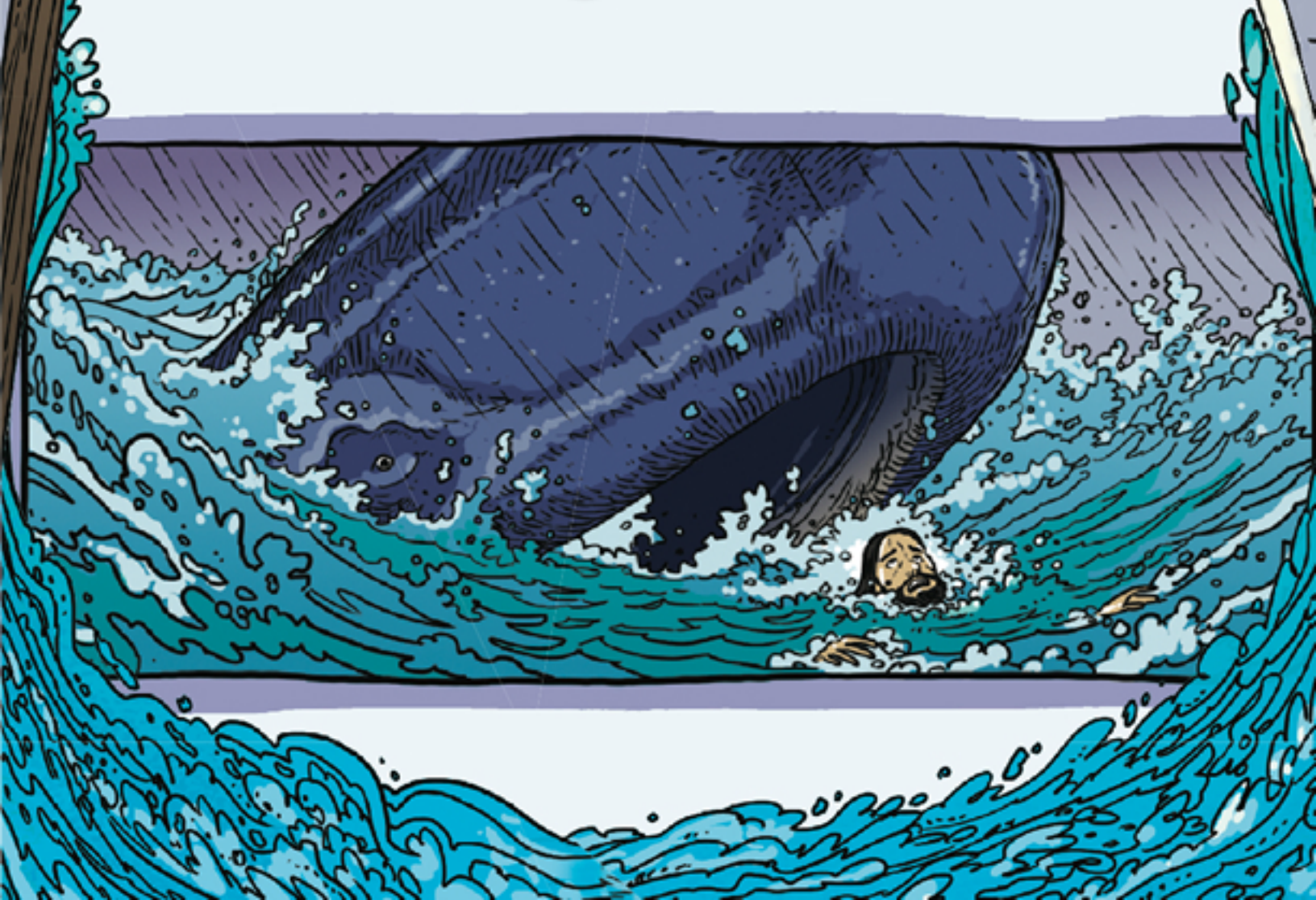


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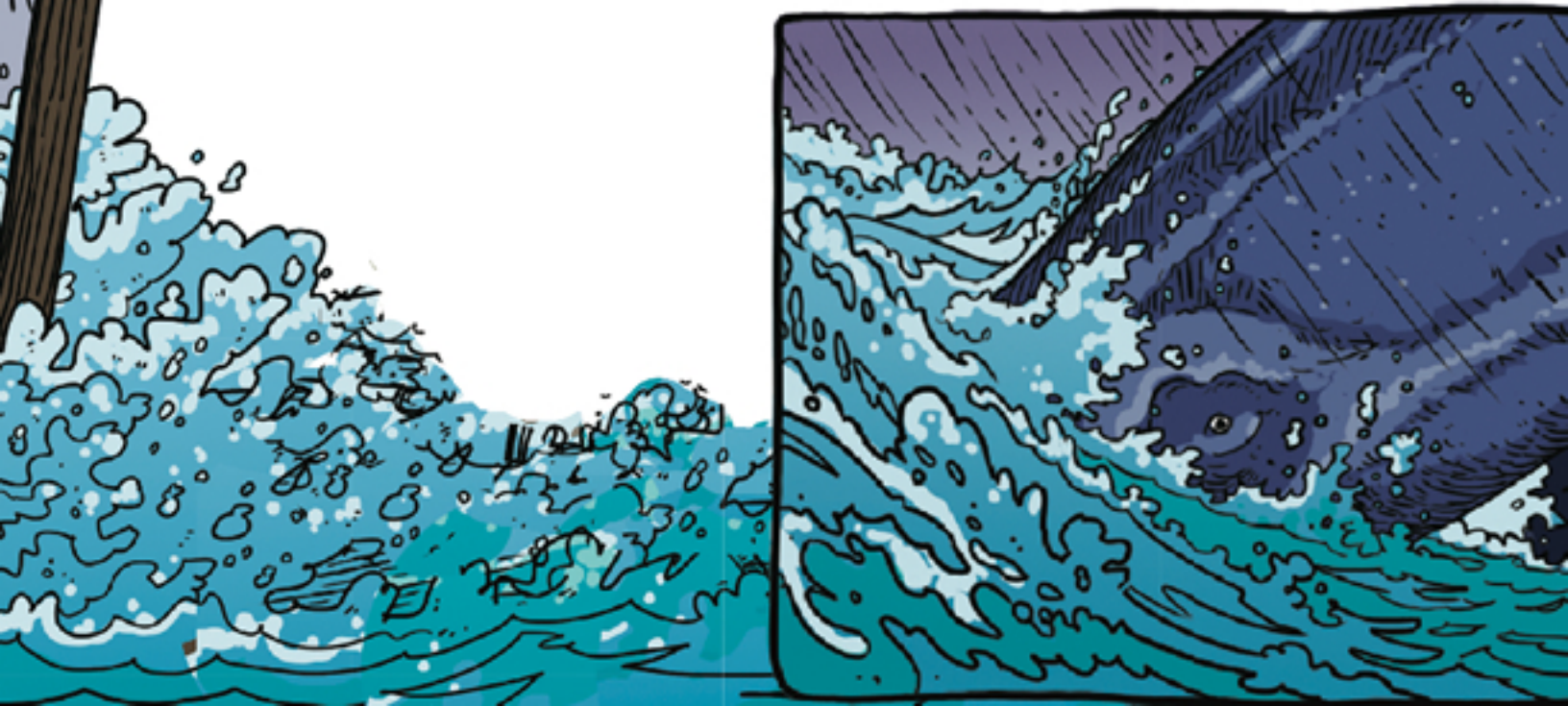
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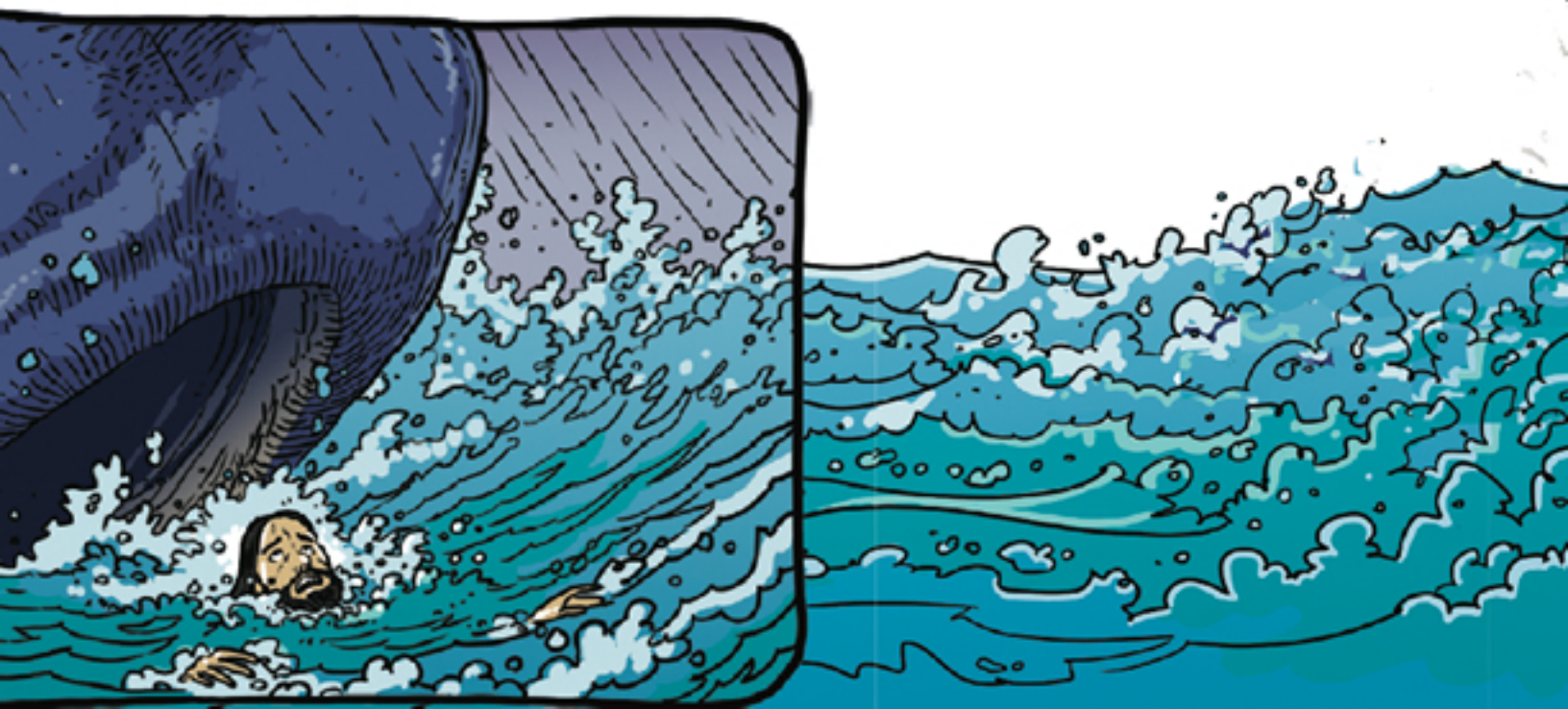
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God Speaks to Jonah

The people of the city of **Nineveh** had become bad.

They were doing evil things.

God was not happy with their ways.

He wanted the people to be **worried** to stop their wicked ways.

One day God told Jonah to go tell the people of Nineveh to be good.

God said, "Go tell them to stop being bad or I will **destroy** their city."

Jonah did not like the people there.

He knew they were enemies of his people.




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Jonah Disobeys God

Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh.

Jonah said, "I don't care about the people of Nineveh.

I don't want to teach them to be good.


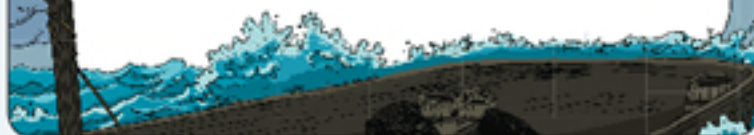
I'm going to go far away from here."

Jonah does not **obey** God. He runs away from what God wants him to do.

He finds a ship going the opposite way and gets on board.

He thinks he can hide from God.

He goes below to fall asleep.

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God Sends a Storm

Jonah cannot hide from the Lord.

What? What? God sends a mighty storm.

The wind tosses the boat **viciously** as it sails off.


The waves are as **fierce** as God's anger toward the people of Nineveh.

The sailors cry out, "Oh, not what do we do?"

They know their ship and their lives are in danger.

They start to throw their **cargo** into the water to save the ship.

They do not want to **drown**.



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The Reason for the Storm

The captain of the ship finds Jonah sleeping during the storm.

He yells, "Wake up! Pray to your God to save us from this fierce storm!"

The sailors say, "Let's find out who is to blame for getting us into this danger."



Jonah knows he is the reason God sent the storm.

Jonah says, "It is my **fault** that God is angry.

I am trying to run away because I did not obey the Lord."

The sailors ask, "What do we do?"

"Throw me overboard into the sea. Then you will see the storm calm down," Jonah says.

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Guiding Comprehension Questions

Literal Questions

- Where did God tell Jonah to go?
- What was Jonah doing when the sailors were throwing the cargo overboard?
- How many days and nights did Jonah spend in the belly of the big fish?

Applied Questions

- How did the sea become calm?
- Why did the sailors have to toss Jonah overboard?
- What were the results of Jonah's disobedience?

Applied Questions

- What happens when you disobey your parents?
- Have you ever tried to hide from God?
- What have you done that was your fault and for which you need to repent?

