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LORD, and He

answered me.

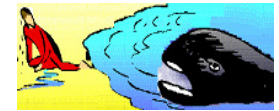
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**INTERVIEW WITH ESCAPOLOGIST JONAH**

Q How did your career as an escapologist start?

A **I was a prophet for God. One day God told me to go to Ninevah and warn them what would happen to them if they didn't turn from their wicked ways, but I tried to escape from God and the task He had given me by running away to sea.**



Q Why didn't you want to warn the Ninevites?

A **They were my enemies, and I wanted them to be punished, I knew that if I warned them and they did stop doing wrong, because God is merciful he wouldn't punish them.**

Q What happened when you ran away to sea?

A **The boat I managed to get on got caught in a storm and I told the sailors the only way they could escape the storm was to throw me overboard.**

Q How did you escape being drowned?

A **This big fish came along and swallowed me whole.**

Q So although you had escaped being drowned, you now had to escape from the fish. How did you manage that?

A **Well, I was in the fish for three days, and being stuck in its dark, smelly stomach really gave me time to think, and to realise that I had been wrong not to do what God wanted me to do. So I prayed, and somehow God allowed me to escape by making the fish spit me out onto dry land.**

Q What did you do then?

A **I realised that I couldn't escape from God, and I went and warned the Ninevites and they escaped God's punishment by turning away from evil and turning to God.**

You can read all of Jonah's story in the Bible in Jonah chapters 1 - 4

## Escape Artist:

Today we learnt how Jonah tried to escape from the task God had given him, by running away, and then he had to escape from a big fish. We thought it might be a little too difficult to make an escapologist so in our craft we folded paper to make the circus tent.

When you peek inside the tent we hope you won't want to run away, but will be happy to accept our invitation to parents, grandparents and older and younger brothers and sisters to see Roly the Clown at Friday's celebration, starting at 6.30pm at the Baptist church. Don't forget to come along to the BBQ before hand which will start at 6pm

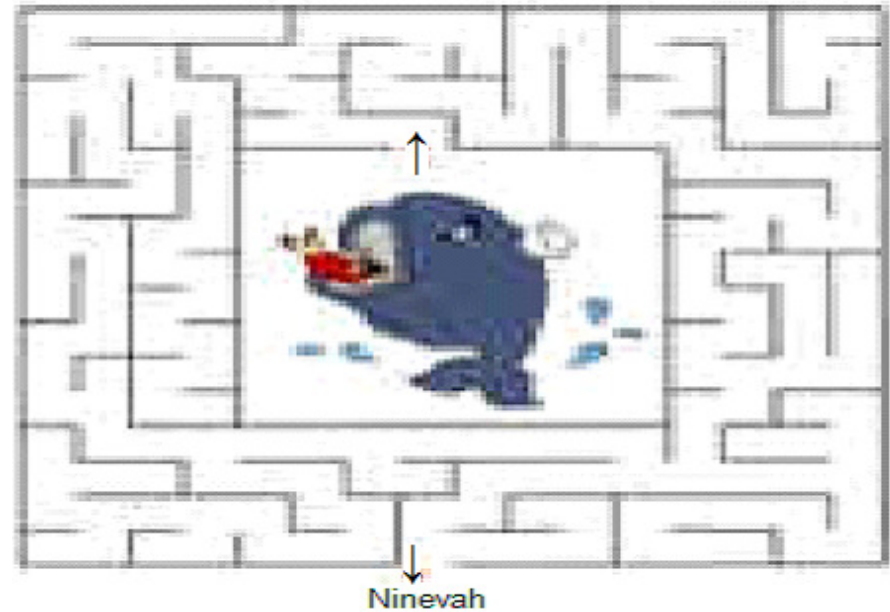
## Watt Brothers' Circus

Still no sign of the Strongman, but has Rick found anything or is he still thinking about the World Cup as he's carrying a football? Rick's idea is that he can do some juggling with the little balls whilst balancing on the football, but he's worse at that than at joke telling.

One of the juggling balls gets retrieved by a surprise visitor ~ Grandma Watt. Can the brains behind last year's space trip save the circus? As Grandma sits down to think, Wendy and Rick realise that she's sitting on a cannon and have an idea. If they can advertise a new act, not a Human Cannonball but a Human GRANNONBALL, as the star attraction maybe they can lure the Hooded Figure into the Big Top and catch him. As the others start to plan and Grandma has a cup of tea to get over the shock, no one sees the Hooded Figure creep up and kidnap Grandma. Will they be able to rescue her?

*Find out tomorrow!*

Help Jonah find his way to Ninevah, after being spat out of the fish.



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