



**Date November 27, 2022**

### **Lesson Summary:**

In Jonah 4, we see what was happening in Jonah's heart after the events of chapter 3, when the people of Ninevah repented and God forgave them. Even though Jonah followed God's will by going to Ninevah, his heart was angry towards God. Jonah was angry at God for sparing the Ninivites from judgement. Jonah knew God was a forgiving God but he didn't want his enemies to receive that forgiveness. Jonah also didn't want to be looked at as a false prophet who said judgement was coming and it never did. Jonah may have been embarrassed by this, which caused his anger towards God as well. Jonah viewed the people of Ninevah as enemies, not as sinful people who needed God's forgiveness. God was patient with Jonah. He listened to him and brought Jonah comfort by providing a plant for him to receive shade. The plant eventually died, which made Jonah even more focused on himself and wanting his own way instead of wanting God's way. Jonah preached the message God gave him but he didn't have compassion on the people like God did. Jonah himself needed to ask for forgiveness for his selfishness and pride. We don't know how Jonah responded but we do know God has compassion on all He created.

### **Series Bible Verse:**

Jonah 4:2b

"I know that You are a gracious and  
compassionate God,  
slow to anger and abounding in  
love."

### **Questions:**

1. Why was Jonah angry at God?
2. What did Jonah need to ask God to forgive him for?
3. What are some ways we can have compassion on other people?

### **Announcements:**

**Come to Impact Kids on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**There will be family church on Christmas Day**

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# JONAH A BITTER PROPHET

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



